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Foreword

There is clear synergy between PAHO/WHO activities in Brazil and the priorities of the Brazilian Government and society, as expressed in the 2008 – 2011 Health Plan and the 2007 Health Pact. Such synergy is also evident between the priorities defined at the global level by the World Health Assembly in the WHO's XI General Program of Work for 2008 – 2015, at the regional level in the Health Agenda for the Americas 2008 – 2017 recently approved by countries of the Americas, as well as in the PAHO Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012 and the Millennium Development Goals.

Within this context, PAHO/WHO has worked intensively on the elaboration and definition of the strategy for technical cooperation with Brazil during 2008 – 2012. This document was signed in August 2007 by the Directors of WHO, Margaret Chan, of PAHO, Mirta Roses, and by the Brazilian Government represented by the Minister of Health, José Gomes Temporão. The main goals of the strategy are:

- To seek balance between the priorities of the country and those of PAHO/WHO.
- To guide PAHO/WHO actions in Brazil, in accordance with the Common Country Assessment/United Nations Development Assistance Framework (CCA/UNDAF).
- To initiate the PAHO/WHO Single Program Budget.
- To define roles and functions of PAHO/WHO in support of Brazil.
- To develop a joint learning process.
- To coordinate consultations with the country and within the three levels of PAHO/WHO.
- To develop flexibility within processes, rapidly adjusting to change.

During the period 2008 – 2009, and following the guidelines presented in this document, PAHO/WHO Technical Cooperation with Brazil will be structured based on projects developed to strengthen and improve the Brazilian Unified Health System (SUS), this combined with the systematic development of South – South cooperation. The strategic actions of the Organization aim to strengthen core functions in support of the Brazilian government and

other partner countries, increasing the participation of national and international institutions, PAHO Country Offices, Centers and Technical Units, as well as other agencies of the United Nations System in the program of work.

Our principle goal is to articulate PAHO cooperation using sufficient intelligence, being flexible in the approach, and acting in a timely manner. In this way, it is expected that PAHO/WHO technical cooperation with Brazil during the period 2008 – 2012 will contribute to the socioeconomic and political development of the country, through an improvement both in the individual and collective health of all Brazilians.

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