

**Statement of Alzheimer's Disease International on behalf of NCD Alliance at the 69<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly, May 2016**

**Agenda Item 12.4 Responses to specific assignments in preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases in 2018**

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of Alzheimer's Disease International and NCD Alliance.

In 2012, Member States adopted nine voluntary global targets toward reducing the probability of dying from NCDs by 25% by 2025. You have re-committed to achieving this goal every year since, most recently in the form of target 3.4 in the 2030 Agenda. Why then, has so little progress been made?

The Secretariat's report shows that since 2010, the probability of dying from an NCD has been reduced by only 1%. The prevalence of diabetes and obesity has increased during this time period. Tobacco use has barely declined. This is alarming and severely inadequate. Moreover, only 29% of countries have surveillance systems in place.

It is time to get serious. WHO and Member States must fast-track action in order to achieve the 2025 targets and to begin laying the groundwork for a successful UN High-level Review on NCDs in 2018. We therefore call on Member States to:

- **Implement the four time-bound national commitments for 2015 and 2016 without delay.** Set NCD targets, implement NCD plans, establish multisectoral NCD commissions, and fast-track implementation of WHO's set of cost-effective interventions.
- **Establish and improve surveillance and monitoring systems.** International collaboration is required to strengthen country-level NCD surveillance and monitoring, including the development of population-based registries and integration of NCDs into national health information systems.
- **Support the development of a purpose code for NCDs in OECD's Creditor Reporting System.** Tracking development assistance for NCDs is essential for ensuring resources are commensurate with the burden.

Finally, we request that the Assembly note the reports of GCM/NCD Working Groups on Financing and Engagement with the Private Sector and encourage Member States to take forward their recommendations in keeping with commitments made in 2011 and 2014.

The NCD Alliance is led by:

