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To:
WHO Secretariate in Geneva

Subject: : Response on draft of Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health.

In connection with the request from WHO Secretariate regarding draft of Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health that was conveyed through Permanent Delegation of Republic of Indonesia in United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva as well, herewith after reviewing the draft, we are pleased to inform you that the draft of Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health is good enough to be implemented by entire Member States.

However, there are several things that are needed to be considered in more detail in order to complete the draft of Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, as follows :

1. It is necessary to determine the time frame that can be used as guideline by the Member States in order to achieve the objectives of draft of Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, particularly on the prevention and control of non-communicable disease due to the risk factors of unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and smoking behaviour. The time frame can be used by each Member States to develop the national plan or strategy as well as the relevant policy in this field.
2. Based on the ability and problems faced by each member States which are different on how to overcome risk factors of non-communicable disease such as unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and smoking behaviour, it is better to add a new sentence in chapter RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTION, POINT 27 that : WHO will facilitate Member States based on its priority scale (in accordance with problems and ability) in developing and implementing the Global Strategy.
3. In Chapter RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTION sub Member States, it is explained already the role of government; however, in order to make the Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health can be implemented successfully, it is necessary to elaborate in more detail the responsibility of government such as to prepare the human resources in various related

sectors through socialization, education, training or comparative study in order to improve the knowledge as well as the skill, besides the budget, method, means, and infrastructure needed.

We hope that the above points can be used as input to complete the draft of Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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