

156th WHO Executive Board Meeting

Agenda Item 7 — Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

Individual Statement

Distinguished delegates,

World Cancer Research Fund International welcomes this update on the status of non-communicable diseases, but notes that progress still remains off-track to achieve targets to reduce rates of NCDs and cancer risk factors including obesity, unhealthy diets, alcohol consumption and physical inactivity.

WCRF International supports the call to get back on track for target 3.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, and for the adoption of an ambitious and achievable political declaration on NCDs.

Ahead of the UN High-level Meeting on NCDs, we ask that Member States engage in preparatory processes, work with non-state actors and the WHO to engage with evidence to support implementation of NCD Best Buy policies, and avoid interference and influence from health-harming industries, such as unhealthy foods, alcohol and fossil fuels.