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78TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Item.9.- Address.by.Dr.Tedros.Adhanom.Ghebreyesus?Director_General

Mr. President,

Mr. Director-General,

Excellencies,

Portugal aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

We welcome the Director-General's report and join the call for a renewed commitment to health as a global public good.

In the current context of geopolitical uncertainty, climate change and widening inequalities, the theme "One World for Health" reminds us that no country can face our shared challenges alone. It is time to reinforce multilateralism, with a WHO that is technically independent, financially stable and politically respected.

Portugal supports the ongoing institutional reform of the WHO and underlines the importance of a more agile, transparent and effective Organisation, capable of responding to present and future challenges.

We welcome the conclusion of the negotiations on the Pandemic Agreement, which unequivocally reaffirms the need for international cooperation to prevent, prepare for and respond to future pandemic threats, as well as the value of dialogue, mutual understanding and negotiation. This milestone of collective responsibility must translate into more resilient health systems, equitable access to essential tools, and a protected and valued health workforce.

We call for the adoption of a Global Action Plan on Rare Diseases that promotes equitable access to diagnosis, treatment and care. With our new Rare Diseases Action Plan 2025–2030, which includes an Integrated Care Pathway, we renew our commitment to this pressing cause.

The climate emergency, armed conflicts, population ageing, and the growing burden of chronic diseases and mental health all demand integrated responses focused on prevention, digital health, health literacy and the protection of the most vulnerable worldwide.

Mr. President,

We reaffirm our commitment to the 2030 Agenda, to equity in access to healthcare, and to a global health governance model grounded in science, solidarity and intergenerational justice. There is no health for anyone without health for everyone.

Thank you.

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