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Dear Dr. Pramming,

The World Heart Federation, the leading non-governmental organization for the prevention and control of heart disease and stroke, strongly supports the Sydney Resolution delivered at the Oxford Health Alliance Summit held in February 2008 in Sydney, Australia.

As you know, the World Heart Federation tirelessly advocates for the acknowledgement of the rising trend in chronic diseases as a major public health threat, notably in low- and middle-income countries. We are a firm believer in the multi-stakeholder approach to tackle this complex issue and thus commend the Oxford Health Alliance for having delivered a call to action that will provide a necessary impulse in the fight against chronic diseases. The World Heart Federation fully endorses the Sydney Resolution and will be disseminating it to our 196 member organizations around the world.

Yours sincerely,

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President