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With reference to 25 April 2024, Her Excellency Ambassador Margarida Izata, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, according to official Angolan government data, stresses that Angola reduced the malaria mortality rate from 12 thousand to 9 thousand cases between 2022 and 2023, despite the existence of considerable figures on the disease recorded during the same period.

Currently in Angola, challenges persist in the fight against invasive vectors, with the growing threat of drug resistance, climate change and insecticide resistance compromising public health efforts to control and eliminate the disease in the country. In the meantime, efforts to mobilized financial resources and provide ongoing training for staff in the sector are being stepped up, with a view to overcoming the challenges that lie ahead.

With regard to the resistance of mosquitoes to the fumigation process, Angola's National Health Research Institute is currently carrying out a study to assess the resistance of mosquitoes to products and also to drugs.

The Permanent Representative of Angola to the World Health Organization (WHO) also recalls that, given the difficulties still existing on the continent with regard to malaria, the Ministers of Health of African countries met in March 2024 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, where they stressed that the WHO World Malaria Report indicates that around 95% of malaria morbidity and mortality persist in Africa, where countries are responsible for more than 70% of the global malaria burden.

A declaration was signed by these leaders, pledging to provide stronger leadership and increase national funding for malaria control programmed; ensure greater investment in data technology; apply the latest technical guidance in malaria control and elimination; and strengthen malaria control efforts at national and sub-national levels.

They also committed to increase investment in the health sector to strengthen infrastructure, personnel and programmed implementation; improve multi-sectoral collaboration and build partnerships for financing, research and innovation, demonstrating Africa's commitment to accelerate the reduction of malaria mortality and to hold each other accountable to the commitment set out in the declaration.

In this respect, as part of the celebration of this event and on behalf of the Angolan Government, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, reaffirms its commitment to work with all international actors and partners involved in the fight against this disease in Africa and worldwide.

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