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Statement by the State of Israel

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Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the  
**prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health**

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In recent years, attention to factors affecting human health has sharpened. The recognition that the environment surrounding the individual has a decisive impact on one's health has initiated the understanding that only multi-system, cross-sector, inter-ministerial cooperation can lead to significant change in health and an increase in healthy life years.

The recent pandemic experience and expected future challenges of population increase, ageing, rising chronic illness, climate change, and mental health challenges provide further impetus for the need for a strategic plan on promoting health.

The Director-General of the Israeli Ministry of Health thus appointed an 80-person committee from a range of organizations to issue wide-ranging recommendations, including:

- Advancing governmental regulation supporting "One Health" and "Health in Every Policy" policies.
- Utilizing health-care providers to take preventive action against chronic illness through the capitation formula.
- Building national strategies in education, the workplace, health advocacy, stress reduction, smoking prevention and more.
- Investment in resilience factors to promote health in fields such as nutrition, smoking prevention and exercise.
- Promoting health in local government and municipalities.
- Promoting policy furthering accessibility to health information for young families, and facilitating optimal environments for parents.
- Unifying a multi-year Plan for healthy ageing.

National strategies and international collaboration will help reduce the global burden of NCDs and mental health.

As such, Israel looks forward to sharing its experiences with its global partners.