

**Oral Statement on EUR/RC68/13 Engagement with non-State actors: Accreditation of regional non-State actors not in official relations with WHO to attend meetings of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe**

*September, Rome*

Madam Chair, Mr President, honourable ministers, distinguished delegates, dear colleagues,

On behalf of all 19 non-State actors<sup>1</sup>, we thank the Regional Committee for approving our accreditation, in line with the Framework of Engagement with non-State actors (FENSA). It is with great honour that we will continue to participate in the WHO Regional Committee for Europe and we would like to reaffirm our commitment to working with all stakeholders towards our shared goals.

The commitment to engage with non-State actors demonstrates to us the importance that is given by WHO to collaboration with civil society. As representatives of citizens, patients, healthcare and public health professionals, civil society organisations, we work for the common good, and we can and should play a vital role in achieving the sustainable development goals, Health 2020 and WHO's general programme of work.

We look forward to our continued collaboration and participation in the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.

Thank you,

On behalf of the 19 accredited non-State actors

Alzheimer Europe • Association for Medical Education in Europe • Center for Health Policies and Studies (PAS Center) • Centre for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation "Studiorum" • Eurocare (European Alcohol Policy Alliance) • EuroHealthNet • European Association for the Study of the Liver • European Cancer Organisation • European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations • European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians • European Forum for Primary Care • European Forum of Medical Associations • European Forum of National Nursing and Midwifery Associations • European Medical Students' Association • European Public Health Alliance • European Public Health Association • Health Care Without Harm • Standing Committee of European Doctors • Wemos

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<sup>1</sup> As listed in EUR/RC68/13 Engagement with non-State actors: Accreditation of regional non-State actors not in official relations with WHO to attend meetings of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.