WHO Consultation on NCDS Comprehensive Monitoring Framework

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To whom it may concern

As palliative care organisations worldwide, we welcome the opportunity to input into the consultation on the Comprehensive Global Monitoring Framework on the prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases. We congratulate the World Health Organization on the work done to date on this important issue.

In response to the discussion document:

1. We welcome the inclusion of the proposed palliative care indicator within the framework and strongly support the retention of this indicator. Please see the attached document[1] for further discussion and comment on this issue.

2. We endorse the NCD Alliance submission[2] to this consultation process and particularly stress the need for:

- A target to be added on access to treatment and in particular the availability of essential medicines and technologies
- Reporting on progress by member states to be done every two years and not every 5 years as stated in the consultation document

We look forward to participating further in this process and thank the World Health Organization for its continued support for the development of palliative care worldwide to improve the quality of life of people living with life-limiting conditions, including non-communicable diseases.

Yours sincerely

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[1] http://www.thewpca.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=106037
[2] http://ncdalliance.org/sites/default/files/rfiles/NCD%20Alliance%20submission%20to%20WHO%2019%20April%202012.pdf

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