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## **42nd DIRECTING COUNCIL**

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### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***CD42.R9***

### **CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, ESPECIALLY HYPERTENSION**

*THE 42nd DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Taking into account the information provided in document CD42/11 on cardiovascular disease, and especially hypertension;

Given the magnitude of cardiovascular problems, which are among the leading causes of death and disability in all the countries of the Americas;

Bearing in mind the cost-effectiveness of interventions for the prevention and control of these diseases, especially interventions to control hypertension; and

Recognizing the need to adopt measures for the prevention and control of cardiovascular disease in general and hypertension in particular,

#### ***RESOLVES***

1. To urge the Member States to:

(a) implement systems for surveillance of the risk factors for cardiovascular disease and noncommunicable diseases in general, including end-stage renal disease and its economic impact;

(b) update their health policies to strengthen and prioritize community and health service interventions, especially in primary care, that will lead to the prevention and control of cardiovascular disease and hypertension in particular;

(c) develop or strengthen national plans for the prevention and control of hypertension.

2. To request the Director to:

(a) establish the necessary measures for the mobilization of technical cooperation resources that will permit the creation or strengthening of national plans for the prevention and control of hypertension within the framework of an integrated strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;

(b) encourage partnerships with scientific and professional societies, community organizations, and bilateral and multilateral cooperation and development agencies so that they support the proposed approaches and conduct research to improve the prevention and control of hypertension.

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