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Mr. Chairman, Dr. Tedros,

Brazil aligns itself with the statement delivered by Canada on behalf of the group of the Americas.

We are glad that this new version reflects a genuine effort to incorporate members' views and perspectives. As you, Dr. Tedros, said, the GPW is now enriched because of our comments. This is good. A successful GPW depends on a strong support by the membership, which, in turn, is facilitated by transparency and dialogue.

In general terms, we reiterate our support to the level of ambition and to the proposed strategic priorities. We reaffirm our willingness to join efforts towards the realization of the main objectives set out in the document.

Brazil also appreciates the greater clarity brought by the revised draft with reference to many important issues, among which the following ones:

- the central role of the normative work of WHO. Here is where WHO can deliver the best results for us all, and have greater impact in global public health;
- a more developed approach on access to medicines, vaccines and health products, in a comprehensive fashion;
- reference to South – South cooperation in the context of research and innovation; and



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- concrete targets and timeframe for gender parity and enhanced geographical diversity within the secretariat. A similar

Some topics, however, would merit some more debate. Among them I would like to flag the following:

- alignment of Universal Health Coverage with Agenda 2030. We are reassured by Dr Tedros' comments today on the full alignment between them. Our understanding is that those comments will be reflected in the text;
- concept of "fragile" and "vulnerable" countries in the context of the emergency pillar;
- the relationship between reinforcement of national health systems, on the one hand, and prevention and long term solutions to emergency, on the other;
- the proper contribution by WHO, in accordance with its mandates and priorities, in areas such as climate change; and
- how the 5 Platforms under strategic priority 3 will interact so as to be truly interconnected and also support the other 2 strategic priorities, as stated in the draft.

Further discussions are also welcome and necessary in terms of financing and the impact framework. We understand, and agree, that the strategic vision is now our focus, but those are critical issues for the adequate implementation of the GPW.

On process, Brazil would appreciate some more information on the next steps towards the approval of GPW 13 by the World Health Assembly, including whether another revised version will be drafted in light of today's debate.

Thank you.