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RESOLUTION

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**ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) IN THE
AMERICAS**

THE 33rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas (Document CD33/21);

Recalling Resolution XII, adopted by the XXXII Meeting of the Directing Council (1987), dealing with AIDS in the Americas, and Resolutions WHA40.261 adopted by the Fortieth World Health Assembly and WHA41.242 adopted by the Forty-first World Health Assembly, dealing, respectively, with the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS and the avoidance of discrimination in relation to people infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and those with AIDS;

Considering that the AIDS pandemic continues to grow throughout the Region of the Americas, requiring a sustained commitment by every country to control the spread of HIV and to mitigate the magnitude of the future impact of this disease on health services and national economies;

Recognizing the continued need for joint, coordinated international efforts to prevent and control this disease;

Cognizant of the need for WHO's global coordination and promotion through the Global Program on AIDS and the joint work carried out in the Region of the Americas by the Pan American Health Organization; and

Considering the profound impact that the care of AIDS patients has on the already overtaxed national health services and health resources and the need for national AIDS programs and activities articulated within national plans for strengthening health systems and services.

RESOLVES

1. To endorse the objectives, strategies, and goals for the Global Program on AIDS in the Americas, as presented in Document CD33/21.
2. To urge Member Countries:
 - a) To make special voluntary contributions for the conduct of catalytic research and cooperative activities regarding AIDS in this Hemisphere;
 - b) To make available to PAHO human and institutional resources to enable the Organization to better fulfill its mandates in this regard.
3. To request the Director
 - a) To continue to search for funds, in addition to those already approved in the PAHO/WHO regular program budget for the biennium 1988–1989, to support the efforts of the Member Countries to carry out their short- and medium-term programs for AIDS prevention and control;
 - b) To study the feasibility of establishing a revolving fund for the procurement of reagents, equipment, and other critical materials in support of the Member Countries for the implementation of their plans of action against AIDS.

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