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IPSF Policy Statement on Non Communicable Diseases.

Honourable Chair, distinguished delegates,

It is a great honour to speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation (IPSF) which represents the voice of over 350,000 pharmaceutical students and recent graduates from 92 countries worldwide.

Collective efforts to control and prevent non-communicable diseases following WHO’s Global Action Plan 2013 - 2020 have emerged, leading us to now properly articulate the main problem, distinguish the units that are modifiable and address them with factor-specific actions and policies, such as sugar and salt consumption, alcohol abuse, tobacco, physical activity, and working environments.

Taking its role as a youth and global pharmaceutical students’ organisation, IPSF is a healthcare partner that took its mission to the fullest extent, shedding light on the multi-factorial etymology of the matter, addressing misconceptions and delivering regional and country-oriented content through our Member Organizations to promote healthier physical and mental lifestyles, including correct professional healthcare services.

Pharmacists are the most accessible, affordable and familiar healthcare providers when seeking consultation or medical advice in most communities; they interact with the general population, which positions them to adequately contribute to the prevention, early detection, treatment and management of NCDs, which can be extended to include mental health issues by empowering pharmacists with appropriate psychology education in addition to their commodity and people skills.

IPSF urges WHO, Member States and stakeholders to further invest and mine the social established role, inter-professional influence and position of pharmacists in their respective communities to speed up actions to screen and map the patterns, prevalence, and incidence of both risk factors and illnesses. Furthermore, in light of the ageing societies expected by the year 2050, we call for the intentional use of pharmacists to accurately estimate the needs and burdens of controlling NCDs in a more exposed population worldwide.

Thank you.