



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 March 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 23 March 2018, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy, and H.E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay, co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations in preparation for a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

In this regard, I am honored to share the final draft of the modalities resolution. The final draft is under silence procedure until 5:00 pm EST on Thursday, 29 March 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the co-facilitators for ably leading the consultations and to all parties for their constructive engagement.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák'.

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



**Permanent Mission of Italy  
to the United Nations**



**Permanent Mission of Uruguay  
to the United Nations**

27 March 2018

Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators for the consultations in preparation of the 2018 comprehensive review of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

In this regard, please find attached the final draft for the General Assembly resolution on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the Third High-Level meeting on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases.

The draft resolution has been prepared following open, transparent and inclusive consultations and in accordance with the mandate that you have given us.

We kindly request your Office to circulate the attached final draft resolution under silence procedure until 5 p.m., 29 March 2018.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to all delegations for the cooperative and constructive engagement in the process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative  
of Italy to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative  
of Uruguay to the United Nations

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H.E. Miroslav Lajčák  
President of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session  
of the UN General Assembly  
New York

**DRAFT resolution**

**Scope, modalities, format and organization of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases**

**UPDATED 28 MARCH 2018**

**The General Assembly,**

PP1 *Recalling* the General Assembly resolution A/RES/66/2 containing the “Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases” **AD REF**

PP2 *Also recalling* General Assembly resolution A/RES/68/300 by which it decided to hold a comprehensive review, in 2018, of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases **AD REF**

PP2BIS: *Recalling* the WHA Resolution 66.10 which endorses the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases 2013-2020 **AD REF**

PP3 *Welcoming* the convening of WHO Global Conference on Non-Communicable Diseases, held in Montevideo in October 2017 and *taking note* its outcome document which highlights non-communicable diseases as a sustainable development priority

PP4 *Recognizing* that through the adoption of the Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals, for Sustainable Development in September 2015, Heads of States and Heads of Government made a bold commitment to reduce by 2030 by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and wellbeing **AD REF**

PP4BIS. *Recognizing* that through the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Heads of State and Government supported research and development of vaccines and medicines, as well as preventive measures and treatments for communicable and non-communicable diseases, in particular those that disproportionately impact developing countries **AD REF**

PP5 *Taking note of* the Secretary General’s 2018 report on the Progress on the prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases<sup>1</sup>

PP5BIS *Taking note of* the WHO Director-General’s Report entitled “Preparation for the Third High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases, to be held in 2018” **AD REF**

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<sup>1</sup> A member state expressed a reservation on document A/72/662.

PP6 *Mindful* of the need to maintain strong national, regional and international political commitment towards the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, **AD REF**

1. *Decides* to hold a one day high-level meeting to undertake the comprehensive review on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, to be convened by the President of the General Assembly in New York on the third day of the general debate of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6:00 p.m., consisting of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion, two multi-stakeholder panels and a brief closing segment; (based on OP1 of TB modalities resolution) **AD REF**
2. *Also decides* that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be “Scaling up multistakeholder and multisectoral responses to the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” **AD REF**
3. *Further decides* that:
  - a. The opening segment held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, a member of the WHO Independent High Level Commission on NCDs, and an eminent champion in the fight against NCDs, selected, in consultation with Member States, by the President of the General Assembly, giving due consideration to gender equity **AD REF**
  - b. The plenary segment held from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. will hear statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly. A list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the General Assembly and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States **AD REF**
4. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the two multi-stakeholder panels will be as follows:
  - a. Two consecutive multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary, one from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other from 3 to 5:00 p.m. **AD REF**
  - b. The multi-stakeholder panels will address two themes:
    - 1: Strengthening health systems and financing for the prevention and control of NCDs, on each country’s path towards achieving Universal Health Coverage, including through sharing evidence-based best practices, scientific knowledge and lessons learned **AD REF**

2: Opportunities and challenges in engaging governments, civil society, and the private sector at the global, regional, and national levels to promote-multisectoral partnerships for the prevention and control of NCDs, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles

**AD REF**

- c. Each of the two multi-stakeholder panels will be co-chaired by two representatives, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the Heads of State or Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with the regional groups **AD REF**
  - d. The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of relevant UN entities, civil society, private sector, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, indigenous leadership, and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender equity, level of development and geographical representation **AD REF**
5. *Decides* that the closing segment by the President of the General Assembly will comprise of summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly **AD REF**
  6. *Also decides* that the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented outcome document which builds on the opportunities and challenges on the implementation of previous commitments, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the General Assembly **AD REF**
  7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization, to organize and preside over an interactive hearing, before the end of July 2018, with active participation of appropriate senior level representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly; parliamentarians, local government representatives, relevant United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council; invited civil society organizations; philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations; and the private sector, broader communities and ensuring the participation and voices of women, children and indigenous leadership, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and further requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting **AD REF**
  8. *Encourages* all Member States to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level **AD REF**

9. *Invites* all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level **AD REF**
10. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies including the World Health Organization, regional commissions, relevant Envoys of the Secretary-General, as well as, the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control on Noncommunicable diseases to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting, particularly with regard to sharing evidence good practices, challenges and lessons learnt from NCDs-related responses **AD REF**
11. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high level meeting **AD REF**
12. *Also invites* non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the ECOSOC *with relevant expertise* to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting; **AD REF**
13. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive hearing and the multi-stakeholder panels, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, and with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;<sup>2</sup> **AD REF**
14. *Encourages* Member States to consider, including in their national delegation representatives, such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, indigenous leadership community organizations and faith-based organizations, academia; philanthropic foundations; the private sector, with due regard to gender equity **AD REF**
15. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting **AD REF**

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<sup>2</sup> The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. Where a name is objected to, the objecting member states will, on a voluntary basis, make known of the office of the President of The General Assembly the general basis of its objections and the office will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.