Union for Affordable Cancer Treatment (UACT):

Please find below the statement from the Union for Affordable Cancer Treatment in response to Panel 3, "Promotion of multisectoral partnerships for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases."

"As we approach multisectoral partnerships in addressing NCDs, UACT advises caution and frank consideration of conflicts of interests when engaging the private sector.

UACT is appalled that the draft UN political declaration on non-communicable diseases makes no reference to the soaring prices for cancer medications - prices that are unsustainable even for wealthy countries, countries, cause financial catastrophes for individuals and families, and lead to massive inequality in access around the world.

The draft declaration on NCDs shows how corporate lobbying by the pharmaceutical industry continues to succeed in suppressing criticism of, and efforts to counter excessive drug prices, and how it has managed to ensure that calls for desperately needed reforms to make 'access to medicine for all' a reality, are effectively sidelined."