



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

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***Item 11.4 - Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health problem***

**Written Statement by BRAZIL**

Brazil welcomes the adoption of the *Strategy to Eliminate Cervical Cancer as a World Health Problem by 2030*, in accordance with Resolution WHA73.2, of which Brazil is a cosponsor.

As a longstanding supporter of the health of women and girls, Brazil looks forward to further cooperation with other interested Member States, with a view to implementing the Strategy and striving to reach the goals set for 2030.

Brazil recalls the importance of immunization against HPV as a tool for the prevention of cervical cancer, in conjunction with more significant efforts on screening (particularly early screening) diagnostics and care (especially palliative care).

The challenges faced in the prevention and control of other vaccine-preventable diseases are also relevant to the efforts for vaccination against HPV.

Member States, with the adequate support of WHO, should commit to expanding production and promoting access to safe, quality, effective, efficacious and affordable vaccines, including through the diversification of producers and manufacturers.



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Brazil would like to reiterate its concerns with prices for HPV vaccines for developing countries not eligible to Gavi support.

Finally, Brazil notes the need to promote the safe resumption of screening and detection activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Maintaining essential health services alongside the fight against this global health emergency is urgent and crucial, so that we do not lose the gains made thus far.

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