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Statement by the European Heart Network (EHN) made at the sixty-fourth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Copenhagen, 15-18 September 2014 on the *European Food and Nutrition Action Plan 2015-2020*

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STATEMENT

EHN welcomes the WHO Regional Office for Europe's proposed ***European Food and Nutrition Action Plan 2015-2020***. EHN participated in the Ministerial meeting in Vienna in July 2013; we commend the timely follow up to the Vienna Declaration adopted by health ministers in Europe.

EHN supports the ***Food and Nutrition Action Plan's*** vision, mission, guiding principles, strategic goal and objectives.

We also support the range of policies set out in the action plan. These policies were outlined in the Vienna Declaration. They are widely acknowledged to be essential to tackle the heavy burden that chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs) place on individuals and society and to reach the global target of a 25% reduction of premature deaths due to NCDs by 2025. EHN refers to reports by UN special rapporteurs on the right to food and health.^{1,2}

EHN calls on European Ministers of Health

- To endorse the WHO Regional Office for Europe's proposed ***European Food and Nutrition Action Plan 2015-2020***.
- To adopt, in autumn 2015, a ***monitoring framework*** comprising relevant indicators from WHO global monitoring frameworks and specific European Food and Nutrition Action Plan 2015–2020 indicators.

¹ Report submitted by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the UN Human Rights Council in December 2011

² Report submitted by the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Anand Grover, on unhealthy foods, non-communicable diseases and the right to health, to the UN Human Rights Council in April 2014