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RE: GLOBAL STRATEGY ON DIET, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTH

The Ministry of Health of Lithuania is grateful to the World Health Organization for the possibility to comment on draft Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health. The draft strategy has been discussed at the Ministry of Health, the National Centre for Nutrition, the Kaunas University of Medicine and other relevant counterparts.

We express our appreciation of the draft strategy as it addresses the major risk factors responsible for the growing level of noncommunicable diseases, especially cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, cancers and obesity. Taking into account that noncommunicable diseases impose a heavy economic burden on already strained health systems and inflict great costs on society, we support the strategy as a unique opportunity to reduce deaths and disease worldwide by improving diet and promoting physical activity.

Taking this opportunity we inform you that the Government of the Republic of Lithuania adopted its National Food and Nutrition Strategy and the Implementation Plan for 2003-2010. We believe that the Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health will be of great support in the implementation of the national strategy.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of our greatest consideration.

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