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Slovenia,* Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,* Thailand,* Turkey, Turkmenistan,
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of
America: draft resolution

United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and
Control of Non-communicable Diseases

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General
Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, adopted
on 19 September 2011, which reaffirmed the leadership and coordination role of the
World Health Organization in promoting and monitoring global action against
non-communicable diseases in relation to the work of other United Nations
agencies, development banks and other regional and international organizations, and
which also called upon United Nations system agencies, funds and programmes, the
international institutions, development banks and other key international
organizations to work together in a coordinated manner to support national efforts to
prevent and control non-communicable diseases, and recalling the first Global
Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Non-communicable Disease
Control, organized by the Russian Federation and the World Health Organization in
Moscow on 28 and 29 April 2011,

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,

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.
harmful use of alcohol, an unhealthy diet and lack of physical activity, constitute one of the major challenges for the economic and social development of many Member States and may lead to increasing inequalities within and between countries and populations,

*Reaffirming* the importance of strengthened international cooperation for enhancing the capacities of developing countries for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,

*Reaffirming also* the leading role of the World Health Organization as the primary specialized agency for health, including its roles and functions with regard to health policy, in accordance with its mandate,

*Welcoming* the adoption by the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly of resolution WHA66.10 endorsing the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013-2020, which provides a road map and a menu of policy options for all Member States and other stakeholders to take coordinated and coherent action, at all levels, from the local to the global, to attain the nine voluntary global targets, including that of a 25 per cent relative reduction in premature mortality from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory diseases by 2025,

*Recalling* that, in resolution WHA66.10, the World Health Assembly urged Member States to recommend that the Economic and Social Council, before the end of 2013, consider the proposal for a United Nations task force on non-communicable diseases, which would coordinate the activities of the United Nations organizations in the implementation of the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013-2020, would be convened and led by the World Health Organization and report to the Economic and Social Council, incorporating the work of the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control, while ensuring that tobacco control continues to be duly addressed and prioritized in the new task force mandate,

*Recognizing* that the current work of the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control, constituted upon the request of the Economic and Social Council in 1999, is aimed at supporting accelerated implementation by parties to the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, including through adopted technical guidelines, and further integrating the aims of the Convention within the actions undertaken in the context of the implementation of the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control,\(^1\)

*Requests* the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases by expanding the mandate\(^2\) of the existing United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control. This Task Force will be convened and led by the World Health Organization, report to the Economic and Social Council through the

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\(^{1}\) E/2013/61.

Secretary-General and incorporate the work of the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control, including the work to support the accelerated implementation by parties to the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control,

Decides that the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases will coordinate the activities of the relevant United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations to support the realization of the commitments made by Heads of State and Government in the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, in particular through the implementation of the World Health Organization Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013-2020,

UrgeS all members of the existing United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control and other United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, and intergovernmental organizations, to contribute, within their respective mandates, as appropriate, to the activities of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases,

Requests the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, and in full consultation with Member States through the World Health Organization, to develop the terms of reference for the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, incorporating, but not limited to, the work of the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control and the current work of the World Health Organization Secretariat to develop a division of tasks and responsibilities, as exemplified by appendix 4 to the World Health Organization Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013-2020, and also requests the Secretary-General to include the terms of reference in his report on the implementation of the present resolution for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2014.

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