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Provisional agenda item 7. Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

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FDI and IADR welcome the DG`s report which includes the implementation of the Global Oral Health Action Plan (2023-2030) as part of the NCD agenda. It also includes the first ever oral health best-buys an important guidance for scaling up national oral health responses.

We express concern that only 31% of countries have an operational national oral health policy and urge Member States to:

1. Implement the proposed actions previously agreed to by Member States in the Global Oral Health Action Plan and the oral health specific best-buys.
2. Ensure adequate surveillance capacity and uphold the necessary WHO modalities for the agreed reporting on oral health of every three years until 2030.
3. Prioritize oral health throughout the preparatory process for the fourth high-level meeting on NCDs and ensure high-level participation in the WHO global oral health meeting this December.

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