



**ESMO Statement
for the
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Agenda Item 7: Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

The [European Society for Medical Oncology \(ESMO\)](#) is a global network of more than 25,000 cancer professionals from over 160 countries.

ESMO welcomes the WHO global strategies for the prevention and control of NCDs and cancer.

As cancer doctors we call for continued patient access to essential cancer and palliative care medicines and services that are affordable and do not compete with resources for health emergencies.

In addition, we call on countries to provide annual data on the impact of their interventions to reduce the burden of cancer, so that their progress towards SDG 3.4 can be measured.

As always, ESMO stands ready to contribute to global efforts with our expertise in cancer management as we work tirelessly throughout the pandemic to save lives.

Thank you.