Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 13 June 2014

[on a proposal considered in plenary meeting (E/2014/L.13)]


The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2013/12 of 22 July 2013 on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 68/271 of 13 May 2014 on the scope and modalities of the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases to be held on 10 and 11 July 2014,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the Task Force,¹

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, an unhealthy diet and lack of physical activity, as well as the global burden of mental health issues constitute major challenges for the economic and social development of many Member States and may lead to increasing inequalities within and between countries and populations,

1. Takes note of the report of the World Health Organization formal meeting of Member States to complete the work on the terms of reference for the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases,² and the recommendation of the World Health Assembly to submit the proposed terms of reference to the Economic and Social Council;

2. Endorses the terms of reference for the Task Force, including a division of tasks and responsibilities for United Nations funds, programmes and agencies and other international organizations, as contained in the appendix to the above-mentioned report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization;¹

¹ E/2014/1/Rev.1, annex II.
² E/2014/55.
¹ Ibid., annex.
3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its 2015 session on the implementation of its resolution 2013/12, and in this regard decides that, under the agenda item entitled “Coordination, programme and other questions”, the title of the sub-item “Tobacco or health” shall be revised to read “Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases”.

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