



**ESMO Statement
for the
WHO Executive Board Meeting
30 January – 7 February 2023**

Agenda item 6: Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health

Honorable Chair, Esteemed Delegates,

The European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) represents more than 28,000 cancer professionals from over 160 countries.

We welcome and support the Director-General's report that includes the update of Appendix 3's policy options and cost-effective interventions which support the implementation of the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013-2030.

With cancer as a leading cause of death worldwide, we urge governments to include the preventative interventions on the lifestyle risk factors of tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet, and physical inactivity, as well as the 14 cancer-specific interventions, into national universal health coverage plans.

ESMO is proud that our guidelines and expertise have been able to support defining the cancer interventions listed in Appendix 3.

Thank you.