

158th Session of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization
Statement by Sri Lanka

Agenda Item 06: Follow-up to the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Sri Lanka takes note of the report by Director General.

Sri Lanka insists that early investment in prevention and treatment measures on NCD should be continued and delivery of quality primary healthcare should be further strengthened.

Further, we emphasize that awareness and outreach, including through education, on physical activity and oral health should be expanded among communities, for better understanding on the importance of well-being.

Mr. Chair,

With regard to the proposed draft resolutions, Sri Lanka is pleased to co-sponsor the draft resolution on ‘Global Action to Advance Health Equity for People with Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders’, which received cross regional support. Sri Lanka thanks the leaderships of Armenia and Morocco.

At present, about 500,000 individuals are living with Hemophilia globally and about 1500 of these individuals are in Sri Lanka. According to the Annual global survey 2024 by the World Federation of Hemophilia, in Sri Lanka, children under 13 years show high percentage of disorder with Hemophilia A and B.

Sri Lanka acknowledges that at present, there is no definitive care for Hemophilia and significant innovations are introduced to treat them. The lack of diagnosis and lack of data pose challenges in identifying and taking necessary measures to treat people with Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

Sri Lanka joins with others and requests the Executive Board to endorse this important resolution by consensus, with a view to advancing the health equity for people with Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

Thank you