

**152ª Sessão do Conselho Executivo da OMS
30 de janeiro - 07 de fevereiro de 2023**

**Item 24.3 - Comitê Permanente de Prevenção, Preparação e
Resposta às Emergências de Saúde
(Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention,
Preparedness and Response)**

- Brazil welcomes the establishment of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, and Response and would like to congratulate and extend our full support to its members, in particular Canada and Paraguay, as the two members from the Americas region.
- Brazil's new administration is fully engaged in multilateral discussions regarding prevention, preparedness and response to health emergencies.
- We reiterate that any new initiatives in this field should be guided by the principle of equity and properly address the stark disparities which were observed during the COVID-19 pandemics regarding the access to countermeasures, especially in developing countries, through expanding local and regional production of health technologies.
- Brazil considers that a whole-of-government approach as well as multistakeholder engagement are essential to PPR at local, national, regional and international levels.

- We are looking forward to discussions within the Standing Committee on how it will carry out its work, in accordance with decision EB 151(2) and its terms of reference, particularly when a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) is declared.
- We believe that the work of the Standing Committee should be based on scientific evidence, take into account the needs expressed by the Member States affected by health emergencies and remain complementary to existing processes, avoiding duplication of efforts. In particular, we will need to determine what would be the relationship between this new body and the amended IHR and the future instrument on pandemics.
- With respect to document EB152/54, we understand the need to address the misalignment of the terms of membership of the Standing Committee and support option 1, which would extend the two-year terms of the three members of the Standing Committee whose terms would otherwise expire in December 2024 until the 78th World Health Assembly, in May 2025.

Thank you.