

# WORLD OBESITY

## Statement to the 69<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly on the Report of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity, Agenda Item 12.2 / [document A69/8](#)

*The World Obesity Federation is a non-governmental organisation in official relations with the World Health Organization. We have as our membership over 30,000 professional clinicians and researchers in over 50 national and regional associations, and work both to reduce the prevalence of obesity and to disseminate best practices in the care and treatment of people with obesity.*

Honourable chairperson, distinguished delegates, colleagues.

I am here today representing the World Obesity Federation, along with the NCD Alliance, World Cancer Research Fund International, International Diabetes Federation, Consumers International, 1000 Days, World Public Health Nutrition Association, UK Health Forum and the Institute of Alcohol Studies.

We wish to congratulate the World Health Organization and Director-General Margaret Chan for establishing this Commission, and to thank the Commissioners for producing an excellent report with extremely timely and important recommendations for action to end childhood obesity and protect children and adolescents around the world against the risk of developing NCDs

We call on the members of this Assembly to welcome the report, to consider with urgency the full package of recommended policy actions as a minimum standard and to establish cross-governmental taskforces to ensure implementation of these actions. We also urge Member States to request from the WHO the technical assistance that may be needed to ensure that implementation is achieved rapidly and successfully. We strongly support the development of a comprehensive implementation plan, including a robust monitoring and accountability framework, for consideration at the 70<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly.

Finally, we note that several of the Commission's recommendations will have potential consequences for the producers of food and beverage products. We therefore urge Member States to take the necessary steps to protect and promote healthy diets – diets which we believe are the rights of children worldwide – and to prevent any undue influence by commercial interests on Member States' policy decisions.

