

**Statement by Medicus Mundi International
to the 130th Session of the Executive Board
on agenda item 6.1, Prevention and Control
of Noncommunicable Diseases**

Thank you, Chair, for the opportunity to address the distinguished members of the WHO Executive Board on behalf of Medicus Mundi International and the People's Health Movement.

It needs to be said: instead of the promised action-oriented outcome document, the declaration coming out of the United Nation High Level Meeting on NCDs is infused with elusive and vague terms, lacking clear and measurable targets and relying on untested, voluntary solutions over binding regulations.

We would like to highlight the following regarding the follow-up of this meeting (EB130/6).

Concerning the comprehensive monitoring framework and set of voluntary targets, we believe this framework should be broad and flexible, so that it can be changed according to country needs. We call for the inclusion of civil society in the process of setting targets, at the national, regional and global level. The many statements made here prove our engagement.

We emphasize that, to reach any target, Member States will need to scale-up funding. We urge to increase existing envelopes rather than to shift resources from one field to another and to use innovative and progressive taxation mechanisms.

As for **strengthening multisectoral** action; we welcome the review of existing partnerships proposed by the Secretariat. We strongly prefer multisectoral action over multistakeholder involvement. We want strong leadership by WHO and governments to defend the right to health. We urge you to *regulate* and *hold accountable* those sectors in your own government and those players in the health arena that are damaging health. We fully support India's request to develop a global framework for alcohol control in this regard. We hope the reform will result in a strong policy on conflict of interest that can be applied where it is urgently needed.

Finally, concerning the **updated 2013-2018 Action Plan**, we urge it to be a framework guiding countries in adopting a health-in-all-policies-approach, addressing the social, economical and structural determinants of health. This will increase synergies with other global challenges such as food insecurity and climate change. The control of NCDs should be focus on health systems strengthening for chronic conditions overall using a patient-centered, Primary Health Care approach. We highlight the importance of social protection and access to medicines and health services. We welcome the mentioning of the TRIPS-flexibilities in the political declaration in this regard and urge them to be implemented.

Thank you chair.