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RESOLUTION

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COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH OF ADOLESCENTS

THE 36th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the report of the Director on the health of adolescents in the Americas and the plan of action for the strengthening and development of programs (Document CD36/16);

Considering the decisions taken on the subject by the World Summit for Children, the Technical Discussions on the health of youth and the resolutions of the World Health Organization deriving from the Technical Discussions at the Forty-second World Health Assembly (WHA42.41),¹ and especially Resolution XVI of the XXXV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO (1991);

Recognizing the importance of comprehensive health of adolescents for the countries in the Region;

Valuing the enormous contribution that adolescents can make to the future of the Americas;

Recognizing that the health of adolescents has profound consequences for adult life and future generations; and

Recognizing the importance of education for improvement in the health of adolescents,

RESOLVES

1. To approve the Plan of Action for the Health of Adolescents in the Americas presented in Document CD36/16, revised in accordance with the observations made by the Executive Committee.

2. To urge the Member Governments to:

a) Develop or strengthen their national initiatives to promote the comprehensive health of adolescents;

b) Create and tighten the bonds of collaboration between agencies responsible for the health of adolescents so that programs will use resources efficiently and avoid duplication of efforts;

c) Establish and strengthen bonds of collaboration with nongovernmental organizations, universities, and research centers working with and for adolescents in order to design and carry out joint projects;

d) Promote active participation by adolescents in the promotion of health in communities, education and sports centers, and places of work;

e) Establish and strengthen collaboration in specific programs between the Ministries of Health, Education, and Employment;

f) Take initiatives directed at the identification and prevention of physical and sexual abuse of adolescents.

3. To recommend to the Director that he:

a) Continue efforts to find and support strategies for the financing and mobilization of national and international resources for carrying out the Plan of Action;

b) Determine the appropriate date for an evaluation of the progress of the Plan of Action, and inform the Directing Council thereof.

4. To further request the Director to support, within available resources:

a) The development and dissemination of the theoretical and conceptual framework of the Program of Comprehensive Health of Adolescents in the Americas;

b) The validation and adjustment, on the basis of experience, of indicators for the situational diagnosis, programming, surveillance, and evaluation of comprehensive care of adolescents;

c) The development of instruments for the evaluation of services, normative guidelines for the programming and organization of services, and standards and patterns for the delivery of services;

d) Collaboration in human resources development by providing technical and material support to seminars, courses, and workshops, and promoting intersectoral measures;

e) The reinforcement and activation of national networks that work with adolescents;

f) The promotion of operational research, including the evaluation of alternative models for comprehensive care of adolescents;

g) The production, selection, and distribution of scientific material and of experiences in the development of local service programs and of teaching and training activities.

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