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### **Item 6 - Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health**

- Brazil reiterates its commitment to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and for the promotion of the population's health, with a view to addressing health inequalities and social determinants.
- As presented in the document before us today, the COVID-19 pandemic had a negative effect on the continuity of care for the chronically ill and that is fundamental to develop strategies to strengthen national health systems that are resilient to health emergencies, especially through primary health care.
- One stark example is the decreasing number of cancer screening tests due to the pandemic, calling to attention the need to strengthen primary health care within universal health systems. We cannot segment our societies between people that live longer and people that live shorter lives.



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- Brazil supports the continuous update of the appendix 3 of the Global Plan of Action for the prevention and control of NCDs 2013-2030, which will further help Member States on developing and monitoring informed strategies for achieving the NCDs targets and improve their populations' health.
- We would like to call attention to Brazilian renewed commitment to mental health, aiming at guaranteeing our population integral and humanized care and realigning our national mental health agenda with the Brazilian psychiatric reform.
- Thank you.