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Item 13.3. Influenza Preparedness

Written Statement by BRAZIL

Brazil notes the reports by the Director-General. We are pleased to be one of the co-sponsors of Decision WHA73(14). We look forward to working for its implementation.

The influenza virus is one of the greatest public health concerns. It kills thousands of people each year and has a sizeable negative impact on productivity and economic output.

International collaboration has been key, for more than 60 years, to deal with flu. Tools such as the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS) and the PIP Framework ensure that this collaboration remains stable, benefits countries with less capacities and fosters access to diagnostics and vaccines in the case of pandemics.

This balance is essential and has to be preserved.

For Brazil, it is imperative that the timely sharing, essential for the preservation of public health, is aligned with national regulations. Identifying instances where there is incompatibility is of essence to work with governmental authorities to find solutions that do not undermine sovereign rights.
