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RESOLUTION

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AEDES AEGYPTI

THE 39th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the document "Study on the Feasibility of Eradicating *Aedes aegypti*" (Document CD39/16);

Considering the increasing incidence of dengue and dengue hemorrhagic fever in the Region of the Americas and the potential danger of a re-emergence of urban yellow fever;

Recognizing the importance of these diseases for public health in the Region and their impact on the economies of the Hemisphere; and

Taking into consideration the report of the task force established to study the feasibility, timeliness, and appropriateness of drawing up a hemispheric plan for the eradication of *Aedes aegypti*,

RESOLVES

1. To urge Member Governments:

(a) To collaborate in the definition of the general guidelines for a hemispheric plan to expand and intensify efforts to combat *Aedes aegypti* with a view to its eventual eradication in the Americas through persistent country-level efforts;

(b) To prepare national plans to expand and intensify efforts to combat *Aedes aegypti* with a view to its eventual eradication in the Americas;

(c) To utilize the mass media to inform and educate the population and strengthen community participation in the integrated activities to combat the vector;

(d) To promote epidemiological, entomological, and environmental surveillance;

(e) To strengthen national laboratories so that they can support the hemispheric plan.

2. To request the Director, as resources permit:

(a) To form a task force of professionals from the member countries to develop the hemispheric plan;

(b) To support, advise, and cooperate with the Member Governments in the preparation and execution of their respective national plans;

(c) To present to the Directing Council at the earliest opportunity an assessment of the epidemiological situation of dengue, dengue hemorrhagic fever, and yellow fever in the Hemisphere, as well as a progress report on the implementation of the hemispheric plan;

(d) To make efforts to obtain external resources to support the countries in the execution of the hemispheric plan based on national plans of action;

(e) To promote and support technical cooperation among the countries in the development of the national plans that comprise the hemispheric plan.

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