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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to Permanent Missions to the United Nations and has the honor to refer to the negotiation of a political declaration in connection with the fourth high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being. The United States is compelled to bring to the attention of Member States our grave concern about the possibility that the modalities established by the General Assembly for these negotiations may be disregarded.

We appreciated the efforts of the cofacilitators and the good faith engagement by Member States on this text but regret that the final text offered did not address our clearly communicated concerns. Given this, the United States was forced to break silence on the text circulated, conveying that consensus has not been reached on the final text in this intergovernmental negotiation.

In the modalities resolution 79/273, the General Assembly decided that “the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, [...] to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly.” The modalities chosen by member states are clear in their direction and must be faithfully implemented. The most recent draft of the political declaration has not been agreed by consensus in advance, and thus the conditions stipulated by

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the modalities resolution have not been met. Therefore, the draft political declaration should not be brought before the high-level meeting for approval. Disregarding the modalities set by the General Assembly would set a dangerous precedent and subvert the will of sovereign member states.

The United States kindly requests the support of all Member States in opposing the transmittal of the political declaration for approval at the high-level meeting.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions the assurances of its highest consideration.



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