

Draft CARICOM Resolution

United Nations Summit on Non-Communicable Diseases

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome as well as the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, in particular the health-related development goals set out therein, and recalling all General Assembly resolutions relevant to global public health,

Recalling the contributions of the Economic and Social Council at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2009 and taking note of its Ministerial Declaration on Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments on global public health,

Taking note with appreciation of resolutions and decisions of the Fifty-third World Health Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, including the objectives of the 2008-2013 WHO Action Plan for a Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of non-communicable diseases,

Taking note with appreciation of the Declaration of the Heads of State and Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in 2007¹ and the Statement on Commonwealth Action to Combat Non-Communicable Diseases in 2009,

Recognizing that everyone has the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health,

Recognizing also that the rapid rise of non-communicable diseases represents one of the major health challenges globally, in particular, the four most prominent non-communicable diseases (NCDs), namely cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and diabetes which are linked by common preventable risk factors, such as tobacco use, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity,

Deeply concerned that non-communicable diseases are now responsible for 60 per cent of deaths worldwide, of which 80 per cent occur in low and middle-income countries, and that they are linked to poverty and represent a major threat to socio-economic development, in particular in achieving the internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals,

Acknowledging the growing call to integrate indicators on non-communicable diseases into the core Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system

¹ Declaration of Port of Spain: "Uniting to Stop the Epidemic of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases", adopted by Heads of State and Government of the Caribbean Community at the first Summit dedicated to NCDs.

Convinced of the urgent need to pursue multilateral efforts at the highest political level to address the rising incidence of non-communicable diseases worldwide, and to raise the priority accorded to non-communicable diseases in development cooperation;

1. *Decides to convene a United Nations Summit on Non-Communicable Diseases in September 2011 for the purpose of:*
 - a) *Highlighting the incidence and prevalence of non-communicable diseases at global, regional and national levels and the need for coordinated collective international action;*
 - b) *Establishing an effective global response to the incidence and prevalence of non-communicable diseases;*
 - c) *Encouraging Member States to establish and strengthen national policies and plans for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases; Promoting the involvement of all relevant United Nations bodies, other intergovernmental organizations, including international and regional institutions, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector to contribute to the global response to halt and begin to reverse premature deaths from non-communicable diseases;*
 2. *Decides also to hold consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the Summit on Non-Communicable Diseases;*
 3. *Requests the relevant United Nations bodies to provide reports in preparation for the United Nations Summit;*
 4. *Calls upon Member States to include in their discussions in the United Nations Summit on MDGs, the impact of the rising prevalence of non-communicable diseases worldwide;*
 5. *Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, and subsequently every two years on the global status of non-communicable diseases, with a particular focus on low- and middle-income countries.*
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