

Agenda Item 5.8 Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on Health-Related Issues: Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases

GHC supported by AAP & NCD Child welcomes continued efforts to develop the multisectoral accountability framework and engage stakeholders, including civil society, in the process.

To facilitate such action, the framework rightly recognises the need for additional and strengthened reporting, monitoring and review mechanisms at all levels. Global high-level review should be independent and hold stakeholders and member states accountable—for example, through a multisectoral panel chaired by an independent non-executive person, supported by a secretariat and hosted by an existing organisation, engaging Heads of State and Government.

The HLM on NCDs appropriately included new commitments to reduce air pollution and promote mental health and wellbeing. The new initiatives, other global goods, and a WHO technical assistance delivery plan are also welcomed. Accountability and new funding will be necessary to meet SDG 3.4. The declaration's support for a life-course approach represents a significant step forward and must be supported in programs and funding. WHO's attention to premature deaths focuses on 30-70 year olds, but commitments cannot be met until all people are included. Girls and women face an additional burden due to social, gender, and economic inequalities, including pervasive inequities in access to health information and appropriate access to care and life-saving technologies. Women and girls must be included at every step of planning and implementation.