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RESOLUTION

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**PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VITAMIN A
DEFICIENCY IN THE AMERICAS**

THE 36th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen Document CD36/15, "Plan of Action for the Elimination of Vitamin A Deficiency from the Americas";

Considering the impact that micronutrient deficiency, and specifically vitamin A deficiency, has on health, well-being, and human development;

Observing that vitamin A deficiency, in its moderate form, appears to be more widespread in the Region than had been previously estimated; and

Taking into account the scientific and technological advances that make possible the virtual elimination or control of these micronutrient deficiencies, including vitamin A deficiency, as public health problems,

RESOLVES

1. To approve the objectives and activities proposed in the "Plan of Action for the Elimination of Vitamin A Deficiency from the Americas" (Document CD36/15).
2. To urge the Member Governments:

- a) To formulate national plans of action that include policies and programs for the elimination of vitamin A deficiency as a public health problem by the year 2000;
- b) To strengthen the technical and administrative capability of national and local institutions as required by the activities for implementing the plans of action;
- c) To improve intersectoral cooperation in order to achieve a comprehensive approach in the prevention of vitamin A deficiency;
- d) To establish a focal point as a coordinating mechanism in order to promote and integrate the common activities required for the control of iodine, iron, and vitamin A deficiencies.

3. To request the Director:

- a) To provide the technical cooperation necessary for strengthening the capabilities of the countries for the surveillance, control, and elimination of vitamin A deficiency;
- b) To promote the mobilization of national and external resources in order to provide greater support for the development of programs for the prevention and control of micronutrient deficiencies;
- c) To promote and support cooperation between countries, bilateral and international agencies, and national interagency coordination committees for the implementation of national plans of action for the elimination of vitamin A deficiency from the Americas.

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