



# Preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, to be held in 2018

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Honourable chair, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of the Union for International Cancer Control.

We support the statement by Alzheimer's Disease International and the NCD Alliance, and emphasise the importance of the upcoming High-level Meeting as a tipping point for the much needed action on the prevention, early detection, treatment and care to meet the global NCD mortality reduction targets. The meeting also provides a timely opportunity to align discussions on national NCD responses with those on universal health coverage. As the second leading cause of mortality globally, comprehensive action on cancer will be essential to achieve universal health coverage, and investments in the stepwise scale-up of core services such as early detection, diagnostics, surgery and essential medicines reinforce core health system capacities.

Mindful of these opportunities we urge Member States to consider:

- Participation in the meeting at the highest level to exemplify the political commitment to addressing cancer and NCDs and a whole-of-government response,
- The importance of developing robust and sustainable finance for cancer and NCDs, leveraging the suite of innovative options available and recognising the cost-effectiveness of investing in NCDs as set out in the recent NCD Business Plan
- Development of robust commitments to improve access to treatment and care for cancer and NCDs, with recognition of the role that improving early detection services can play in improving treatment outcomes, at lower cost and with fewer side-effects for patients
- Measures to strengthen surveillance and data on NCDs, leveraging mechanisms like cancer registries to provide longitudinal data on national burdens and the effectiveness of policy decisions in reducing premature mortality to facilitate informed decision-making and accountability.

UICC stands ready to support you in these efforts.