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The World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPALM) is a global network of 45 physician-lead Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in 34 countries, committed to promoting health throughout the world by promoting the teaching and practice of all aspects of Pathology/Laboratory Medicine.

- (1) Recognising that the diagnostic laboratory plays a very important and significant role in medical decisions and public health, and
- (2) Recognising the grave implications of the rising threat of multidrug-resistant organisms, and non-communicable diseases,
- (3) WASPaLM stands ready to work with WHO in calling upon its members to support Agenda Item 5. Policy & Technical topics, (k) Progress reports:

(i) Category 1 – Communicable diseases – Implementation of the Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in the WHO European Region 2011–2015 (EUR/RC61/R7), and

(ii) Category 2 – Noncommunicable diseases – Action Plan for the implementation of the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012–2016 (EUR/RC61/R3), in particular cardiovascular disease, diabetes and cancer.

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