



**SIOP's draft statement for World Health Assembly 2023 [21–30 May]
Agenda item 13.2 – ‘Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the
General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable
diseases, and mental health’**

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The Slovak Republic's proposal to map childhood cancer services globally elicited support from Afghanistan, Ghana, Oman, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Timor-Leste, Maldives, South Korea, Morocco, Ethiopia, Colombia, and Slovenia at the 152nd WHO Executive Board meeting.

Childhood cancers represent a high-need group of diseases in the oncology and broader NCD landscape. The WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer is a key catalyst for action across low- and middle-income countries. Incorporating childhood cancer as a best buy in the NCD Global Action Plan reinforces the call for further concerted efforts.

Member State engagement is crucial for mapping childhood cancer services and establishing the evidence-base for actions that advance care in a strategic and cost-effective manner.

As the single united professional society in paediatric oncology, SIOP and its members offer wide-ranging expertise to support global mapping of childhood cancer services.