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RESOLUTION

CD34.10

ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) IN THE AMERICAS

THE 34th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas (Document CD34/13 and Add. I):

Recalling Resolution CD33.R9 adopted by the XXXIII Meeting of the Directing Council (1988) dealing with AIDS in the Americas, and Resolutions WHA40.26,1 WHA41.24,2 and WHA42.343 of the World Health Assembly dealing, respectively, with the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS, the avoidance of discrimination in relation to persons infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and those with AIDS, and the important role played by nongovernmental organizations in the prevention and control of AIDS;

Considering that HIV continues to be transmitted throughout the Region of the Americas, requiring an intensified commitment by every country to strengthen its capacity to control the spread of HIV to mitigate the magnitude of the future impact of this disease on health services and national economies;

Recognizing the importance of joint, coordinated international efforts to prevent and control this disease;

Cognizant of the increased efforts against HIV/AIDS by the WHO Global Program on AIDS in the Americas, carried out by the Pan American Health Organization; and

Considering the ever-increasing impact on national health services and health resources resulting from the need to care for an ever-increasing number of HIV/AIDS patients and the need for national HIV/AIDS programs and activities to be articulated with national plans to strengthen health systems and services,

RESOLVES

1. To endorse the objectives, strategies, and future targets for the Global Program on AIDS in the Americas, as presented in Document CD34/13.

2. To urge that Member Countries:

a) Refrain from imposing discriminatory measures directed at AIDS patients or HIV-infected persons;

b) Strengthen and intensify the activities of their national HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs, taking special care to achieve improved articulation with national health systems and services.

3. To request the Director to establish, with extra-budgetary funds, a special program for HIV/AIDS research in the Americas which will be sufficiently flexible and responsive to the many research needs related to HIV and other retroviruses of public health importance, with priority being given to epidemiological, operational, and behavioral research.

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