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**WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE REGIONAL EVENT: "THE POWER OF  
MULTISECTORAL APPROACHES FOR HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT",  
PARTICIPANTS FROM MEMBER STATES OF THE SCHOOL MEALS COALITION  
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Two years after its creation - and with a view to the upcoming first global Ministerial Meeting of the Coalition, to be held in Paris - the participants conclude by suggesting that the countries consider:

- **MAINTAIN** a high political commitment to improve the scope and quality of school feeding programs and ensure the affordability of nutritious food in the region. This includes exploring innovative financing mechanisms to strengthen the multisectoral nature of these programs.
- **PROMOTE** a shared vision in the region that positions the role of school feeding for the development of human capital, at both national and regional levels, as a catalyst for education and food systems, equitable access to education, climate action and economic development.
- **DESIGN, IMPLEMENT AND IMPROVE** policies and regulatory frameworks that determine a percentage of local purchases, as well as strengthening the capacities of smallholder producers and family farmers.
- **PROMOTE** the consumption of fresh food with cultural, territorial and seasonal relevance in school feeding programs.
- **STRENGTHEN** inter-institutional and multisectoral coordination to maximize the impact and optimize programs that incorporate food and nutrition education, physical activity, access to healthy diets, and health services within the framework of school feeding programs.
- **LINK** systematically school feeding programs to the Food Systems Summit national roadmaps and to action for sustainable development, promoting access to safe water in schools, sustainable energy sources for cooking, waste management and reduction, as well as the consumption of healthy and culturally appropriate diets.
- **STRENGTHEN** the design of school feeding programs as lynchpins of inclusive social protection systems, with a focus on people- and community-centred food environments, including to prepare for and respond to climate shocks and other crises, with the aim to leave no one behind.
- **PROMOTE** that Latin America and the Caribbean countries join existing coordination efforts, within regional and global networks, including the Sustainable School Feeding Network (RAES) and the School Meals Coalition.
- **DOCUMENT** the experiences and progress of Latin America and the Caribbean in terms of school feeding and make them visible in national, regional, and international spaces.
- **POSITION** the leadership of the region in global platforms such as the Global Ministerial Meeting of the School Meals Coalition in Paris, and the Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals in New York, so that they are reflected in the final agreements.

We thank the government of Brazil for the courtesy given to the participants of the high-level regional event "The power of multisectoral approaches for human capital development."

