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Sustainable Financing

Statement by BRAZIL

Mr. Chair,

Brazil wishes to thank WHO for the establishment of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing and for the support given by the secretariat to its work. We would also like to commend the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Working Group for the transparent, inclusive and step-wise approach for the conduction of its discussions, as well as for the participation of all MS.

Brazil recalls tthat, from a realistic and pragmatic point of view, the work of the group should focus – first and foremost – on how WHO can best perform within the current level of funding and how to increase the quality of its funding.

It should also help to promote a debate on oversight, governance, direction and leadership of Member States.

Brazil understands that the Working Group should firstly address the existence of the so-called “pockets of poverty” within the WHO's areas of activity, which effectively compromise the organization's capacity to follow up on the priorities defined by the WHA.

Brazil further commends the secretariat for the recent work related to improving the quality and flexibility of sustainable funding, through various initiatives, which have been successful in promoting further alignment in the organization.

In that context, Brazil also reiterates the need for WHA to be fully cognizant of the fiscal constraints in many, if not all, countries, in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally,

Taking into account the discussions from yesterday on item 3.1, Brazil would kindly ask the PBAC to recommend that the secretariat engage in consultations with Member States to revise the actions and acitivities outlined in the new revised outputs for the Programme Budget 2022-2023, since while the general concept of these outputs have been presented to Member States, there are several concerns related to their content in the latest version of the proposal.