Statement of Slovakia at the WHA72nd session
Geneva, 20 - 28 May 2019

11.8 Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health related issues – Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

Dear Madam Chair,

Slovakia would like to align with the EU statement to the agenda point.

Slovakia is pleased to be an active member to achieve our common goal to reduce non-communicable diseases premature mortality by one-third. We are adding our piece of contribution through prevention and disease control and we aim to reinforce health promotion, applying evidence-based approaches by multiple stakeholders.

We strongly recognize the importance of health enhancing synergies in preventing and controlling NCDs at national level by acting as the leader within the sectors.

Moreover, we are working on the structural changes of the population-based preventive programs including population based screening programs on colorectal, breast and cervix cancer.

Now, it is time to accelerate our efforts.

With WHO technical assistance we continue in our efforts to strengthen whole of society actions, cost-effective decisions and health promotion measures, including health literacy and disease prevention by developing The national coalition of partners to strengthen public health services (NCoP).

The Agenda 2030 is our today’s opportunity to act at all levels in unity, aiming to improve the health of our citizens.

The Slovak Government has adopted the six national priorities for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the year 2018. We are pleased to share that “good health and wellbeing” is one of these priorities. We acknowledge the need to build a Coalition with local and regional level.

We view the Report by the Director-General on NCDs as an important document providing the feedback and suggesting a future steps towards successful implementation the 2030 Agenda.

We thank WHO for capacity-building approaches with a view to developing a technical package on how to establish or strengthen national multistakeholder dialogue mechanisms for noncommunicable diseases prevention and control.

In conclusion, I would like to thank cordially WHO, and other stakeholders for their leadership. Together we can achieve more. Thank you for your attention.