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Mr Chair,

Brazil appreciates the detailed information and comprehensive overview provided by the recent report on the financing and implementation of the Programme Budget 2024–2025 and the recent updated presentation during PBAC41 last week.

It is, indeed, encouraging to note that, as of December 2024, the base segment was 99% funded, reflecting an increase compared to the same period in the previous biennium, when base was 87% financed. This progress underscores Member-states and WHO's collective commitment to advancing global health initiatives.

However, it is important to acknowledge the challenges that persist. Such a high dependency on earmarked voluntary contributions limits flexibility in allocating resources to priority and underfunded areas, potentially hindering effective budget implementation.

On a positive note, the report highlights an encouraging development: which is the increase in financing for country offices. This marks a significant step towards empowering local WHO teams to address health challenges directly where they matter most. By channeling resources to the country level, the organization ensures that its support is more targeted, responsive, and impactful, aligning with the diverse and more individualized needs of Member States.



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This emphasis on country-level financing reflects WHO's recognition that sustainable health outcomes begin with strong local foundations.

In regards to regional level, budget allocations must also not only be protected but be balanced.

On this subject, Brazil would still like to draw attention to the chronic underfunding of the Americas region.

In short, it is crucial to ensure that resources are dully allocated in an equitable and transparent way, with mechanisms in place to monitor and evaluate is effectiveness.

To address these issues, we must strive for a more balanced funding approach, reducing dependence on earmarked contributions and enhancing our capacity to allocate resources strategically in areas and initiatives thoroughly discussed and agreed upon by Member States. This will enable us to respond more effectively to emerging health challenges and ensure that all priority areas receive adequate support.

In conclusion, commendable strides have been made in funding WHO's initiatives, and it is imperative that Member States continue to seek sustainable and flexible financing solutions. By doing so, we can uphold our commitment and ensure the successful implementation of our mutually agreed goals and equity in global health.

I thank you, Mr Chair.