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We welcome the second biennial report on the Outcomes of the Second International Conference on Nutrition in the context of the Decade of Action on Nutrition and the implementation plan of the Ending Childhood Obesity report.

In particular, we applaud and recognise the work done to develop and disseminate tools, briefs and guidance by UN agencies to support the implementation of policies to address malnutrition in all its forms, and welcome the formation of global and regional Action Networks to accelerate and align policy actions across Member States. However, we are concerned with the lack of SMART commitments and uneven progress at national levels.

We support the areas identified by the Director-General requiring intensified action to reach the global nutrition and NCD targets and call on Member States to:

- Commit to ambitious SMART commitments to intensify efforts and scale up activities; Prioritise a comprehensive and systematic approach to promote policy coherence - and multisectoral action to address the current policy fragmentation;
- Implement policy actions to address both undernutrition and overweight and obesity, and nutrition-sensitive interventions;
- Ensure the mandatory implementation of evidence-informed policies, such as school nutrition and restrictions on food marketing;
- Emphasise the prevention and management of conflicts of interest in the policymaking process by industry interference;
- Increase domestic and international financing for nutrition and NCDs;
- Put in place mechanisms to engage civil society in planning and implementing nutrition and NCD actions.

We stand ready to support the preparations for the 2020 Nutrition for Growth meeting.

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