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RESOLUTION

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**REGIONAL PLAN FOR INVESTMENT IN THE ENVIRONMENT
AND HEALTH**

THE 36th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen Document CD36/23, entitled "Regional Plan for Investment in the Environment and Health,"

Taking into account the need to alleviate deficiencies in the areas of health services, drinking water supply, proper treatment of sewage, and basic sanitation in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean;

Recognizing the need to channel national and external resources in greater proportions than have been allocated in recent years in order to meet basic needs for the expansion of coverage and the rehabilitation and adaptation of both health and environmental protection services;

Bearing in mind the Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities, 1991–1994 and Resolution XVIII1 of the XXXV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO; and

Considering the decisions of the I and II Ibero-American Summits of Heads of State and Government to support the formulation and launching of the Regional Plan for Investment in the Environment and Health, and to establish a Multilateral Fund for the Development of Preinvestment Activities, which is needed for the implementation of the Plan,

RESOLVES

1. To approve the Regional Plan for Investment in the Environment and Health, and adopt it as a frame of reference for the investment that needs to be made over the next 12 years in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, both to alleviate existing deficiencies in the areas of the environment and health and to meet the growing needs of a burgeoning population in these areas.
2. To request the Member Governments:
 - a) To formulate national plans of investment designed to bring about, over the next 12 years, a profound transformation of the environmental and health sectors, with more effective and equitable action, as well as more efficient utilization of the resources expended for this purpose;
 - b) To allocate internal resources, both public and private, in amounts equivalent to approximately 0.8% of the GDP over the next 12 years in order to channel the national resources necessary to enable the investment proposed under the Plan;
 - c) To urge multilateral and bilateral institutions to increase their financial cooperation with the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for investment in the environment and health;
 - d) To initiate the actions that they are called on to carry out under the strategies for implementation of the Regional Plan for Investment in the Environment and Health and to collaborate in the establishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Development of Preinvestment Activities in the Environment and Health, along the lines proposed in Document CD36/23 and annexes.
3. To request the Director:
 - a) To take the measures necessary in order to ensure that the strategies for implementation of the Regional Plan for Investment in the Environment and Health are put into effect;
 - b) To establish a Multilateral Fund for the Development of Preinvestment Activities in the Environment and Health that will support the national processes of implementation of the Regional Plan in each country, along the lines described in Annex II of Document CD36/23;
 - c) To promote the adoption of the Plan by the bilateral and multilateral lending agencies, especially the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank, as a mechanism for coordinated action in those areas and to encourage these agencies to contribute to the Plan's enhancement and execution, as well as to the establishment and operation of the Multilateral Fund for the Development of Preinvestment Activities in the Environment and Health.

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