



***Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva***

**73<sup>rd</sup> World Health Assembly**

**Brazil's confirmation of co-sponsorship and explanation of position**

**Resolution "COVID-19 Response"**

*(Geneva, 19 May 2020)*

Brazil is glad and has the honor to join as a cosponsor of the "COVID-19 response" resolution, adopted by the 73rd session of the World Health Assembly on 19 May 2020.

To join consensus, Brazil has strived to exercise flexibility to accept language that, in our view, does not reflect the best approach to deal with some topics, such as the references to antimicrobial resistance or the reference to the concept of "global public good for health", as vague as it lacks practical consequences.

In joining consensus, Brazil also wishes to reiterate its position with regards to language relating to sexual and reproductive services. In no case should it be interpreted as promoting abortion as a method of family planning.

On the other hand, one must underline the merits of the Resolution when it stresses the primary responsibility of Member States in the response to the pandemic; the promotion of equitable access and fair distribution of quality, safe, effective and affordable medicines, vaccines and diagnostics; the concern about increased domestic violence against women; and the right to privacy.

Likewise, the resolution provides an adequate answer to the request made by the overwhelming majority of speakers during this Assembly to perform an independent, impartial and comprehensive evaluation of the WHO response to COVID-19.



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We must seize this opportunity and come together to expeditiously perform this evaluation to better prevent, prepare and respond to future challenges.

We now have to shape the process to fulfill this collective decision.

Brazil looks forward to the implementation of the Resolution.

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