



Ministero della Salute

Speech on ICN 2 report

Mr Chairman, Distinguished Members of the Executive Board, Director General

I'm speaking on behalf of Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Italy.

- we fully align ourselves with the European Union Statement read by Belgium

- we thank the Director General and the Secretariat for the report and for the very important work done in the preparation of the Second International Conference on Nutrition held in November 2014 in Rome. Their efforts have largely contributed to the success of that important Conference;

- we consider absolutely necessary that, providing assistance to Member States aimed to ensuring a full and correct implementation of the Framework of action, WHO should dedicate a particular attention to the preparation of guidelines;

- these documents should be based on robust and high quality scientific evidence.

- In this context, we would like to underline the important role played by the recognised traditional mediterranean diet and healthy behaviours contributing positively to the prevention of chronic non trasmissible disease in our population

- the process toward the production of guidelines must take into account the outcome of the discussions on this matter at this Executive Board as well as the debate that will take place during the next May;

- finally, Mr. Chair, we expect a full involvement in this process of Member States and all relevant Stakeholders, taking into account their different role and responsibility.

We are sure that, by adopting this approach in the next months, it will result in a strong commitment of all relevant actors in order to reach the objectives of the Second International Conference on Nutrition and, to do so, we will provide a concrete contribution to fighting nutrition problems and chronic non communicable diseases.

Thanks for your attention