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Action plan for the prevention and control of Non Communicable diseases/NCD in the WHO European Region

Italy endorses the plan, as all contributions made were acknowledged and sensible, meaningful and interrelated sets of action have been identified.

We want to underline the science and evidence basis upon which the plan has been devised.

We believe the adoption of the plan across the Region will make a positive difference in the way we will be able to address NCDs, their root causes, their social and behavioural determinants and implications for the future of our societies.

The Italian national chronic disease Plan and the National prevention Plan are fully compliant.

We appreciate the plan, important boost for advocacy with other segments of governments and societies: tobacco, sugar, bottled sugar rich beverages, hyper alcoholic producers and heavily polluting industries need a strict regulatory oversight that must be adopted collectively and enforced throughout the Region.

Though available in the plan, we would like to see a further stress on new emerging evidences of epigenetic influences of endocrine disruptors and air pollutants on the pregnancy outcomes and dysmetabolic vulnerability of our new generations such as childhood obesity lasting for life.

Focusing exclusively on traditional beliefs may limit our deliberations and lead to fallacy.

In conclusion, We feel we have now a very powerful tool as well as a dedicated office based in Moscow thanks to the generosity of the Russian Federation.

Italy takes an obligation to make sure the current Joint Actions under discussion in the European Union reflect and are aligned to this plan, which we will push for full and timely implementation.