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### **20.3 Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2025**

#### **20.4 Scale of assessments**

#### **20.5 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules 2024–2025**

Brazil welcomes the efforts and endeavors of the Secretariat on governance matters, with a view to make WHO more effective and efficient and provide countries with better support.

With regards to the extension of GPW13 (“General Programme of Work 2019-2025”), Brazil reiterates the urgent need to intensify domestic and international efforts to put us back on track to reaching the goals of Agenda 2030. The COVID-19 pandemic had tragic consequences all over the world, having disproportionately affected developing countries and the most vulnerable populations.

Brazil stresses that universal health coverage is fundamental for achieving all Sustainable Development Goals, in particular – but not only – those related health and well-being, and should remain the guiding principle of WHO’s strategy until 2030.

We therefore continue to advocate that reaching Universal Health Coverage through strengthening primary health care and providing more efficient and affordable services should be the cornerstone of the mandate of WHO and of its General Programme of Work.

Brazil welcomes the efforts to carry out consultations on the GPW13 extension and its outcomes. The new report puts the focus of the extended Programme of Work on countries’ priorities and needs. We welcome the changes effectuated, in particular those that put the GPW more in line with WHO’s mandate and Member States collective vision, avoiding language that promotes the securitization of the health agenda or uses formulations not in accordance with the Rio Declaration on Social Determinants of Health.



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On the Amendments to the Financial Regulation and Financial Rules, Brazil would like to indicate its strong preference for Option A for amendment to Regulation 6.5. The current methodology for the application of Article 7 has been determined by Resolutions of the World Health Assembly. Any changes to our usual, traditional and well-functioning practice, if they are to be enacted after consensus is reached by Member States, should be done only by means of a WHA Resolution.