

150TH MEETING OF THE WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD

AGENDA ITEM 14 - Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

AGENDA ITEM 21.1 - Global strategies and plans of action that are scheduled to expire within one year: Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

STATEMENT BY BRAZIL

Dear Director-General,

Brazil is honored to be one of the proponents of a decision to extend the validity of the plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property until 2030. We thank all delegations for their constructive and insightful participation in the negotiations, with special appreciation to those countries that decided to co-sponsor the text.

The GSPA-PHI form the backbone of the work of WHO in the interface between Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property, including the trilateral cooperation among WHO, WIPO and WTO.

We are confident that the actions foreseen in this plan are central to the resilience and sustainability of national health systems, and can contribute to less unequal access to health technologies, including during sanitary crises and pandemics. We recall the necessity to fully fund the activities under this programme.

Brazil also looks forward to a review of indicators and to informal consultations for the sharing of best practices, as per the decision the Board is about to adopt.

On item 14, Brazil supports WHO work on standardization of medical devices nomenclature. This effort should generate efficiency gains in the management of public health, and facilitate transparency with regards to products pricing and importation procedures.

The main producers of medical items should, in our view and preferably, commit to cooperate in the WHO efforts to promote effective international standardization.

Thank you.Thank you.