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*Item 12 - WHO Global Code of Practice on the International
Recruitment of Health Personnel*

STATEMENT BY BRAZIL

Chairperson,

Brazil thanks the Expert Advisory Group for its report on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel.

We consider the WHO Global Code of Practice as a key tool for global dialogue and cooperation in order to address the challenges associated with job mobility and international migration of health professionals.

As noted by the EAG, there has been an increase in Member States' awareness of, and engagement with, the Code, with more than 110 countries having submitted national reports.

We urge the Director-General to give a strong push towards reaching universal reporting, in order to verify and promote further commitment to the Code worldwide.

We also invite all relevant stakeholders to implement the recommendations contained in the EAG's report.

Brazil also acknowledges the synergies of the Code of Practice with the celebration, in 2020, of the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.

As dramatically shown by the COVID-19 pandemic, the role played by health professionals becomes even more visible and relevant in emergency situations.

Brazil thanks and praises these brave professionals in the frontline of our response.

In this light, Brazil supports the designation of 2021 as the International Year of Health and Care Workers.

Brazil supports the adoption of the decision contained in document A73/B/CONF./2

Thank you.