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**ITEM 11.3 – Draft global action plan for infection prevention and control
ITEM 11.4 – Immunization Agenda 2030
ITEM 11.5 – End TB Strategy**

Dear Chair,

The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly affected the fight against tuberculosis and exposed significant gaps in existing infection prevention and control programs worldwide. Furthermore, the pandemic severely impacted vaccination as a fundamental tool for public health.

Brazil is working to implement comprehensive communication strategies to address misinformation related to vaccination, promoting public awareness, health education, and confidence in vaccines, aligned with the strategic priorities of the Immunization Agenda 2030.

In 2023, the Brazilian Ministry of Health launched the "Health with Science", with the goal to debunk misinformation and communicate reliable information, primarily related to vaccination. Additionally, a chatbot was developed to answer questions about vaccination.

Promoting increased investments in immunization integration to primary health care systems is key. To this end, we also need urgent actions to increase access to vaccines in every country.

We are committed to expanding vaccine coverage, also through the development of tailored strategies to reach different groups,



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including adolescents, Indigenous Peoples, riverside communities and quilombolas.

Mr. Chair,

Since 2017, Brazil has had a national strategic plan aligned with the "End TB Strategy" guidelines and has dedicated efforts to advancing the establishment of multisectoral engagement and high-level review mechanisms aimed at eliminating TB as a public health problem.

In our ongoing commitment to equity, our Unified Health System incorporates the diagnosis and treatment of various diseases, including socially determined diseases such as tuberculosis. This commitment was reaffirmed through the creation of the Healthy Brazil Program, which combines the mitigation of vulnerabilities, reduction of inequities, social mobilization, the promotion of science, technology, and innovation, and the expansion of infrastructure and environmental sanitation actions. This effort aims to eliminate diseases such as Malaria and Chagas as public health problems and reduce the incidence of Tuberculosis and the prevalence of Leprosy.

The Ministry of Health is also working to translate the commitments of last year's UN High Level Meeting on TB into actions. This coming October, we will host the 7th Global Forum on TB Vaccines.

In this context, we affirm our support and enthusiasm for the establishment of the Tuberculosis Vaccine Accelerator Council. To us, this initiative can represent a very relevant turning point in the global endeavour to eliminate tuberculosis.

Thank you!