Mr. Chair,

Brazil wishes to thank the secretariat for the proposal contained in document EB148/26 Add.1 on the establishment of an open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Sustainable Financing.

As stated at the last PBAC session, Brazil understands that – at the moment – any final decision on the matter would be premature and not necessarily consistent with the review processes and Member State-led negotiations under way.

Under such circumstances, setting up an inclusive and transparent process, open to all Member States, represents a sensible step-wise approach towards consensus on a matter that is of everyone’s interest and concern.
In this vein, our view is that the Working Group should have representation of all the WHO regions in its bureau.

Mr. Chair,

Brazil reiterates that, from a realistic point of view, the work of the intergovernmental working group should focus – first and foremost – on how WHO can best perform within the current level of funding.

This implies an increased focus on mandates established by the Member States, further efficiency gains and more transparency and accountability regarding the sources and allocation of all resources channeled to WHO.

As part of its mandate, and this could be the 4th question to be taken up, the Working Group should also identify credible ways to ensure that any funding to WHO goes to the programmatic priorities collectively set out by the whole membership.

It should also be fully cognizant of the fiscal constraints in many, if not all, countries, in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Chair,
Brazil is very happy to see Dr. Fauci at today's session.

Brazil is ready and willing to work with the United States and the whole of the WHO Membership on the reform and strengthening of the Organization.

We thank Dr. Fauci for his work.

Brazil is ready to cooperate.

Thank you