FROM: Dr Mukesh Kapila, CEO
TO: Executive Committee

SUBJECT: List of decisions taken by the interim Governing Board during its tenure from January 2018 till March 2019

ACTION REQUESTED: The EC is advised to adopt the following decision:

**Decision EC 3/2019; effective date 22 April 2019**

The Executive Committee takes note of the decisions taken by the Interim Governing Board in 2018-19 until the handover of its decision-making function to the Executive Committee in March 2019.

BACKGROUND:

A constitutive act of its founders established both the Defeat-NCD Partnership and its interim Governing Board, acting under the authority of interim statutes that they adopted in January 2018. The interim Board extended itself at its face-to-face consultation meeting in December 2018 until new statutes could be adopted and the new governance mechanism could come into effect. This happened on

A list of decisions taken by the previous interim Board over January 2018 till March 2019 is attached for the background information of the Executive Committee so as to facilitate historical continuity and to inform the EC’s future considerations as appropriate.
LIST OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE INTERIM GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DEFAT-NCD PARTNERSHIP (JANUARY 2018 – MARCH 2019)

31 January 2018

**Decision 1/2018:** Noting with appreciation the work done by the Steering Committee to initiate the Defeat-NCD Partnership, its members decide to constitute themselves as its Governing Board to serve with immediate effect and for the initial period till 31 December 2018.

**Decision 2/2018:** The Governing Board adopts its terms of reference and operating procedures, as outlined in document 3/2018.

**Decision 3/2018:** The Governing Board decides to appoint Dr James Hospedales as its Chair, to serve for an initial period till 31 December 2018.

**Decision 4/2018:** Noting with warm appreciation the encouragement provided by Michael Moller, Director General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, the Governing Board appoints Mr Moller as Hon President noting that this role does not have any fiduciary or legal obligations.

**Decision 5/2018:** The Governing Board appreciates the favourable reactions to the concept note dated 26 November 2017 in key stakeholder consultations, and adopts this as the founding framework for the Defeat-NCD Partnership, noting that this will be revised and updated with experience.

**Decision 6/2018:** The Governing Board thanks the initial supporters of the Defeat-NCD Partnership, appreciates the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) for its practical assistance in incubating the Partnership, and welcomes the progress that has been made so far.

**Decision 7/2018:** The Governing Board recognises the conceptual and foundational work done on the Defeat-NCD Partnership by Dr Mukesh Kapila, approves the terms of reference of the chief executive and decides to appoint Dr Kapila to this role for the period till 31 December 2018 or earlier if the longer-term chief executive of the Partnership has been selected and appointed.

**Decision 8/2018:** The Governing Board decides to initiate a competitive process for the selection of the longer-term chief executive, including through public advertising for potentially interested candidates, as soon as feasible.

**Decision 9/2018:** The Governing Board authorises the chief executive to make financial and programmatic decisions required for the effective and efficient day-to-day functioning of the Defeat-NCD Partnership, reporting to the Board on a regular and periodic basis.

**Decision 10/2018:** The Governing Board requests the chief executive to examine the best arrangements for the longer-term hosting of the Defeat-NCD Partnership, and to make recommendations to the Board accordingly. In making its selection, the Board will place
particular emphasis on the potential hosting organisation’s demonstrated capacities to (i) host the Defeat-NCD Partnership’s secretariat in Geneva where it will remain headquartered and (ii) provide country programming support through the full range of services necessary for rolling out the four tracks of the Partnership in a cost effective and efficient manner.

1 March 2018

**Decision 11/2018:** The Governing Board thanks Mr Dinuke Ranasinghe for offering to act as Treasurer, and decides to appoint him to this role for the initial period till 31 December 2018. The Treasurer’s terms of reference are to advise the Board and CEO on (i) the budgetary and financial aspects of the programme of work of the Partnership; (ii) obtaining best value for money on the activities and arrangements entered-into by the Partnership; (iii) financial sustainability aspects of the Partnership.

23 March 2018

**Decision 12/2018:** Having reviewed the requirements and potential options for longer-term hosting, the Governing Board decides to invite the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) to host The Defeat-NCD Partnership and requests the chief executive to agree the necessary hosting terms with UNOPS and proceed to initiating the hosting arrangement as soon as possible.

5 May 2018

**Decision 13/2018:** Pursuant to its Decision Number 8 dated 31 January 2018 to initiate a competitive process for the selection of the longer-term chief executive and having reviewed the subsequent recommendations of the CEO Selection Panel, the Governing Board decides to appoint Dr Mukesh Kapila as the Chief Executive Officer for The Defeat-NCD Partnership on a one-year renewable basis and commensurate with UN D2 Step 10, reflecting the qualifications and previous experience of the selected candidate. The Board requests the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), as the host of The Defeat-NCD Partnership Secretariat, to proceed with the contracting arrangement with the candidate as soon as possible.

12 May 2018

**Decision 14/2018:** The Governing Board approves, in principle, the proposed terms for the hosting of the Defeat-NCD Partnership Secretariat by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and requests the Chief Executive Officer, to agree the final terms with UNOPS, incorporating, at his discretion, any non-substantive changes that may be appropriate.

**Decision 15/2018.** The Governing Board approves, in principle, the initial proposed resourcing framework of up to US$120 million for the Defeat-NCD Partnership over 2018-2021 and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to plan the operational work of the Partnership on the basis of the actual resources that are mobilised.

**Decision 16/2018.** The Governing Board approves, in principle, the proposed indicative organogram for the secretariat of the Defeat-NCD Partnership and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to recruit appropriately up to the limit of 36 fulltime equivalent personnel and subject to actual operational needs and available funds.
1 August 2018

**GB Doc 17/2018**: The Board notes the report of the completion of the incubation phase from 31 January till 31 July 2018.

16 November 2018

**GB Doc 18/2018**: The Board notes the workplan to which the secretariat is working guided by the latest version of our strategy (see ‘brochure’ launched 24 September 2018), and the policies and priorities discussed with Board and other stakeholders, and influenced by the rules and procedures to which we are subject under our Hosting Terms, as well as the progressive availability of resources. This plan will continue to evolve.

11 December 2018

**Decision x/2018 (referenced in GB Doc 1/2019 dated 24 Feb 2019)**: The face-to-face consultation of the interim Board on 10/11 December 2018 concluded by deciding to extend the term of the interim Board from its initial cessation on 31 December 2018 upto 31 March 2019 pending the adoption of new statues and Governance Mechanism.

13 March 2019

**Decision 1/2019**: The statutes of the revised Governance Mechanism (GB Doc 2A dated 6 March 2019) are promulgated with immediate effect, thereby establishing its High-Level Council, Consultative Group, and Executive Committee, with their respective scope and terms of reference. Accordingly, the present Governing Board is dissolved and, with much appreciation to its members for their service, they are enrolled as members of the Consultative Group, with Dr James Hospedales continuing as Chair. In accord with the provision that the chairs of the Consultative Group and the Executive Committee should be the same, Dr James Hospedales is confirmed as the initial Chair of the Executive Committee.