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RESOLUTION

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EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION

THE 29th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Director's progress report on the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in the Americas (Document CD29/23), and recognizing the limited funds allocated to the Program for the financial period 1984–1985;

Having taken note of the continuing efforts made to implement this program at country and regional levels;

Recognizing that progress of the EPI is an essential element of the strategies to achieve health for all by the year 2000; and

Recognizing that progress has been slow in most countries of the Region and if it is not accelerated the program goals will not be met by 1990,

RESOLVES

1. To urge countries to:

a) Set biennial targets for immunization coverage in children under one year of age and pregnant women and for the reduction of the morbidity and mortality of the diseases involved;

- b) Use immunization coverage in children under one year of age and pregnant women as an important indicator of the performance of maternal and child health services;
- c) Use morbidity and mortality data from measles, poliomyelitis, and neonatal tetanus as indicators of program development and impact;
- d) Use surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases as another indicator of development of national epidemiological surveillance systems;
- e) Act on the Five-Point Action Program adopted by Resolution WHA35.311 of May 1982;
- f) Step up their evaluation of immunization programs and their implementation of recommendations emerging in the course of that process.

2. To request the Director to:

- a) Continue giving high priority to EPI at all levels of the Organization;
- b) Use the progress achieved by EPI as an indicator of the success of PAHO's technical cooperation in achieving the goal of health for all by the year 2000;
- c) Make a study of the vaccine production capacity of the Member Countries and of the quality and cost of the vaccines, with a view to their possible use in the EPI;
- d) Renew efforts to assure full capitalization of the EPI Revolving Fund;
- e) Promote evaluation of activities in the countries and assist in carrying them out in countries where he may deem this advisable;
- f) Report to the 94th Meeting of the Executive Committee in 1985 on the progress of the program and on application of the recommendations put forward herein.

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