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Item 20.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025

Item 20.2 Proposed programme budget 2024–2025

Brazil welcomes the current proposal for the Programme budget 2024-2025 and the report on financing and implementation of current and future Programme Budget.

Brazil reiterates the urgent need for WHO, in its process of governance and financing reform, to address the persistent and chronic imbalances in regional distribution of resources. While noting the specific aspects associated with the registry of voluntary contributions to PAHO, Brazil recalls the need for further immediate action on gaps that affect the region of the Americas, since throughout the years, the regional office and country offices have faced persistent gaps.

The existing inequity in the allocation of resources among regions is a serious issue and Brazil expects that decisions on budget to be taken by the next World Health Assembly are steps to solve this problem in a final way.

On the proposed Programme Budget, Brazil commends the efforts of WHO to maintain the current level of the base-segment so as to avoid its inflation. We also appreciate some innovative procedures adopted in the cycle, including release of detailed information on prioritization and some information on expenditures, that were not available previously.

We are still expecting, however, additional details on current expenditures and on the use of a possible increase in assessed contributions to be considered as a part of the reform package to be presented to the World Health Assembly. We stress that the practice of complete disclosure of information on expenditures to Member States is a common practice adopted by UN agencies. It is high time the WHO follows this path.



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On the programme of work, we would reiterate three points already put forward during the last PBAC:

- On pillar 2, as highlighted on the discussions held yesterday, the 10 proposals on Strengthening the Global Architecture for Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience are still preliminary suggestions under consultation and this should be reflected on the text. We would also request the Secretariat to provide specific documentation with information of the costing of each of the 10 proposals. Moreover, Brazil believes that these proposals have already fulfilled their role and no further action should be taken on them;
- On pillar 1, priority must be given to work of WHO on access to medicines and on promoting local production.
- On pillar 3, we call for alignment with the concepts of the Rio Declaration on Social Determinants of Health and not including terms not discussed by Member States, such as commercial determinants of health.

Thank you very much.