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Item 5 - Cobertura Universal de Saúde (Universal Health Coverage)

- Universal health coverage implies that all people have access, without discrimination, to the needed essential health services and essential, safe, affordable, effective and quality medicines and health products and technologies, while ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the users to financial hardship with a special emphasis on the poor, vulnerable and marginalized segments of the population;
- A lack of adequate financing and inefficient use of available resources are major challenges in moving towards universal health coverage. Brazil stresses the importance of strengthening international cooperation and honoring commitments towards national and international health financing;
- Efficient and participatory health systems require the commitment of society, with clear mechanisms for inclusion, transparency, and accountability, as well as a multisectoral participation, dialogue, and consensus among the different social actors. For example, Brazil



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pioneered the universalization of HIV treatment in 1996, including it as part of our right to health constitutional provision, safeguarding the basis of a full-fledged and self-sustained program, that recognizes the essential role of engaging the community.

- We call for more funding for the universalization of access to health, involving a comprehensive primary health care.

- Dear Chair,

Brazil looks forward to the 2023 United Nations high-level meeting on universal health coverage and the promotion of concrete actions towards expanding local production and affordable access to medical products and technologies. Brazil is proud to be one of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the topic, led by Thailand. We believe that is an important initiative to coordinate a consensus-political declaration to be adopted in September.

- We support the upcoming United Nations high-level meeting on tuberculosis and the efforts to eliminate TB by 2035, in accordance with the End TB Strategy.



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Dear Chair,

- Brazil is honored to co-sponsor the draft resolution proposed by Ethiopia on emergency, critical and operative care (ECO). We also thank eSwatini for the leadership on the draft resolution on diagnostics and Uganda on the draft resolution on medical oxygen.
- Finally, there is a need to give proper recognition and address the needs and challenges of the health workforce. We must take care of the health workers, who are an essential pillar to achieve universal health coverage and access.