



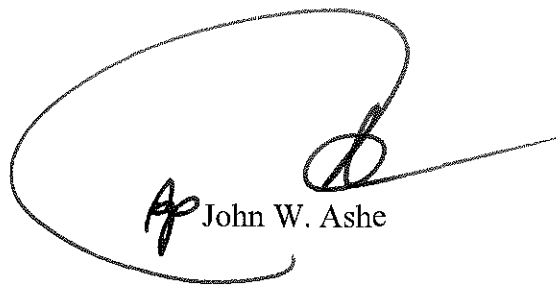
THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 April, 2014

Excellency,

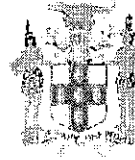
I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 2 April, 2014 from H.E. Ms. Bénédicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium and Ms. Shorna-Kay Marie Richards, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Jamaica, the Co-facilitators of the informal consultative process on the modalities for the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable disease (NCDs), transmitting the revised version of the draft decision on the scope and the modalities of the comprehensive review and assessment. The letter also invites Member States to provide feedback at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, 8 April 2014.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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John W. Ashe

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



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New York, 2 April, 2014

Excellency,

In our capacity as co-facilitators for the preparations of the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), we thank delegations for their active participation in the consultations thus far. The inputs given and positions expressed have been constructive and there appears to be sufficient consensus on those areas that require a decision from Member States.

Based on the wide range of bilateral consultations with various stakeholders and the inputs made during the informal-informal consultations on 29 January 2014 and on 18 March 2014, we have the honour to transmit herewith a new version of the draft of a modalities resolution for consideration by Member States. We believe that this version of the text reflects, in a balanced way, the emerging consensus on the way forward with the review process.

The co-facilitators will convene a third meeting to receive feedback on the revised draft on Tuesday, 8 April 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration

Bénédicte Frankinet
Permanent Representative of Belgium
to the United Nations

Shorna-Kay Marie RICHARDS
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Jamaica
to the United Nations

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Proposed General Assembly Decision on the scope and the modalities of the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

REV. 1 OF 19 MARCH 2014

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Political Declaration of the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases¹, and in particular paragraph 65 by which it decided to hold a comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in 2014,

Recognizing the continued negative impact of non-communicable diseases, including on the **socio-economic and** developmental challenges faced by all countries, in particular low and middle-income countries, **and the need for continued concerted action and a coordinated response at the national, regional and global levels,**

Mindful of the need to maintain strong **national, regional and international** political commitment towards the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,

Taking note of the Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases²,

1. Decides to convene a high-level meeting to undertake the comprehensive review and assessment on 10 and 11 July 2014, consisting of an opening plenary meeting on 10 July 2014 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., **followed by a plenary meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a round table from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**, and two consecutive round tables on 11 July 2014 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. followed by a closing plenary meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
2. Decides that the comprehensive review and assessment shall take stock of the progress made in implementing the commitments in the Political Declaration, identify **and address** gaps and reaffirm the political commitment to **take action against** the challenge of non-communicable diseases.
3. Decides that the speakers at the opening plenary will be the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director-General of the World Health Organization and a representative of civil society who will be **chosen by the President of the General Assembly** from among non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and in consultation with Member States.

¹ See resolution 66/2

² A/68/650

4. Decides further that the organizational arrangements of the round tables will be as follows:
 - (a) The round tables will address the overall theme of “Taking stock of progress in implementing the Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and scaling up of multi-stakeholder and national multi-sectorial responses to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases”;
 - (b) The theme of round table 1 will be “XXX”, the theme of round table 2 will be “YYY” and the theme of round table 3 will be “ZZZ”;**
 - (c) Each round table will be chaired at the Ministerial level or other high official level, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly;
 - (d) Participation in each round table will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, civil society and non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and the private sector;**
 - (e) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions, there will be no pre-established list of speakers for the round tables.**
5. The President of the General Assembly shall draw up a list of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who may participate in the high-level meeting.
6. The President of the General Assembly shall also draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, taking into account the principle of transparency and the principle of equitable geographic representation, and submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration and bring the list to the attention of the Assembly.
7. Decides that the closing plenary will comprise the presentation of summaries of the round tables and the adoption of a concise, focused, action-oriented outcome document, **and requests the President of the General Assembly to produce a draft text, and to convene informal consultations as appropriate in order to enable sufficient consideration and agreement by Member States.**
8. Requests the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than June 2014, and in consultation with representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia, an informal interactive hearing with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private

sector and academia to provide an input to the comprehensive review and assessment.

9. **Requests the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements of the review, including the list of speakers of the plenary meeting to be held on 10 July 2014, the identification of the civil society representative to speak at the opening plenary, the assignment of Member States and other participants to the round tables, and the identification of chairs for the round tables, taking into account the level of representation as well as equitable geographical representation.**