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**Ref: Proposal for Strengthening Cancer Control: Support for an updated WHA Resolution**

Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of <Organisation name>, a member of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), the largest international cancer-fighting organisation, with over 1,000 member organisations across 160 countries.

During an official side event co-hosted by UICC at the 69th World Health Assembly on [Making the Right Investments for Cancer Control](http://uicc.org/are-we-making-right-investments-cancer-control-global-dialogue), a number of Member States called for an update to the [WHA58.22 resolution: Cancer Prevention and Control](http://www.who.int/cancer/media/news/WHA58%2022-en.pdf?ua=1) from 2005, that articulates a clear health systems response for cancer, with an emphasis on framework for strengthening early detection, diagnosis, treatment and care.

UICC is therefore very encouraged by the inclusion on the [provisional agenda](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB140/B140_1-en.pdf) for the 140th session of the WHO Executive Board of an item on “Cancer prevention and control in the context of an integrated approach” for discussion of a new cancer resolution that we believe could:

* establish the core disciplines and services for a holistic, impactful and scalable cancer response, adapted to the local burden and aligned with national capacities
* bring together existing commitments from a series of WHA resolutions that are highly relevant for cancer including on palliative care, access to surgery and anaesthesia, essential medicines, patient-centred primary care, as well as the lifecourse and aging agenda
* reinforce the mandate for the non-communicable disease (NCD) team at WHO to respond to Member States’ requests for technical assistance and guidance
* emphasise the opportunities for integration and efficiencies of building on existing health services such as HIV-AIDs, child adolescent health or reproductive health and maternal services
* provide a framework for effective international engagement; there are a number of key allied agencies and organisations who stand ready with the expertise and tools required to assist.

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UICC is keen to support WHO and Member States to ensure a robust and comprehensive cancer resolution that can help drive national progress, particularly in low- and middle- income countries that face the biggest challenges in the face of a rapidly growing cancer burden, and thus make a meaningful contribution to the 2025 NCD targets.

<Organisation name> would be happy to brief your cancer or NCD focal points on the key issues. We very much hope we can count on <Country name>’s support in pressing for the adoption of this critical document at the 70th World Health Assembly in May 2017 and kindly request an appointment for further discussions.

Sincerely,