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Pillar 1: One billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage.

**Agenda item 13.1 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**

Oral health (Resolution WHA74.5 (2021))

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## FDI Statement

FDI World Dental Federation represents over one million dentists worldwide.

Preparations for the upcoming UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs included the first WHO Global Oral Health Meeting hosted by Thailand, and the Bangkok Declaration on Oral Health, its outcome document.

We are deeply concerned about the explicit exclusion of oral diseases, and commitments made at the Bangkok Meeting in the zero draft of the Political Declaration of this year's UN HLM.

Through the Bangkok Declaration, Member States unequivocally called for recognizing oral diseases, and public health measures for their prevention and management in this Political Declaration, given their high and unequal burden. Ignoring this call **undermines progress** on universal health coverage (UHC), NCD prevention, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Oral health is not optional—it is integral to health, equity, and human dignity. FDI strongly recommends recognizing oral health within this Political Declaration and at the UN HLM.

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