

G20 Health Ministries Meeting 2025

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Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

1. First of all, I wish to congratulate South Africa for the efforts carried out this year. From Brazil's experience as the previous G20 Presidency we've learned very well the many challenges this role entails. It is an honor to stand alongside South Africa in the troika, carrying forward the commitments made during our Presidency and undertaking the new commitments proposed by our host country aimed at advancing global health.
2. With the support of our G20 partners, it was possible to approve the **Global Coalition for Local and Regional Production, Innovation, and Equitable Access** during the Brazilian Presidency. This initiative, which have been formally launched by several G20 members during the World Health Assembly in Geneva this year, represents an important step toward building a more inclusive and resilient global production capacity. Since its launch, we have been working to define the procedures that will guide the Coalition's activities. We are sharing with founding members and all G20 members the terms of reference of the Coalition's governance Founding members and those who

adhere will be invited to appoint one representative to the Steering committee, whose first meeting is scheduled for the end of November. International health organizations and funds will also be invited to join the Coalition and will be able to participate in the advisory committee. As agreed, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ), the Brazilian National Institute of Health and health technology producer, shall serve as the permanent executive secretary of the Coalition. Concrete next steps will be shared in the coming weeks. I take this opportunity to reiterate a warm invitation to all G20 members to join this initiative.

3. Brazil is convinced that advancing well-being requires addressing the economic, social, and environmental determinants of health. One of the priorities of the Brazilian Presidency of the BRICS has been the launching of the **Partnership for the Elimination of Socially Determined Diseases** — a joint, open, and consensus-based initiative that places the social determinants of health at the centre of public policy decisions aligned with President Lula's commitment to sustainable development.

4. This BRICS Partnership and the G20 Coalition only add to a set of national policies of science, technology and innovation in health, boosted by international cooperation. I would like to emphasize the importance of technology transfer for the advancement of these policies, which contribute to

strengthening the economic and industrial health sector, as well as to reaffirm Brazil's commitment to cooperate with other countries, in particular those from the Global South.

5. Nevertheless, to be successful these policies need regular financing of both health systems and science and technology. We therefore recognize and fully support South Africa's emphasis on domestic resource mobilization as a strategic and sustainable source of financing for health. This aligns closely with the focus of the **Joint Finance and Health Task Force** in 2025, particularly on integrating countries' economic vulnerabilities and pandemic-related risks into policy development, and on improving coordination to identify and address financing gaps.

6. The Task Force contributes to closer integration between Finance and Health policies in national level as well. For example, Brazil has just approved a wide transformative tax reform, introducing a new tax against products harmful to health, such as tobacco and alcohol, while granting tax exemption on unprocessed and minimally processed food items and income tax exemptions to those earning less than 12,000 (twelve thousand) US dollars a year. In addition, the law establishes a minimum tax rate for those earning over \$112,000 (one hundred twelve thousand) per year, which gradually increases. With these measures, the funds raised from taxing the super-rich will be used to finance health care , education and social protection

7. G20 is a paramount forum to reiterate Brazil's commitment with multilateralism and support to WHO. Following the adoption of the Pandemic Agreement, Brazil remains fully committed to the negotiation of the PABS Annex and to its successful conclusion by the next World Health Assembly. If on one hand, establishing a fair and equitable system to ensure that no one is left behind waiting for vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics when the next pandemic or other global health emergency emerges, on the other hand, we must build on resilient health systems and fight against misinformation. This is the most effective way to avoid repeating the mistakes that cost millions of lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.
8. As our countries prepare for responding to new pandemics and emerging diseases, let us make efforts to build resilient health systems, support WHO, expand the access to tests, medicines and vaccines, and fight against misinformation in health.
9. Next week, on November the 13th (thirteenth), Brazil will host the **Health Day at COP30** in Belém. Building on the achievements of the past five COP Presidencies, we intend to take a significant step forward in advancing the climate and health agenda. I take this opportunity to renew my invitation to all delegations to attend COP30 and invite you to endorse the **Belém Health Action Plan for the Adaptation of the Health Sector to Climate Change**. The Plan goes beyond declarations, offering a

practical framework for climate action that seeks to protect health equity, guided by the concept of climate justice and grounded in governance with social participation. It will be the milestone of achieving one of COP30's key objectives - promoting more resilient health systems.

10. Finally, we thank South Africa for the warm welcoming and congratulate its firm leadership as well as the resilience of all delegations involved in the negotiation of the Ministerial Declaration. We call upon future G20 Presidencies to continue strengthening the commitment of the world's richest countries to health for all.

Thank you.