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**Item 13.1 The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the
WHO**

13.2 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

Item 14.1 - WHO's work in health emergencies

Item 14.3 - Global Health Peace Initiative

Chair,

We are pleased to announce our co-sponsorship of the resolution on "Strengthening Preparedness and Response to Emergencies Resulting from Extreme Natural Events" and reaffirm our commitment to building more resilient and sustainable health systems.

In the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, we are facing the devastating effects of extreme weather-related events, which have led to catastrophic floods and landslides. These events impact healthcare facilities, hospitals, and specialized health centers, potentially causing long-lasting operational difficulties.

Chair,

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of having a solid health surveillance infrastructure and the importance of implementing the core capacities of the International Health Regulations.

In recent years, Brazil has sought not only to maintain its core capacities but also to strengthen them. We have initiated for the first time the process of voluntary Joint External Evaluation of our IHR capacities.

Brazil is focused on enhancing its preparedness and response capacities for health emergencies, also aiming to strengthen political commitment to in-depth self-assessment through a multisectoral approach integrated into our Unified Health System (SUS).



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Mr. Chair,

We are concerned about the evaluation of the IOAC that the WHO Health Emergencies Programme is overstretched and struggling to respond to emergencies and we call upon all Member States to continue supporting the essential work provided by this programme.

We would also like to express our concern with the multi-country outbreak of dengue fever. The Brazilian government has been implementing a comprehensive program to fight dengue. We would like to express our appreciation to the technical support provided by WHO and particularly by PAHO, and underscore the need for further international cooperation to respond to this challenge.

Thank you!