Substantive session of 2015
Agenda item 12 (f)

United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force
on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases

The Economic and Social Council,

PP1. Recalling its resolutions 2013/12 of 22 July 2013 and 2014/10 of 13 June 2014 on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases,

PP3. Acknowledging that the global burden and threat of non-communicable diseases, principally cardiovascular diseases, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, which are linked to four main risk factors, namely, tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity, as well as the global burden of mental health and neurological issues constitute major challenges for the economic and social development in the 21st century and may lead to increasing inequalities within and between countries and populations,

OP1. Takes note of the Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases\(^1\) and its recommendations, including, inter alia, to report annually on progress made in implementing Council resolution 2013/12;

OP2. Encourages Members of the Task Force to continue to work together in a coordinated manner to support national efforts to implement the commitments included in the 2011 Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases and the 2014 outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, building on guidance set out in the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020;

\(^1\) E/2015/53
OP3. Also encourages UN agencies, funds and programs to scale up the delivery of actions contained in the workplan of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases;

OP4. Encourages the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases to further enhance systematic support to Member States, upon request, at the national level, in efforts to support responses to prevent and control NCDs and mitigate their impacts, including through the establishment of resident thematic group or equivalent entity on NCDs by UN Country teams or incorporating NCDs in an existing thematic group, to ensure that these issues are integrated into health planning and national development plans and policies including the design process and implementation of the UNDAFs;

OP5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its 2016 session on progress achieved in implementing its resolution 2013/12 under agenda item entitled “Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases”, in preparation for a comprehensive review of the General Assembly, in 2018, of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.