

**Statement at the 140<sup>th</sup> WHO Executive Board**  
**Agenda Item 10.2: Draft global action plan on the public health response to dementia**

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to make this statement on behalf of the International Diabetes Federation supported by NCD Alliance.

The NCD Alliance aligns itself with the statement of our member, Alzheimer's Disease International. We welcome the draft Global Action Plan on Dementia and commend the Secretariat for highlighting the close conceptual and strategic links between dementias and NCDs and potential for integrated action on NCDs and mental and neurological health.

We welcome the plan's scope across seven action areas and targets, including efforts to improve detection, diagnosis and care all the way through to palliative care. We especially appreciate the efforts taken to align the plan's targets with those of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020 but think that greater focus should have been placed on population-based risk reduction measures.

As Member States will soon prepare to adapt this Global Plan at the national level, we strongly encourage Member States to directly involve persons living with dementia in national planning. We urge Member States to begin to take steps to develop integrated national plans with costed activities and adequate budgets to deliver on the ambitious global targets and encourage the WHO Secretariat to provide the necessary technical assistance.

Thank you for your attention.

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