Statement to the 140th Session of the World Health Organization’s Executive Board on the Preparation for the third High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, Agenda Item 10.1 / EB 140/27

Honourable chairperson, distinguished delegates.

This statement is made by the World Obesity Federation and World Cancer Research Fund International. Our comments relate to the proposed register to publish contributions of non-state actors (NSAs) to the achievement of the nine voluntary targets for non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

We welcome the fact that any submissions to the register are to be made on the basis of core-business activities. This is essential to ensure the credibility of the submissions, especially when there is minimal capacity within WHO to quality assure the submissions.

A robust framework for uploading actions will be vital to ensure the submissions are of the highest relevance and applicability possible. We advise that all submissions by an NSA should (i) show that the action is within the core-business activities of the NSA; (ii) show that the action is directly relevant to one of the specific recommendations in Appendix 3 of the Global Action Plan, and (iii) show how the action uses SMART targets. Where possible, scalability and applicability in other circumstances or by other stakeholders should be noted.

In addition, an annual reporting mechanism must be implemented for stakeholders to report on their actions against the SMART targets that they have set. We also recommend that the database includes a mechanism by which any concerns relating to submissions can be highlighted to the WHO secretariat.

Finally, we wish to highlight that any actions taken by NSAs and reported through this register should not be used to undermine or detract from the importance of strong, coordinated Member State leadership and action to address NCDs and meet the 9 global targets.