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Government of India**

Intervention by India

Agenda Item 6: Follow-up to the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

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Thank you chair,

Recognizing the significant inequities in progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3.4, India emphasizes the urgent need to strengthen comprehensive, equitable and people-centred responses to noncommunicable diseases.

Chair

Reinforcing our commitment towards addressing NCDs, India has institutionalized standardized management of noncommunicable diseases through the adoption of uniform treatment protocols and the assured availability of essential medicines. Currently, over 75 million people living with hypertension and diabetes are receiving structured care within the public health system. Service delivery is further strengthened through IT-enabled platforms that facilitate patient tracking and efficient drug logistics.

India is the first country to operationalize a comprehensive and structured response for Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease.

Chair

India welcomes the political declaration of the fourth high-level meeting and reiterates its commitment to working closely with WHO and Member States to fast-track collective efforts to accelerate progress on noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being.

Thank you!