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MOVENDI INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT

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This statement is supported by the NCD Alliance, International Youth Health Organization, and the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations.

Millions of communities are concerned about the harm caused by the alcohol industry daily, worldwide.

That's why we endorse the Global Alcohol Action Plan.

We call on Member States and WHO to:

- Adequately resource full implementation, including at community level,
- Ensure biannual review of progress at the WHA,
- Launch a global initiative for alcohol taxation, and
- Develop guidance to protect alcohol policy from industry interference.

We remain concerned about the role of the alcohol industry in the Action Plan, the WHO dialogue with Big Alcohol, and the flawed concept of "harmful use of alcohol".

Importantly, we WELCOME the Action Plan's

- ambitious targets,
- focus on the alcohol policy best buys and SAFER,
- and improvements to the alcohol policy infrastructure at all levels.

These elements promise to achieve what is urgently needed: accelerated action on alcohol as public health priority.

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