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RESOLUTION

CD45.R6

REGIONAL PROGRAM BUDGET POLICY

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Document CD45/7 and its Addendum, which presents a new Regional Program Budget Policy that defines a new way of allocating resources within the Organization;

Recalling the Managerial Strategy for the Work of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in the Period 2003-2007, which states that the program budget would need to be strategic and flexible to support the implementation of the 11th General Program of Work of WHO and the Strategic Plan 2003-2007 for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Further recalling Resolution CD44.R10 of the 44th Directing Council, which noted the need to update the regional program budget policy to define criteria for a more equitable budgetary allocation among countries;

Aware that the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly has terminated Resolution WHA51.31 and has called for a new method for allocation of resources across the Regions of WHO, and a framework for guiding the formulation of the program budgets of WHO;

Noting the increased focus on countries, in particular the Key Countries identified in the Strategic Plan 2003-2007 for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as well as the Director-General's proposal for shifting resources to the Regions and countries;

Concerned that countries of the Americas should intensify efforts to attain the targets for the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and other regional goals by 2015;

Recognizing that countries that have achieved basic health indicators continue to be challenged and to require external assistance, yet notwithstanding, in the spirit of solidarity have agreed to the redistribution of resources to countries of greater need; and

Considering the comments made by the Executive Committee and the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Consultative Group on the PAHO Regional Program Budget Policy and the Secretariat for its efforts to develop criteria for the allocation of regular and extrabudgetary funds by functional level and area of work, and among countries.
2. To take note of the proposed model for allocation of resources among countries.
3. To approve the new PAHO Regional Program Budget Policy as contained in Document CD45/7, *with the following amendments:*
 - (a) In the reallocation of resources among countries, no country's core allocation should be reduced by more than 40% of its proportional allocation among countries as approved in the Biennial Program Budget, 2004-2005.
 - (b) The allocation to Key Countries, as identified in the Strategic Plan 2003-2007 for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Bolivia, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua), will be protected so that they do not experience reduction of their proportional share of the core budget with respect to the Biennial Program Budget, 2004-2005.
 - (c) The minimum level for the subregional component of the program budget is increased to 7%.
 - (d) The objectives for the use of the variable allocation among countries will be presented to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming for approval at the time of presentation of the proposed Biennial Program Budget.
4. To ensure that the country allocations in future PAHO program budgets, approved by the Council, *are guided by the model approved in operative paragraph 3 above, to be phased in over three biennia, in consultation with the countries, to ensure the least disruption to technical cooperation programs.*

5. To promote a prioritization in the allocation among areas of work that is consistent with the attainment of the health-related goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration.
6. To request the Director to:
 - (a) apply the new Regional Program Budget Policy in the formulation of future program budgets, as decided by the Directing Council;
 - (b) present to the Directing Council or Pan American Sanitary Conference a thorough evaluation of the Regional Program Budget Policy after two biennia of implementation to ensure that it continues to respond to the changing health needs and equitable allocation of resources;
 - (c) collaborate with Member States to promote more effective modes of cooperation and to strengthen the capacity of those countries that will be receiving greater resources to ensure their effective and efficient use;
 - (d) ensure that the health information systems of all countries are improved to provide, among other things, reliable data that could be used for refining the model for allocation of resources among countries.

(Eighth meeting, 30 September 2004)