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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and Associate Members, and has the honour to inform them that in order to support governments to fulfil their commitments included in the 2018 Political Declaration, WHO and the President of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay are launching a “Coalition of Heads of State and Government for the prevention and treatment of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being”.

Reference is made to:

- the 2018 “Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases” (resolution A/RES/73/2), in which Heads of State and Government committed to “provide strategic leadership for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases by promoting greater policy coherence and coordination through whole-of-government and health-in-all-policies approaches and by engaging stakeholders in an appropriate, coordinated, comprehensive and integrated bold whole-of-society action and response”;¹
- the “Montevideo Roadmap 2018–2030 on noncommunicable diseases as a sustainable development priority”² adopted at the WHO Global Conference on Noncommunicable Diseases (Montevideo, 18–20 October 2017); and
- the report of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on Noncommunicable Diseases entitled “Time to deliver”.

The purpose of this Coalition is to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) target 3.4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,³ and, “by 2030, reduce, by one third, premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases through prevention and treatment, and promote mental health and well-being”.

The launch of the Coalition will be held at the United Nations on 25 September 2019 from 10:00–11:00, in the margins of the First United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development Goals.

¹ Paragraph 17 of resolution A/RES/73/2.

² Resolution WHA71.2 (2018).

³ In accordance with paragraph 78 of resolution A/RES/70/1.

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A concept framework setting out the scope and purpose of the Coalition will be published on WHO's website www.bit.ly/who-ncd-coalition. A provisional programme for the launch will be posted on the same site in due course.

WHO invites Heads of State and Government interested in participating in the Coalition, to express their interest by sending an email to ncdcoalition@who.int. WHO will be available to provide additional information that may be required at the same address.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of its highest consideration.

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