Statement on Prevention and Control of NCDs

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6. Follow-up to the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

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WONCA welcomes the Political Declaration on NCDs and Mental Health. With most countries off-track for SDG 3.4, the role of the family doctor remains vital.

Family doctors do not treat NCDs in isolation; we accompany individuals and families across their life course, integrating prevention with long-term management for conditions like hypertension, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases. Our community reach enables the 'equity and integration' this declaration calls for.

WONCA urges Member States to fulfill the declaration's commitment by investing in specialized family medicine training and ensuring primary care teams have necessary medicines and diagnostics. By formally involving family doctors in national NCD planning, we can turn high-level commitments into clinical reality—so the 150 million more people targeted for hypertension control by 2030 receive the safe, continuous care.