



Ministry of Health of Brazil

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Panel 3

**Getting ahead of the looming treatment crisis: an action agenda for getting
to 90-90-90**

INTERVENTION

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Brazil would like to highlight that the 90-90-90 fast track to end the AIDS epidemic goals were established in the “1st Latin-American and Caribbean Forum about the HIV continuum of care”, in Mexico City, signed by Brazil and other countries in the region, in May 2014, and became a global platform.

Also in 2014, the Ministers of Health of MERCOSUR endorsed the commitment to the 90-90-90 goals in a meeting that took place in Buenos Aires. The same happened in the meeting of the Ministers of Health of BRICS that took place in Brasília, in December 2014.

At the World AIDS Day in Paris in 2014, hosted by the Mayor of Paris, some Brazilian mayors participated in a meeting invited by UNAIDS to sign the “Paris Declaration” to end the AIDS epidemic, committing themselves to the fast track strategy. To date, 23 mayors of Brazilian municipalities signed the Declaration.

In the fast track strategy context of accelerating the HIV response, Brazil continues to reaffirm its commitment. Positive results confirm that the country is going on the right direction: Brazil reached the goal of suppressed viral load in 2015, when 90% of people living with HIV in antiretroviral treatment had suppressed viral load. In 2015 alone, almost 80 thousand new treatments have started, and until April 2016, 475 thousand people were enrolled in treatment.

It is crucial to highlight that the antiretroviral treatment in Brazil is free of charge through the universal access principle within the Unified Health Brazilian System. Currently, Brazil produces 11 out of 22 ARV recommended in the country.

However, to ensure that all people living with HIV have their right guaranteed is necessary to continue the implementation of the Brazilian public health policy committed with the ideal of a universal health system.

In this sense, we affirm our expectation and confidence in the progress to come as consequence of the discussion ongoing in Brazilian National Congress, which aims to fully implement the flexibilities to health policies according to the TRIPS Agreement, within the intellectual propriety legislation. In this regard, countries represented here have a great leadership and are important examples to be followed.

Thank you!