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World Health Organisation's Draft Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health  
- Comments submitted by Switzerland

Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

The Government of Switzerland appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the World Health Organisation's Draft Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (EB113/44 Add.1).

Switzerland would like to congratulate the WHO for the elaboration of the Draft Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health. Our Government welcomes this comprehensive Strategy which will enable Governments to develop, implement and evaluate actions, as appropriate to national circumstances as part of their overall policies and programmes to promote individual and community health through healthy diets and physical activity, and to reduce the risks and incidence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). We believe that the Global Strategy as it is presented, isn't an Action Plan in itself but rather that it provides a whole set of measures which can be implemented by Governments based on their particular needs in line with the epidemiological data available to them.

Switzerland recognises the important role that can be played by Governments in facilitating and developing good information, services and public health policies that support the exercise of individual responsibility for health through the adoption of lifestyles that include a healthy diet and physical activity. We fully agree that public strategies and action are necessary in order to make healthier choices accessible, especially to children. Furthermore, Governments should also encourage all stakeholders to join in the implementation of the Strategy in order to achieve its aims and objectives.

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Switzerland strongly supports the endorsement of the Draft Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health by the World Health Assembly at its forthcoming May 2004 session.

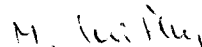
Yours sincerely,

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