



Republic of Zambia

**STATEMENT ON THE INTERVENTION ON THE POLITICAL DECLARATION OF THE  
THIRD HIGH LEVEL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PREVENTION AND  
CONTROL OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES :156<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD, 4 FEBRUARY, 2024**

**THANK YOU, CHAIR.**

1. Zambia aligns itself with the Statement delivered by Ethiopia on behalf of the 47 Member States of the Africa Region.
2. **Chair**, the Fourth High-Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on NCDs, provides a unique opportunity for Member States to not only adopt a new ambitious Agenda but to also reinvigorate efforts in reducing premature mortality from Non-Communicable Diseases and mental health.
3. We are concerned that we remain off track to meet the global NCD targets that are set to expire this year.
4. We are particularly concerned with the number of deaths related to cervical cancer, with the highest rates of incidences and mortality in Low to Middle Income Countries (LMICs), despite cervical cancer being highly preventable and curable, if caught early. We, therefore, support the Resolution on World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day, proposed by South Africa and Nigeria.
5. In the lead up to the September, 2025, High Level Meeting, there is need to focus on the following: -
  - The enhancement of capacities on preventive measures including issues related to the high cost and delivery system of vaccines and other health-related products;
  - How to enhance global action and political commitments to advance the global NCD response;
  - How we can scale-up the implementation of cost-effective and high impact interventions; and
  - How to leverage stronger commitments towards strengthening health systems to ensure equitable access to high quality healthcare.

**I THANK YOU.**