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ITEM 23.2 - Proposed Programme Budget 2026-2027

Mr Chair,

Brazil welcomes WHO's proposed programme budget 2026-2027.

Now, more than ever, it is evident the fundamental role and indispensable contribution Member-states can play in strengthening and shaping the programme budget.

All of us in this room share a common goal, which is to enhance accountability, efficiency and, last but not least, transparency – keeping up with a stronger WHO.

And, as many of us here discussed during PBAC last week, it is indeed still concerning the proportion of WHO budget that continues to be funded by earmarked voluntary contributions.

As for assessed contributions, given the recent increase and aspirational commitments for further augmentations - as per the Working Group on Sustainable Financing recommendations reflected in document WHA 75(8) – it is our obligation to consistently and persistently aim for better accountability and improvements, and thoroughly follow up on the adoption and implementation of those guidelines deemed necessary by the WGSF, the AMSTG and other processes.

Brazil acknowledges and appreciates the means and platforms being adapted by this organization. We are also contented that,



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given the current circumstances, the WHO is reporting not only victories but also issues.

And, following this line, we firmly believe the need to assure complete disclosure of information on WHO's expenditures – and which projects and initiatives are privileged – in order to ensure utmost transparency. That is now, more than ever, not only indispensable but also something customarily adopted by UN agencies.

Brazil showed its political support for the sustainable financing of the World Health Organization as the cohost of the Investment Round a couple of months ago during the Brazilian presidency of the G20. We must rise to the challenges of our time. If we allow the WHO to lose its capacity to address global health, we will be held accountable by both current and future generations.

And (it could not be any different) Brazil continues to support the sustainable financing of this invaluable institution, jointly with stronger transparency and accountability.

Thank you.