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RESOLUTION

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**REGIONAL PLAN FOR THE REDUCTION OF MATERNAL
MORTALITY IN THE AMERICAS**

THE 37th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Reaffirming, reiterating, and expanding on the concepts and mandates contained in Resolutions CD30.R8 (1984), CD31.R18 (1985), CD32.R9 (1987), and CD33.R13 (1988) on the subject of population, the reduction of maternal mortality, maternal and child health, family planning, and women, health, and development;

Aware of the progress that has been achieved by the countries in the implementation of actions aimed at the reduction of maternal mortality, as well as the level of financial resources that have been mobilized for that purpose by the countries;

Recognizing also that adolescents are highly vulnerable to the risks of maternal and perinatal death;
and

Endorsing the proposal contained in Document CD37/11 on the Regional Plan of Action for the Reduction of Maternal Mortality in the Americas, presented by the Director,

RESOLVES

1. To urge the Member Governments to:

a) Define and give priority to a policy on comprehensive health care for women and the prevention of maternal morbidity and mortality;

b) Promote the completion and analysis of birth and maternal mortality data as well as valid and pertinent epidemiological data that are useful in support of the decision-making process;

c) Review and appropriately adjust the goals, strategies, and principal actions to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality;

d) Promote concrete programs for the prevention of maternal mortality among adolescents;

e) Promote laws, regulations and policies that will commit national resources and mobilize bilateral or multilateral international cooperation for financing the improvement of health services for women, and mothers in particular.

2. To request that the Director, within the resources available, provide support for activities aimed at the prevention of maternal morbidity and mortality in fulfillment of the collective mandates of the Organization, especially the mobilization of national and international technical and financial resources that will make it possible to execute the regional, subregional, and national activities proposed in the progress report on the Regional Plan of Action for the Reduction of Maternal Mortality in the Americas.

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