

EB158 Item 7 - Mental health

Written statement from NORWAY

- **Norway commends WHO's efforts to recognizing the link between NCD and mental health and the integration into primary care, community-based services and emergency preparedness and response. We also welcome the focus on mental health legislation and policies.**
- **A holistic, multisectoral approach to mental health, brain health and substance use across sectors remains essential.**
- **Strengthening capacities and the connection between policy and implementation, particularly through legislation, governance and financing mechanisms, including appropriate engagement with the private sector, can further advance this agenda.**
- **We support the Secretariat in their efforts promoting meaningful involvement of persons with lived experience in policymaking and programmes.**
- **We encourage WHO to continue coordinated action and efficient resources use.**
- **Norway encourages WHO to highlight shared risk and protective factors, scale-up of effective low-cost, evidence-based interventions—and offer guidance on integrated service models, strengthening health systems and ensuring smooth transitions between the emergency and development nexus.**
- **Strengthening surveillance, national data systems and harmonised indicators remains a key area for support.**