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Written Statement by BRAZIL

Brazil welcomes the adoption of Resolution WHA73.4 on Integrated people-centered eye care, including preventable vision impairment and blindness. We commend Australia and Indonesia for their leadership on this issue.

Brazil reiterates the need to address the challenges in eye care faced by vulnerable populations, particularly indigenous peoples and other isolated populations, in rural and remote areas.

Integration of eye care into primary health care and with broader efforts to achieve universal health coverage can have a key impact on the coverage of effective interventions in the continuum of eye care.

Brazil reaffirms that those are usually extremely cost-effective interventions, and therefore call upon WHO and Member States to support evidence-based actions in eye care.

Brazil continues to address challenges faced by vulnerable populations in its territory, providing access to cataract surgeries,



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glaucoma surgeries, vitrectomies, strabismus and other retinal ailments.

Brazil looks forward to participating in the consultative process being conducted by the Secretariat, which should take into full account the needs, situations and capacities of developing countries in the further development of the programmatic guidance and orientation for reaching the recommendations and targets for 2030.
