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Movendi International welcomes the Director General's report on the Political declaration of the 3rd UN high-level meeting on NCDs.

However, we are deeply concerned about the lack of progress towards the target of a 10% reduction in per capita alcohol use; in many countries alcohol consumption is projected to even increase.

Alcohol fuels both the coronavirus pandemic and the NCDs tsunami. This fact is an urgent reminder to scale up alcohol policy action, to help contain the pandemic, to turn the tide on NCDs and to promote development for all.

We urge Member States to:

1. Make alcohol policy the priority it should be and to implement the WHO SAFER technical package;
2. Raise and allocate resources commensurate with the health and development burden caused by alcohol.

Alcohol policy solutions holds vast and largely untapped potential to help turn the tide on NCDs and to help build back better after the pandemic.

Thank you.

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