Chairperson,

Brazil thanks the report and supports the decision, as amended by Chile, proposing the creation of the Decade of Healthy Ageing. We welcome, above all, the priority on multisectoral and multistakeholder engagement and collaboration, as proposed for the Decade.

Ageing is very important on Brazil’s health agenda. As a developing country, we have had our demographic transition some 40 years ago and, by 2030, over 41 million Brazilians will be older than 60 years of age.

In this context, it is fundamental to support initiatives that reinforce synergies among public policies aimed at improving the quality of life of the elderly. Different dimensions of life must be taken into account, such as housing, transportation, psychological support, education, and, above all, access to quality and integral system of health services, so as to allow the enjoyment of life to the fullest.

Older population must also rely on community support, which is aligned to the WHO policy on the matter. Abandonment and solitude,
in many cases with dire financial consequences, call for actions and support on the part of those living closer to the elderly, what also can be achieved through primary health attention. We welcome, thus, the Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

Thank you.