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### **Bangladesh statement**

Item 6: Draft updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

We appreciate the Secretariat for the report on NCDs and mental health.

It is a matter of concern that our actions and efforts to reduce the burden of NCDs continue to remain below the target of global action plan during the past two decades.

Against this backdrop, the gains vis-à-vis investment in prevention and control of NCDs in low- and lower-middle income countries are encouraging for further investment at country level. In this regard, WHO's technical support to prioritize NCD interventions in policy and strategies would be useful.

We would suggest for stringent normative measures in policies and strategies of the Member States to reduce tobacco use. Alongside this, lessons in the national curriculum on the harmful impact of tobacco on health and society, and programme for creating awareness in the public domain would have meaningful impact to reverse the trend of tobacco use.

The high prevalence of mental disorder is costing our wellbeing and economic gains which have been worsened by the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. We would suggest for policy measures to restore healthy life and work style to improve the state of mental health.

Bangladesh supports updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

I thank you, Chair.

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