

WHO 154th Executive Board Meeting (EB154) Individual Statement:

Agenda Item 19. Social Determinants of Health Report: [EB 154/21](#)

Distinguished delegates,

World Cancer Research Fund International, with support from Movendi International, welcomes the update on the World Report on Social Determinants of Health Equity. We are concerned by the inequity that persists within and between countries, and insufficient uptake of the Commission's 2008 recommendations.

To right the injustice of disadvantaged population subgroups experiencing shorter and healthier lives, we particularly urge Member States to engage with the Report's 14 recommendations to advance health equity, which would support improvements across the cancer care continuum—from prevention, to living with-and-beyond cancer.

We also encourage Member States to analyse and address how commercial actors impact health and health equity, including implementing policies (such as the NCD Best Buys) to improve regulation of health-harming commodities like alcohol, tobacco, and foods high in fat, salt and sugar.

Thank you.

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