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Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases**

Thank you chair.

We would like to thank the Director General and the secretariat for the report before us, and especially, for presenting us with the "Draft Menu of Cost-Effective Interventions for Mental Health".

The concrete actions listed in the draft are of great value in assisting Member states to translate the commitments made in the third high-level meeting on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, into reality.

Chair, regarding annex I:

Proper prevention, detection and treatment in mental health goes beyond the health systems, and require a multisector approach.

For this reason, we fully support the addition of three "population-based interventions" to the draft. School programs in particular hold the promise of prevention and early detection of mental health problems, as well as appropriate referral to further treatment / may serve as a platform where children and adolescents can be educated on various mental situations, learn how to detect them and be given the tools to cope with them or ask for help.

Cyber bullying is a major cause for mental distress among adolescents and children. For this reason, Israel has established a 24/7 national emergency number for the public in order to receive a professional and prompt response on matters relating to violence and criminality against adolescents and children on the internet. This is the product of a joint collaboration between multiple ministries.

We encourage the secretariat to keep this list as a "live document", frequently updated and revised, in order to maintain its relevance as a tool for Member States. In this process, it should be taken into account that the list should include interventions that would be applicable in countries across regions, and in all stages of development.

Regarding prevention and control of NCDs:

Israel strongly believes that efforts to deal with the main causes of NCDs: unhealthy life-style and environmental hazards, require both national and international multisectoral collaboration. We must work together to develop and prioritise effective intervention that are cost effective, realistic, and timely.

Thank you chair.