Agenda item 23.3. WHO reform: Involvement of non-State actors in WHO’s governing bodies

Joint Statement to the 152nd Executive Board

World Cancer Research Fund International, World Obesity Federation and Movendi International welcomes the opportunity to improve processes governing NSA-engagement, as the current system has led to dissatisfaction by Member States and non-State actors alike.

We welcome and support the opportunities proposed constituency statements and informal meetings would provide for civil society to share our diverse expertise across agenda items with Member States.

To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of NSA-engagement, we call on the Secretariat to:

• Engage in organisational processes and deliver documents well in-advance and in a timely manner, including provisional agendas and meeting timetables
• Have pre-recorded video or remote-joining as an option to deliver statements, so civil society unable to attend are not excluded and can still participate in an equitable manner
• Increase Member State engagement in informal meetings
• Ensure that informal meetings supplement, not replace, civil society interaction in official proceedings