



**IOGT International Official Statement
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This statement by IOGT International is supported by NCDA, UICC, and Vital Strategies. We commend the measures in the draft strategy and action plan and make 3 asks. With less than 12 years until the effects of climate change are irreversible, these actions cannot wait.

1. **All Member States must elevate health in UNFCCC processes:** Health sector inputs including assessments of health costs and benefits of policies contained in national adaptation plans and nationally determined contributions can accelerate action to mitigate the global climate emergency. This is a priority not only for SIDS, as outlined in the draft Action Plan, but for *all nations*.
2. **Build sustainable food and consumption systems:** A growing body of evidence shows the importance of sustainable consumption to protect human and planetary health. Food is a strong lever to optimise human health *and* environmental sustainability. This must be better reflected in the Strategy.
3. **Protect public and planetary health from undue influences:** We note with grave concern that language on tackling 'undue influence and vested interests going against public interests' has been removed in this iteration of the Strategy. Governments and the wider health community must counteract the strategies used repeatedly by greenhouse gas emitting industries. Experiences from the FCTC can support this, particularly Article 5.3 which prohibits influence of the tobacco industry on health policy making.

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