



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
150TH SESSION OF THE WHO'S EXECUTIVE BOARD
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Title : Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

Draft recommendations to strengthen and monitor diabetes responses within national non-communicable disease programmes, including potential targets.

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

1. Malaysia supports the Recommendations to strengthen diabetes prevention and control, within national NCD programmes. In Malaysia, diabetes is used as the entry point for the prevention and control of NCDs since late 1990s and we agree that diabetes can serve as a tracer condition for general comprehensiveness and strength of national responses to NCDs.

2. The proposed targets, however, are very ambitious, and may be out of reach for many low and middle-income countries or for healthcare systems that operate in low-resource settings. We view these targets as idealistic targets; however, we must take a pragmatic approach as well. Data from the Malaysian National Diabetes Registry (NDR) shows us that we are still far from achieving the idealistic targets set in this document.

3. The burden of diabetes unfortunately continues to rise in Malaysia, like many other countries, and collectively we should take this health issue very seriously. As such, we would like to reiterate Malaysia's strong support for the Recommendations.

Thank you.