

Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

High-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly

Report by the Director-General

1. The present report provides supplementary information to paragraphs 11–15 of document A67/14 on WHO's role in the preparation, implementation and follow-up to a high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to undertake a comprehensive review and assessment in 2014 of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE SCOPE AND THE MODALITIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES

2. On 1 May 2014, Member States reached consensus on a United Nations General Assembly draft resolution on the scope and the modalities of the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to undertake the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases. It is envisaged that the draft resolution will be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly for its consideration in May 2014.

3. In the draft resolution, the United Nations General Assembly decides to convene a high-level meeting on 10 and 11 July 2014 in New York in order to: take stock of the progress made in implementing the commitments of the 2011 Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases; identify and address gaps; and reaffirm the political commitment in response to the challenge of noncommunicable diseases. It further decides that the overall theme of the meeting will be "Taking stock of progress in implementing the 2011 Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases and scaling up of multi-stakeholder and national multi-sectoral responses to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases including in the context of the post-2015 development agenda".

4. In the draft resolution the United Nations General Assembly decides that the high-level meeting will include the adoption of a concise, focused, action-oriented outcome document.

WHO REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES

5. The draft resolution takes note of the ongoing regional multi-stakeholder consultations by WHO and their contribution to the preparations of the high-level meeting, as well as to the meeting itself. The reports resulting from the consultations may serve as an input to a zero draft outcome document to be developed by the co-facilitators under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly. This zero draft will be the starting point for a consultation process among Member States in advance of the high-level meeting, with a view to adopting a final text at the high-level meeting. The progress of the different regional consultations is described below.

6. **African Region:** The first meeting of African ministers of health, jointly convened by the African Union Commission and WHO (Luanda, 14–17 April 2014), adopted a commitment on noncommunicable diseases in Africa: policies and strategies to address risk factors which, inter alia, commits African ministers of health to advocate to their governments for ministerial-level representation at the high-level meeting and to call for further action through a concise, action-oriented outcome document.

7. **Region of the Americas:** The Regional Office for the Americas will conduct web-based subregional consultations with Member States from 28 to 30 May 2014, and will convene a consultation with non-State actors on 13 June 2014. The outcome of the consultations will be a report with recommendations which the co-facilitators may wish to consider when developing the zero draft outcome document.

8. **Eastern Mediterranean Region:** The second annual regional meeting to scale up implementation of the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (Cairo, 24 and 25 April 2014) resulted in a report with detailed recommendations on possible commitments for inclusion in the outcome document, including recommended commitments from Member States, as well as global assignments for WHO. The Director-General has shared the report with the co-facilitators for their consideration.

9. **European and South-East Asia regions:** The regional offices for Europe and South-East Asia are each conducting online consultations with their respective Member States. Following the consultations reports with recommendations will be issued. The co-facilitators may wish to consider these when developing the draft outcome document.

10. **Western Pacific Region:** The Regional Office for the Western Pacific is engaging with Member States individually in order to secure inputs in writing that will result in a report with recommendations that the co-facilitators may wish to consider when developing the draft outcome document.

INTERACTIVE HEARING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

11. In the draft resolution the United Nations General Assembly requests the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than June 2014, and in consultation with representatives of nongovernmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia, an informal interactive hearing with nongovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia to provide an input to the comprehensive review and assessment.

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12. In the draft resolution the United Nations General Assembly decides that the high-level meeting will include plenary meetings, as well as two round tables that will be co-chaired at ministerial or high official level.

13. In the draft resolution the United Nations General Assembly also decides that the speakers at the opening plenary will include the Director-General. Participation in each round table will include Member States, observers, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, civil-society and nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions and the private sector.

ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

14. The Health Assembly is invited to note the report.

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