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The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and, with reference to the note C.L.2.2004, of January 28th 2004, has the honour to present the following comments on WHO draft Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health:

The Government of Brazil is considering the WHO draft Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health with a positive and constructive approach. Nonetheless, it is our view that its complexity and innovative aspects would require further consultations with all sectors involved.

In contemplating the issue, Brazil considers, *inter alia*, that there are still controversies on the ideal composition of the most suitable diet in order to achieve nutritional balance. This aspect deserves a more comprehensive and in-depth medical and scientific debate. Moreover, the economic and commercial impacts of the proposed Global Strategy are not sufficiently assessed yet.

The final conclusions that will stem from the Brazilian internal process of consultations will be conveyed to WHO in due time.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization the assurances of its high consideration.

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