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7.1. Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world

STATEMENT BY BRAZIL

Chairperson,

We align ourselves to the FPGH statement delivered by Indonesia.

Brazil welcomes the report about WHO actions to implement the High-Level Political Declaration on UHC, of last September.

Brazil’s constitution upholds the right of every individual in Brazilian territory, irrespective of their status, to access health services in our national health system, the “Sistema Único de Saúde” or SUS.

The expansion and strengthening of UHC cannot be merely focused on offering a minimal or essential set of services. Firstly and foremost it has to promote access to a quality, integral and timely system, to all citizens and communities.

WHO must also strive help to develop mechanisms for financial protection and to favor elimination of direct payments, thus reducing impoverishment caused by out-of-pocket health expenditure.

We stand for a people-centered health system, based on universal access to health, prioritization of preventive measures and Primary Health Care, in cooperation and coordination with different stakeholders, such as academia and the private sector.
As we uphold UHC as an important goal, we highlight the need to elaborate a methodology and tools to measure our progress.

Thank you.