



156th WHO Executive Board Meeting

Agenda Item 24.3 – Global Strategies or action plans that are scheduled to expire within one year

Individual Statement

Distinguished delegates,

World Cancer Research Fund International, with support from World Obesity Federation, welcomes the update that exclusive breastfeeding and overweight targets are likely to be achieved by 2025. We support the call for accelerated progress by 2030: to reduce and maintain childhood overweight to less than 5%, and increase the rate of exclusive breastfeeding in the first 6 months up to at least 60%. Both actions would support the increased protection for women against breast cancer, and children against weight gain, overweight and obesity.

We also strongly support the resolution on the Extension of the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition to 2030. We urge Member States to accelerate the implementation of policies that support each of the 5 proposed actions and place priority on risk factors for cancer and NCDs, including improving food environments and commit to increasing investment.