

WHA76 – FDI & IADR Statement on Group 1.1.

Item 13.2 Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health

AND

Item 13.1 Universal health coverage: Reorienting health systems to primary health care as a resilient foundation for universal health coverage and preparations for a high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage

Agenda item 13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

FDI World Dental Federation, representing over one million dentists and the International Association for Dental Research, representing over 10,000 researchers worldwide, welcome the strengthened evidence and further research for oral diseases and NCD prevention and care. Oral diseases affect 3.5 billion people worldwide and health systems without oral health fail on the health system performance dimensions of equity, quality, responsiveness, efficiency, and resilience.

We urge governments to:

- integrate oral health and oral health research into national NCDs and UHC agendas,
- ensure access to a basic package of essential oral health services at the primary care level,
- include dental care coverage in health insurance packages.
- integrate oral health in existing and emerging national health surveillance by fully implementing the Global Oral Health Action Plan and its monitoring framework and
- Plan for oral health reporting due from 2024.