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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT – WHA 73 RESUMED AGENDA ITEM 11.2:
FOLLOW-UP TO THE HLM OF THE UNGA ON HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES –
POLITICAL DECLARATION OF HLM3 NCDs (WHA73/5) 11.11.2020**

Thank you for the opportunity.

Movendi International welcomes the report and the actions outlined to accelerate efforts towards reducing the global NCDs burden through addressing alcohol harm.

Much needs to be improved in the work to support member states in implementing the WHO Global Alcohol Strategy (GAS) as alcohol harm is increasing, not declining.

One major obstacle is obviously the alcohol industry. Therefore, WHO should desist with dialogues with Big Alcohol and provide guidance to Member States on how to protect against conflicts of interest and interference by the alcohol industry in public policy making.

The alcohol industry has a fundamental conflict of interest with regard to SDG 3 in general and SDGs 3.4 and 3.5 in particular.

Communities worldwide call on WHO and Member States to consider the evidence and thus reconsider the role of Big Alcohol in the global response to the NCDs and alcohol burden.

Thank you.

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