

#### PILAR 4 - ITEM 17 - Draft fourteenth general programme of work, 2025–2028

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time Brazil takes the floor on Committee A so I would like to salute you, distinguished Chair, Vice Chairs, excellencies, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

Brazil would like to thank the Secretariat for presenting the Draft Fourteenth General Programme of Work, 2025–2028.

We have been consistently engaged in discussions related to the elaboration of the GPW 14, a document we consider to be of the utmost importance for the future of this organization.

Brazil is, indeed, and has always been, a strong supporter of the World Health Organization and its mandate.

We note and concur with the statement made in the report that, since the approval of the previous GPW, the world has changed, mainly because of the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in several dimensions of life in society.

The organization has to be ready to face these new and growing challenges, but should also note that old health problems, that affect mostly developing countries and marginalized populations, are still not solved.

President Lula has stated “health is not a commodity to be bought by the highest bidder; it is the birth right of all. Nowhere is inequity more offensive than in health”.

Brazil, therefore, particularly welcomes the overarching goal of the GPW 14 to PROMOTE, PROVIDE and PROTECT health and well-being for all people, everywhere.

Brazil has been, for decades now, a champion of the necessity to address social determinants of health and the root causes of ill health

in key policies across sectors, and we note with appreciation that this dimension has been included as one of the strategic objectives of the GPW14, together with the centrality of promoting primary health care – another priority for the Brazilian government.

Finally, Brazil believes that the work of WHO on climate change should be focused on adaptation efforts, thus helping countries deal with impacts already taking place. The initiatives associated with promoting lower carbon health systems must integrate the necessity of technology transfer and international cooperation of cutting edge low carbon technologies.

I thank you, Mr Chair