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***RESOLUTION***

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**ELIMINATION OF MEASLES IN THE AMERICAS**

*THE 39th DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having reviewed the report of the Director on the progress made by the Expanded Program on Immunization and the regional initiative for the elimination of measles from the Americas by the year 2000 (Document CD39/18);

Noting with satisfaction that all countries are committed to the strategies outlined in the Plan of Action for Measles Elimination in the Americas by the year 2000, and the remarkable progress which has been attained; and

Observing that in spite of this progress much still remains to be done, and that the number of children susceptible to measles infection continues to grow in many countries,

***RESOLVES***

1. To express its deep appreciation to the Governments of Spain and the United States of America for the support recently committed to the measles elimination initiative, and to urge other collaborating governments and organizations to follow this example.
2. To urge all countries to assign the necessary human and financial resources to the Program, particularly those needed for the purchase of vaccines and syringes, as well as the recurrent costs for surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases, particularly measles and poliomyelitis.

3. To call to the attention of all countries that have accumulated a large number of susceptible children the urgency of implementing "follow-up" measles campaigns targeting all children 1-4 years of age, regardless of previous vaccination status.
4. To request the Director to continue his efforts to ensure support for the Plan of Action for the Elimination of Measles from the Americas by the year 2000.

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