



# Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues UHC: moving together to build a healthier world

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Honourable chair, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of UICC, supported by the NCD Alliance.

We welcome the report by the Director-General outlining the steps WHO will take to assist Member States as they implement universal health coverage (UHC) with primary health care as its cornerstone. Each country must determine its own package of benefits under the umbrella of UHC. This must involve meaningfully engaging with civil society organisations and people living with NCDs and other health conditions throughout the development, implementation, and evaluation of UHC.

UHC can also strengthen health systems to better respond to the increasing burden of co- or multi-morbidities, providing opportunities for an integrated model of care that spans the lifecourse. WHO has a critical role to play in advising governments to ensure that quality promotive, protective, preventive, diagnostic, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative services are available to all people without resulting in financial hardship.

We encourage signatories of the Global Health Action Plan to ensure that all seven accelerators are given equal importance and are implemented in tandem, recognising the interlinkages between each accelerator, and to move beyond the silos aligned with the Millennium Development Goals. Stronger accountability mechanisms, including independent accountability, will be necessary to track progress of achieving UHC and of the implementation of the Global Action Plan.