The Observer Office of the International Olympic Committee to the United Nations would like to submit the following amendments (in red line) to the Montevideo draft outcome document for consideration:

18. We acknowledge that influencing public policies in sectors beyond health is essential in achieving health gains to reduce premature deaths from NCDs. In addition, we recognize the interconnectedness between the prevention and control of NCDs and the achievement of the SDGs beyond 3.4, including targets related to poverty, substance abuse, nutrition, death related environmental exposure, sustainable cities and others. Coordinated upstream action across sectors, including agriculture, environment, industry, trade and finance, education, urban planning, and sports will help to create a healthy and enabling environment that promotes policy coherence and supports healthy behaviours and lifestyles. It is the role of the health sector to advocate for these actions, present evidence-based information, support health impact assessments and provide policy reviews and analyses on how decisions impact health, including implementation research. We therefore commit to strong leadership and to ensure collaboration among sectors to implement policies to achieve shared goals.

20. We recognize that access to education that promotes health literacy and physical education at all levels of society and contexts is a key determinant of health. In particular, the school environment will be enabled to provide evidence-based education, including information and skills, and quality physical education sessions. We will also improve awareness-raising on health and wellbeing throughout society, including the prevention and control of NCDs supported through public awareness campaigns and health promoting environments that make the healthy choice the easier choice and facilitate behavioral changes.

New 23. We are also concerned that despite the strong evidence that increasing population levels of physical activity can provide multiple benefits, there is a general failure to locate physical activity as a priority health issue within NCD prevention, limited connections between key government departments, and a lack of strategic linkages with other related policy priorities at a national and sub national level which impact the implementation of the policy actions recommended in 2013 in the Global Action Plan on NCDs. We will endeavour to promote greater advocacy on physical activity within health, other sectors, in the community and media and a stronger engagement with non-state actors, to undertake joint and coordinated actions. Developing leadership for this agenda, at all levels and both inside and outside of government, is important for mobilising systems change and working in new ways on joint policy actions that can achieve shared goals.

New 27. We encourage the private sector sports and recreation providers to partner on the provision of free or affordable opportunities to be active in public spaces and or in paid facilities, and in particular on the development and implementation of policies and shared effective programmes which improve and increase opportunities of physical activity across the life course and different settings.