



NCD Alliance Statement at 69th World Health Assembly, May 2016

Agenda Item 11.3 WHO's Framework for Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA)

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of the International Diabetes Federation and NCD Alliance.

We congratulate Member States for the historic and long-awaited agreement on the WHO's Framework for Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) and support the proposed resolution in order to begin immediately with the implementation and operationalization of FENSA at all three levels of the Organization.

FENSA must be able to allow WHO to effectively engage in the partnerships so urgently needed to advance global health, while protecting WHO's policies, norms and standards from undue influence by any form of real, perceived or potential conflict of interest. Effective NCD prevention and control faces particular challenges. We therefore welcome in particular paragraph 44bis, which recognizes the negative impact of the core activities and products of certain industries on NCDs and their risk factors.

WHO is under-resourced, particularly for NCDs, which has remained one of the largest funding gaps in the WHO programme budget. We are encouraged that consideration is being given to retain secondments from NGOs and academic institutions and welcome the development of a set of criteria and principles to transparently manage secondments and protect against conflicts of interest.

We look forward to working with the WHO under the new Framework. Thank you for your attention.