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ENDORSEMENT OF THE BELÉM HEALTH ACTION PLAN FOR THE ADAPTATION OF THE HEALTH SECTOR TO CLIMATE CHANGE

We hereby express our full endorsement of the **Belém Health Action Plan for the Adaptation of the Health Sector to Climate Change**, recognizing it as a timely, evidence-based, and essential framework for strengthening health systems in the face of escalating climate-related risks.

Climate change poses growing threats to public health, including increased exposure to extreme weather events, the spread of climate-sensitive diseases, food and water insecurity, and disproportionate impacts on vulnerable populations. The Belém Health Action Plan provides a comprehensive and forward-looking roadmap to address these challenges through climate-resilient, inclusive, and sustainable health systems.

We commend the Plan's emphasis on:

- Strengthening health system resilience and preparedness
- Integrating climate considerations into health policies and planning
- Protecting vulnerable and at-risk populations
- Promoting multisectoral collaboration and evidence-informed decision-making
- Advancing equity, prevention, and long-term sustainability

By endorsing this Plan, we reaffirm our commitment to collective action, shared responsibility, and international cooperation to safeguard health in a changing climate. We support the implementation of the Belém Health Action Plan and encourage stakeholders across all levels to align policies, investments, and actions with its objectives to ensure healthier, more resilient communities now and for future generations.

Sincerely



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MINISTER OF HEALTH
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