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Agenda item 14.1(h) Draft action plan (2022–2030) to effectively implement the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority

WCRF International supported by NCD Alliance and MOVENDI International welcomes the WHO Global Alcohol Strategy Action Plan, and calls on Member States to accelerate action on alcohol as a public health priority. There is no safe level of alcohol consumption for cancer and other NCDs.

We commend the Action Plan's more ambitious targets. However, we remain very concerned about the role of the alcohol industry in every action area, which perpetuates the harms industry causes.

We call on Member States and the Secretariat to:

- Resource implementation of the action plan commensurate with the health, social and economic harm of alcohol,
- Ensure biannual review of the implementation of the action plan at WHO governing body meetings, and
- Launch an inter-agency initiative for public health-oriented alcohol taxation.