PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 September 2025

Subject: Draft political declaration of the fourth high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 14 May 2025 circulating the zero draft of the political declaration to be approved by the high-level meeting on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being, I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 3 September 2025 from H.E. Mr. Olivier Maes, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg and H.E. Ms. Rhonda King, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in their capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations.

The letter conveys the final version of the draft of the political declaration of the fourth high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being entitled "Equity and integration: transforming lives and livelihoods through leadership and action on noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being".

As indicated by the co-facilitators, the finalized version of the draft political declaration is the outcome of inclusive and transparent consultations held over the past five months and the extensive engagement with all concerned delegations. The finalised version seeks to reconcile diverging positions and while it does not fully reflect every delegation's preferred language, it enjoys the broadest possible support.

Considering the co-facilitators' letter regarding the position of one delegation, I have made every effort to ensure the widest possible support towards consensus. At this stage, the text of the finalized version of the political declaration reflects general agreement among Member States representing the broadest possible consensus. It is therefore my intention to transmit this text to the Secretariat for processing.

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I urge all Member States to join the consensus adoption of the draft political declaration and ensure that the United Nations remains an important forum to address the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being.

I thank once again Ambassador Maes and Ambassador King for their outstanding leadership and stewardship of this important mandate.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Philemon Yang