

Item 18. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

18.1 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

18.2 WHO Implementation Framework for Billion 3

- **WHO global strategy for food safety**

Brazil is a firm believer in the benefits of health promotion and has a national policy in this field since 2006. The current pandemic has highlighted the need for preventive and active measures that tackle the social determinants of health to make it possible the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health.

One of the most fundamental elements of better health and well being is food security and, therefore, food safety. Brazil welcomes the adoption by the Assembly of the new Global Strategy for Food Safety. We reiterate our appreciation for the work of the WHO on this area and the efforts of the Secretariat to update the Strategy. It is of the utmost importance that WHO works, in full coordination with other UN agencies, on strengthening food safety worldwide. WE SUPPORT THE AMMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY CANADA to the relevant decision point on this matter.

Brazil congratulates the approach undertaken on the Strategy, with its focus on (i) evidence-based guidelines; (ii) sound and robust scientific evidence; and (iii) risk-based assessment. We further welcome the linkages to international standards and recommendations, including those of "Codex Alimentarius", OIE and FAO. Nevertheless, we urge WHO to work on the area of food safety within its mandate, without qualitative and selective judgment on specific products, that are fundamental for traditional and healthy diets. It should neither discriminate against innovative and safe practices.

We further welcome the documents discussed under this agenda item and we are looking forward to consultations with Member States for the development of the framework on achieving well-being within the mandate of the WHO. We also hope that the proposed resolution on the SIDS Summit for Health can contribute to addressing the various health needs and priorities of those countries.

Brazil appreciates the DG report on maternal, infant and young child nutrition. The benefits breastfeeding brings to the child, mother, family and society as a whole are countless. Our country is moving towards achieving one of the Global Nutrition Goals: to reach 50% of infants under six months exclusively breastfed by 2025. Brazil created a programme for the promotion, protection and support of breastfeeding, aiming to ensure the right of women and children to breastfeeding.