Dear Colleagues,

The Philippine Delegation fully supports and is in agreement with the list of political actions to accelerate progress to confront the NCD challenge.

However, our delegation would like to see specific mention of a commitment toward the inclusion of "palliative care" in the development of access to health services reflected in the document.

We note that "palliative care" under the WHO Global Action Plan for Prevention and Control of NCDs is recognized as part of the comprehensive services required for the management of NCDs.

We suggest that access to palliative care is mentioned in Paragraph 10, Paragraph 12, or any other paragraph as the organizers deem fit.

We hope that this request can be given due consideration and look forward to supporting this draft.

Warm regards,

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