Global TB Caucus statement of intent on the High-Level Meeting on TB

We, the undersigned, as political representatives from across the world, reaffirm our commitment to the Global TB Caucus’ vision of a united parliamentary response to TB that transcends political and geographical boundaries, and:

1. Celebrate the hosting of the first United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB as a high-watermark for political attention to the global TB epidemic and congratulate all stakeholders who contributed to the meeting;

2. Declare that the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals to end TB by 2030, signed by all Heads of State, and reaffirmed in the Political Declaration from the UN High-Level Meeting on TB, can only be achieved through collaborative and coordinated action across all nations, with each state taking responsibility for its fair share of global targets;

3. Affirm that the success of the High-Level Meeting will not be determined by the scale of the commitments made in the Political Declaration, but by whether those commitments are fully delivered and result in meaningful change for people affected by TB around the world, and

4. Challenge Heads of State and Government to take rapid action to demonstrate their resolve to deliver fully on their own commitments.

And, recognising that we, as political leaders in our own right, have an important role to play in holding our governments to account for the promises that they have made, hereby commit:

5. To build sustainable, non-partisan, political initiatives in our national parliaments to drive sustained political pressure on TB, and ensure that such initiatives work in collaboration with civil society and other key stakeholders in the response to TB;

6. To press for the immediate establishment of national, cross-departmental bodies to monitor the implementation of the commitments made in the Political Declaration from the United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB and to make concrete recommendations for steps that can be taken to accelerate progress;

7. To work through interparliamentary platforms at the regional level to press for ongoing Head of State and Government-level meetings on TB in regional intergovernmental platforms to drive an internationally coordinated response to the epidemic;

8. To take every action necessary in our collective and individual capacities, in partnership with all relevant stakeholders including important international organisations, to ensure that Heads of State and Government deliver in full the commitments made in the Political Declaration from the United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB and that we, as a global community and in each individual member state, achieve our shared objective of ending TB by 2030.