General Comments:

A) The document ignores the fact that a significant % of NCDs are not preventable
B) Diagnosis, treatment and management, including surgical and anaesthesia care, represent a critical strategy for addressing NCDs
C) Virtually all NCDs will require a surgical intervention over the life-course
D) The cost effectiveness ratios of many surgical interventions compare favourably with those of other widely used public health strategies in low-resource settings (Ref. The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery 2030)
E) Universal Health Coverage can not, and will never be achieved, without scaling up investment in surgical and anaesthesia care. This is a particular priority in LMICs where most of the 5 billion people (of the world's 7 billion population) who currently do not have access to safe, affordable surgical and anaesthesia care, are living.

Specific Comments:

Para 3 line 13: insert "and curative" so that the sentence reads "Health Systems must improve their work in recognising and managing NCDs and in providing preventive and curative services in the context of efforts to achieve universal health coverage."

Para 9 line 3: insert "diagnosis and treatment" and "and control" so that the sentence reads "We will ensure a highly skilled, well-trained and well-resourced workforce to lead actions in the field of diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of NCDs and in the promotion of health".

Para 11: Change wording to, "We will work towards the harmonisation of global infectious diseases and NCD agendas across curative and preventive approaches and health systems at the national and global development levels, recognising the opportunity to achieve gains in diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and control through integrated approaches."

Para 12: add the words "diagnosis and treatment" and "surgical and anaesthesia care" so that the sentence reads: "We will ensure the availability of resources and the capacity needed to respond more effectively and equitably to NCDs as part of Universal Health Coverage, including through strengthened community level diagnosis, treatment, prevention and health services delivery and equitable access to essential NCD medicines, surgical and anaesthesia care and technologies.

Para 15: add the words "diagnosis and treatment" so that the sentence reads: "Where needed, we will work on national investments cases for the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of NCDs, their risk factors and determinants, to create the fiscal space for action.

Para 16: add the words "diagnosis and treatment" so that the sentence reads: "We call upon, UN agencies and other global health actors, such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the World Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), GAVI Alliance, regional development banks, and philanthropic foundations, to scale up support to
governments in developing and implementing the national responses for the **diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of NCDs**, aligned with national priorities.

Insert new Para 22: "Pursuant to the World Health Assembly Resolution 68.15 on *Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage*, we will scale up efforts to invest in surgical and anaesthesia care to accelerate action towards SDG 3."

Para 24: insert "diagnosis and treatment" so that the sentence reads, "One of the main challenges for the **diagnosis, treatment** prevention and control of NCDs is that public health objectives and private sector interests can, in many cases, conflict. We commit to enhancing the national capacity to engage constructively with the private sector for NCDs **diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control** in a way that maximizes health gains.

Para 30: insert "diagnosis and treatment" so that the sentence reads, "We call on WHO to consider establishing a commission to address the commercial determinants of health that have a bearing on the **diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control** of NCDs."

Para 32: insert "diagnosis and treatment" and replace the term "developing countries" so that the sentence reads, "We will increase opportunities for meaningful participation of nongovernmental organizations, philanthropic foundations and academic institutions and, where and as appropriate, private sector entities, in building coalitions and alliances across the spheres of sustainable development in the **diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control** of NCDs, recognizing that they can complement the efforts of governments and support the achievement of SDG 3.4, in particular in **LMICs**."

Para 34: insert "diagnosis and treatment" so that the sentence reads: "WHO’s advice to Member States and other international organizations on how to address the determinants and risk factors to address the **diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control** of NCDs and mental health conditions remains indispensable for the global action on NCDs."