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- 99.1 The Company announces that it, together with Sendas and the Brazilian Anti-trust Agency (CADE) celebrated an Agreement of Preservation of Reversibility of the Deal, referring to the association of Sendas and CBD in Rio de Janeiro State.