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**Subject:** Fw: Feedback from the International Union for Health Promotion and Education, draft report on diet, nutrition and the prevention of chronic diseases  
Hello!

The IUHPE did reply, as you see below:

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**Subject:** Feedback from the International Union for Health Promotion and Education, draft report on diet, nutrition and the prevention of chronic diseases

Dear Dr. Nishida:

The *International Union for Health Promotion and Education* is pleased to provide feedback on the above referenced document, and regrets that it will not be possible for us to attend the consultation to be held 15 April in Geneva. Please extend our apologies to Professor Puska, and be so kind as to indicate our strong interest in working in partnership him and all our colleagues at WHO on this important endeavour.

We find the Report as a whole to be well founded and reasonable in its conclusions. The appendixes are of mixed quality, however, and seem to indicate that certain of the authors have made a rather more substantial effort than have others. We believe the credibility of the report might be weakened, were it to be issued with the appendixes as they now stand. We trust the future drafts will remedy this weakness.

While the case for action as relates to diet, nutrition and the prevention of chronic diseases is well presented, there is not the same level of quality in the section 'Integrated strategic directions'. The problem is not one of poor quality in this section, but rather, too brief presentations of the four strategies for action. We are concerned also with the order of material in the draft. Many readers not versed in chronic disease epidemiology will be confused by the technical elements of the report, which are extensive and appear early in the document. We suggest the strategic actions be presented first, and in more detail, follow by the summary of evidence.

We hope and trust that these comments will be helpful, and in closing, we offer continued assistance in the process of completing this important WHO/FAO project.

Sincerely,

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