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Agenda Item 6. Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health - Draft updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases ([EB152/6](#))

The Global Alliance for Tobacco Control (previously Framework Convention Alliance), with the support of the NCD Alliance, welcomes the updated Appendix 3 of the Global NCD Action Plan, commending the expansion of cost-effectiveness analyses to new interventions, parameters, and country data, and asking Member States to resource and integrate these NCD prevention and care interventions into UHC benefit packages.

Among other key updates, we welcome the changes to tobacco control interventions, including specifying the pharmacological interventions recommended for tobacco cessation.

We, however, urge WHO to establish a clear and inclusive regular update mechanism for Appendix 3, that is protected against undue influence from health-harming industries. Moreover, the term (and not only concept) of 'best buys' must be retained as a well-recognised and easily understood signal to policymakers.

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