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RESOLUTION

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PLAN OF ACTION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE GENDER EQUALITY POLICY

THE 144th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed the report of the Director *Plan of Action for Implementing the Gender Equality Policy* (Document CE144/14),

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Directing Council that it adopt a resolution along the following lines:

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THE 49th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the report of the Director *Plan of Action for Implementing the Gender Equality Policy* (Document CD49/___);

Recalling the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994), the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing, 1995), the recommendations and reports of Beijing plus 10 Conference (2005), the United Nations Economic and Social Council's agreed upon conclusions (1997/2), the

United Nations Millennium Declaration (2000), the 2005 World Summit Outcome (United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/60/1), and the World Health Assembly Resolution WHA58.30 on accelerating achievement of the internationally agreed health-related development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (Convention of Belem do Pará);

Noting the World Health Assembly resolution on gender mainstreaming (WHA60.25) that urges Member States to formulate strategies to integrate gender in the health systems and requests the Director General to integrate gender analysis and actions into WHO's work;

Recognizing the adoption and implementation of gender equality policies in Member States, the United Nations system, and the inter-American system;

Recalling Resolution CD46.R16 of the 46th Directing Council, adopting the PAHO Gender Equality Policy;

Aware that gender inequalities in health persist in the Region and recognizing the evidence that the integration of gender in health laws, policies, programs, and projects improves equity, efficacy, and efficiency in public health; and

Recognizing that the Plan of Action aims to address persistent gender inequities in health by implementing the Gender Equality Policy in all PAHO and Member States laws, policies, programs, monitoring systems, and research,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member States to:
 - (a) adopt and promote the implementation of the Plan of Action for Implementing the Gender Equality Policy as a framework to attain gender equality in health;
 - (b) develop national health plans, policies, and laws for advancing the integration of gender equality in the health systems, and develop specific health policies, programs, and laws with a gender equality perspective and ensure that they are implemented through the establishment or strengthening of a gender office within the Ministry of Health;

- (c) generate systematic reports on gender inequality in health for planning, advocacy, and monitoring through the production, analysis, and use of information disaggregated by sex and other relevant variables;
 - (d) facilitate the establishment of national intersectoral advisory groups that include civil society organizations, to support the health sector in implementing the Plan of Action; and
 - (e) promote and strengthen partnerships with other United Nations agencies and other organizations to support the implementation of the Plan of Action.
2. To request the Director to:
- (a) ensure the implementation of the Plan of Action and support Member States to progress in the implementation of national plans for integrating gender equality in health systems;
 - (b) provide knowledge on advances and best practices for achieving gender equality in health, as well as on threats to reaching it;
 - (c) facilitate monitoring the progress of implementation of the Plan of Action in the Secretariat's work and technical collaboration;
 - (d) rely on the support of a technical advisory group and other internal and external mechanisms that include civil society participation for implementing and monitoring the Plan of Action; and
 - (e) promote and strengthen partnerships with other United Nations agencies and other organizations to support the implementation of the Plan of Action.

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