Mr. Chair,

Brazil takes note of the reports and proposals on governance and reporting requirements, World Health Days and Involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies.

On World Health Days, Brazil commends the United Arab Emirates’ leadership to establish the World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day.

As a co-sponsor of the draft decision, Brazil adds its voice to those of fellow Member States, affected communities and civil society in calling for greater awareness and concrete actions to reach the goals for Neglected Tropical Diseases set forth in the 2030 Agenda and the WHO NTD Roadmap, soon to be launched.
World Health Days are valuable tools to foster collective actions on the most pressing public health issues, and to shed light on challenges that require greater attention and resources.

We urge the secretariat to convene further consultations with Member States on the matter.

In Brazil’s views, World Health Days have to be closely linked to WHO’s mandates and work.

On the other hand, we should avoid setting general rules based on one-dimensional approaches, such as potential costs or the current level of public engagement.

Regarding the involvement of Non-State Actors in WHO's governing bodies, Brazil appreciates the idea of organizing informal meetings on a trial basis, in the context of the World Health Assembly in May.

We fail to see, however, how a separate meeting, only for NSAs and the secretariat, would meet the standards, spirit and purpose of a transparent, effective and efficient dialogue with the Member States, in an intergovernmental organization.

Thank you.