



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 November, 2013

Excellency,

I refer to the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, held in New York on 19 and 20 September 2011, and the resulting Political Declaration of that High-level meeting contained in resolution 66/2. The Political Declaration calls for, inter alia, a comprehensive review and assessment, in 2014, of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). As we are fast approaching the stipulated timeframe, it is my understanding that it would be desirable to commence consultations with Member States and other relevant stakeholders on the arrangements for such a comprehensive review as early as possible.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Ms. Benedicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, as co-facilitators to lead open, transparent and inclusive consultations on my behalf.

I would like to thank Ambassador Frankinet and Ambassador Rattray for accepting this responsibility and I trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to them.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John W. Ashe', written over a horizontal line.

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York