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Assessoria Especial de Assuntos Internacionais

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ITEM 22 – Climate Change and Health - OK

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Dear Chair,

Climate change poses a significant threat to health systems and well-being of populations globally, disproportionately affecting those in developing countries.

In this context, the WHO Global Action Plan must adopt a bold and inclusive approach. We encourage the inclusion of explicit goals and actions aimed at addressing structural and social inequalities.

We also stress the importance of empowering vulnerable communities, through mechanisms that ensure their meaningful participation in decision-making processes and by increasing their direct access to financial resources, technical assistance, and capacity-building programs. Equity should be a guiding principle and a measurable outcome in the implementation of the Global Action Plan.

Furthermore, it is vital to integrate health into national, regional and global climate policies, including those under the UNFCCC. Strengthening health systems' resilience to climate impacts and reducing greenhouse gas emissions within the health sector must remain priorities, supported by regular risk assessments and tangible interventions.



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Brazil is committed to advancing the climate-health agenda and, in this regard, is part of the Quintipartite coalition, which aims to strengthen the realization of a dedicated Health and Climate Day during COP-30. In this regard, the Brazilian Ministry of Health has outlined a roadmap leading up to COP-30, which includes 3 consultation meetings to discuss the main lines of the Action Plan and a side event during the WHA.

Brazil strongly advocates for the integration of traditional knowledge with scientific research to strengthen the evidence base on climate change and health.

In conclusion, health itself mobilizes a productive and innovative system that must assume a key role to face climate change.

The forests, the different ecosystems, the ocean reefs and the biodiversity must be considered as an opportunity and not a barrier for a new pattern of development that considers life of people and the planet in first place.

Thank you!