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Agenda item 12. Programme budget 2022–2023: revision Statement by Brazil

Brazil welcomes the proposal for revision of the Programme Budget for 2022-2023.

We reiterate our appreciation for the recent consultations carried out by the Secretariat, with a view to inform Member States and to collect their perspectives on the revised workplan and budget, which has significantly enriched the final document.

Brazil understands that the current budgeting methodology and process would benefit, in general, from building upon the aforementioned advances, with a view to providing a structured framework for dialogue between the Secretariat and Member States, at headquarters and at the regions, through regular and predictable sessions, including for financial and budgetary updates. It would also be improved by providing more clarity on key inputs and activities.

This would guarantee strong support for the prioritization process undertaken while developing the budget and, most importantly, would allow for the Governing Bodies to better pursue their oversight role.

With regards to the workplan, Brazil recalls the fundamental need that it is aligned with ongoing discussions between Member States, without pre-empting debates on programmatic initiatives.

Brazil also underlines the importance of ensuring higher levels of the base segment are financed sustainably. This will require discipline from Member States and from the Secretariat, as well as advances on the positive efforts already in place for cost-efficiencies and savings. It might also benefit from a reevaluation of the size of the base-segment, particularly with regards to specific special initiatives.

Finally, on the extension of GPW-13 until 2025, Brazil welcomes the decision to extend our current collective framework, with a view to put the world back on track on our health targets. Brazil asserts that any fundamental substantive revision of GPW must be thoroughly discussed with Member States. Brazil recalls that universal health coverage is fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals related not only to health



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and well-being, but also to all SDGs, and should remain the guiding principle of WHO's strategy until 2030.

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