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RESOLUTION

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON WOMEN,
HEALTH, AND DEVELOPMENT**

THE 34th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the report of the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development (Document CD34/16); and

Having taken into account the previous resolutions adopted by the Governing Bodies of PAHO on women, health, and development, particularly Resolutions CSP22.R12 of the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference and IX of the XXXII Meeting of the Directing Council,

RESOLVES

1. To request that Member Governments:

- a) Strengthen and support the National Focal Point/Group for the Program on Women, Health, and Development, which has multisectoral and multidisciplinary characteristics and decision-making and technical capacity, and facilitate the necessary resources so as to more adequately and effectively implement the Regional Strategies of the Program;
- b) Support the project "Women in Health and Development in Central America, Panama, and Belize," given its strategic importance as a means of stimulating the effective participation of

women in the development process in the countries of the Region, and support and encourage the design and implementation of other projects related to the Women, Health, and Development Program, which are undertaken by either governmental or nongovernmental organizations.

2. To recommend that the Director:

- a) Promote and encourage the Member Governments of the Organization to support the National Focal Point/Group for the Program on Women, Health, and Development, as a multisectoral and multidisciplinary entity with decision-making and technical capacity, so as to be able to coherently execute the objectives and regional strategies of the Program in the countries;
- b) Strengthen the Focal Point in the PAHO/WHO Country Representative Offices in order to dedicate time and resources to the activities of the Program on Women, Health, and Development and provide greater support to the activities of the National Focal Point/Group;
- c) Include, beginning in 1989, a chapter on women, health, and development in the Scientific Publication Health Conditions in the Americas;
- d) Update in 1990, and every four years, the Scientific Publication entitled The Health of Women in the Americas, which thus far is the sole reference document in this field;
- e) Strengthen the mechanisms for recruiting and promoting women in professional and decision-making positions by expanding the PAHO Candidate Roster and by actively seeking out qualified women for high-level administrative and technical posts; also recommended is the identification of women in the countries to participate in PAHO Advisory Committees, as well as in high-level scientific and technical conferences and seminars.

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