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RESOLUTION

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DIABETES IN THE AMÉRICAS

THE 39th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed Document CD39/19, which addresses the growing importance of diabetes in the burden of disease in the Americas;

Noting that promotion of healthy diets and regular exercise can reduce the incidence of non-insulin-dependent diabetes, and that improved quality of care, including patient education, will reduce the incidence of complications among all persons with diabetes;

Recognizing, as a fundamental principle of diabetes care, that insulin must be available for all persons in need;

Recognizing, also, that persons with diabetes, despite their abilities, sometimes suffer from discrimination in employment; and

Noting with appreciation the new relationship between PAHO and the International Diabetes Federation (Resolution CE118.R8) to develop joint technical cooperation, and the successful formulation of a Declaration of the Americas on Diabetes as the first product of this partnership,

RESOLVES

1. To urge Member States:

(a) To recognize that diabetes is a health problem of increasing regional importance;

(b) To adopt the Declaration of the Americas on Diabetes as a guide for national program development.

2. To urge the participation of all partners in the mobilization of resources, in addition to training, research, dissemination of information, and direct technical cooperation within and among Member States.

3. To recommend to the Director that PAHO continue strengthening its collaboration with diabetes associations and other nongovernmental organizations, promote an integrated approach to noncommunicable diseases within which diabetes would be addressed, and support the development of national diabetes programs.

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