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**ITEM 11.1 – Universal Health Coverage
ITEM 11.2 – Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level
meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-
communicable diseases**

Chair,

Universal health coverage stands as a pivotal means to realize equity in society, hinging upon robust national health systems and a proficient health workforce.

Despite strides in infectious disease coverage, particularly in developing nations, global progress toward achieving UHC by 2030 remains insufficient.

The recent UN High-level meeting on UHC presented a crucial opportunity for nations and stakeholders to reinvigorate efforts toward health for all. This entails strengthening primary health care and honoring the essence of the Alma Ata and Astana Declarations.

In Brazil, our current approach prioritizes holistic resource allocation to address social determinants of health and foster efficiency and effectiveness. Territorial care involves approximately 270,000 community health agents bringing the population closer to health services.

We have also resumed the strategy of providing medical professionals primarily to regions with high social vulnerability and hard-to-reach locations.



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Under this agenda, we are proud to be a co-sponsor of the draft resolution on "Social Participation for UHC, Health and Well-being,". In Brazil, social participation in the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of public policies for the right to health is guaranteed by the Federal Constitution and is one of the greatest achievements in the construction of our universal health system over the past 35 years.

It is important to note that the Brazilian delegation to the WHA includes representatives of the National Health Council, the presidents of the national councils of state and municipalities.

Chair,

Brazil is also a co-sponsor of the draft resolution on “increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs.”

We emphasize the importance of international cooperation, supporting the exchange of best practices and research to combat NCDs effectively.

Finally, I would like to highlight that Brazil, under President Lula’s administration considers social participation not as a favor but as a part of a universal health system that guarantees institutional stability, democracy, transparency and equity.

Thank you!