



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERALASSEMBLY

5 May, 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter from H.E. Ms. Bénédicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium and H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica, Co-facilitators for the consultations on the arrangements for a comprehensive review in 2014 of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Under cover of this letter, the two Co-facilitators are transmitting the text of a draft resolution on the modalities of the review, along with a letter from the Secretariat on the rules of procedure pertaining to that exercise.

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


John W. Ashe

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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Mr. President,

We have the honour to refer to your letter dated 20 November 2013 by which you appointed us as co-facilitators for the consultations on the arrangements for a comprehensive review in 2014 of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

After consultations with the Member States, we are pleased to transmit in annex the text of a draft resolution on the modalities of the review as well as the text of a confirmation by the Secretariat of the applicable rules of procedures.

It is our understanding that this constitutes the basis for a consensus.

We thank all delegations as well as your office for the support we have received during the negotiations.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Permanent Representative of Belgium
to the United Nations

Courtenay Rattray
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Jamaica
to the United Nations

H.E. Ambassador John Ashe
President of the 68th Session of the General Assembly
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Draft General Assembly Resolution 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

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 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, including monitoring of the progress 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 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., followed by plenary meetings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 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 p.m. followed by a closing plenary meeting from 5 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 in response to 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, the Administrator of UNDP 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

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4. *Decides* further that the overall theme of the review will be “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-sectoral responses to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases including in the context of the post-2015 development agenda”;
5. *Decides* also that the organizational arrangements of the round tables will be as follows:
 - (a) The specific themes of round tables will be:
 - Roundtable 1: “Strengthening national and regional capacities, including health systems, effective multi-sectoral and whole-of-government responses for the prevention and control, including monitoring, of NCDs”.
 - Roundtable 2: “Fostering and strengthening national, regional and international partnerships and cooperation in support of efforts to address NCDs”.
 - (b) Each round table will be co-chaired at the Ministerial or high official level, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly;
 - (c) 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;
 - (d) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions, there will be no pre-established list of speakers for the round tables;
6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to 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, including the round tables;
7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to 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 round tables of 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 on a non-objection basis and bring the list³ to the attention of the Assembly;
8. *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

³ The list will include proposed as well as final names.

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consideration and agreement by Member States; further requests the President of the General Assembly to appoint, as soon as possible, two co-facilitators for the consultation process;

9. *Takes note of* the on-going regional multi-stakeholder consultations by the World Health Organization, regional commissions and other relevant agencies and their contributions to the preparations of the high-level meeting as well as to the meeting itself;
10. *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;
11. *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, and the assignment of participants to the round tables, taking into account the level of representation as well as equitable geographical representation.



Department for General Assembly and Conference Management

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Excellencies,

I am writing at your request, in your capacity as Co-Facilitators, with reference to the text of the draft resolution entitled "Scope and the modalities of the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases" that was shared with the Secretariat of the General Assembly on 30 April 2014.

In Operative Paragraph 1 of the draft text, the Assembly would decide to convene a high-level meeting on 10 and 11 July 2014 consisting of plenary meetings and panel discussions.

I should like to confirm that the aforementioned meetings are meetings of the General Assembly and therefore the rules of procedure of the Assembly apply. Consequently, the established practices of the Assembly would also be adhered to in relation to the conduct of the meetings, as is the case for all meetings of the General Assembly.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Saijin Zhang', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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