

**Statement of I.R. Iran on
"Progress report on acceleration regional implementation of the Political Declaration
of the Third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and
control of Non-communicable Diseases, 2018"**

**Mr./Madam Chairperson,
Excellences, ladies and gentlemen**

We thank WHO/EMRO for this progress report

The Islamic Republic of Iran is one of the first countries in the region that proceeded with the pilot implementation of the HEARTS project. Obesity is the cause of various diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases. In line with the goals of the WHO's global action plan, it is recommended to consider a special module for the medical treatment of obesity as another "HEARTS" module. Interventions for lifestyle modification have always been recommended to prevent and control obesity. But in cases of excessive obesity, medical treatment or surgery is inevitable. Therefore, compiling a comprehensive clinical guideline with an aim of obesity prevention and control in the entire life course" helps improve the perception of disease importance among service providers and recipients.

We would like to recommend the following actions to achieve better management of NCDs in the EMR region:

- To give more attention to patients with NCD during communicable diseases pandemics, and prioritizing those to receive interventions by using digital and smart technology in PHC system
- To strengthen advocacy among international organizations such as FAO, UNESCO, UNICEF and other related UN partners to support prevention and control of NCDs
- To introduce best practices via regional workshops and field visits
- To support better access to new and cheaper technologies for management of NCDs
- To form technical committees consisting of countries of the region with experience in controlling non-communicable diseases to facilitate the exchange of best practices

Madam/Mr. chair, thank you for the floor.

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