AGENDA ITEM #11.8: Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues – Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

Canada welcomes this report and would like to thank the WHO and its partners for their leadership and contributions to the 3rd United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on NCDs.

Member States can now build on the momentum from this meeting in support of efforts to achieve SDG 3.4. With commitment for action from political leaders now in hand, Canada welcomes further dialogue towards the implementation of these commitments.

Canada strongly supports the elevation of mental health and environmental risk factors of NCDs within the broader global NCD framework.

In Canada, we are advancing a suite of ambitious policies and programs to accelerate progress to achieve SDG Target 3.4. We will continue to share our best practices and lessons learned with other Member States and partners and look forward to hearing from you on your experiences.

Canada is also committed to continue advancing global action on NCDs and mental health and, like others, supports the carefully crafted and balanced decision point as originally proposed to the Assembly by the Executive Board. We look forward to the extension of both the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs and the WHO Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan, in line with the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.