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ITEM 12 – Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030

Chair,

In our ongoing commitment to equity, the Brazilian Unified Health System incorporates the diagnosis and treatment of various socially determined diseases, including malaria.

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 basic and environmental sanitation actions. This intergovernmental effort aims to eliminate diseases such as Malaria as a public health problem.

Malaria control is prioritized within Brazil's public health policies. To this end, the Ministry of Health is incorporating the drug tafenoquine into our National Health System as part of the treatment for *Plasmodium vivax* malaria. This medication facilitates patient adherence, prevents relapses, and contributes to the elimination of the disease.

Brazil advocates for the improvement of laboratory infrastructures to conduct drug resistance testing and epidemiological surveillance. In this regard, we remain vigilant about global trends in monitoring resistance to drugs and insecticides used in disease control.



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To prevent mosquito resistance to insecticides, Brazil monitors and, whenever signs of resistance are identified, promptly replace the used insecticides with other molecules proven effective against Brazil's malaria vectors, in accordance with WHO's established insecticide efficacy parameters.

We urge the international community to ensure that resources and services for the prevention, control and elimination of malaria are distributed equitably, especially in high-risk and vulnerable areas.

It is also imperative that we reaffirm the importance of collaborations between governments and academia for the financing of research and development of new antimalarial drugs and therapies.

Thank you!