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RESOLUTION

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**SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES
AFFECTED BY RECENT HURRICANES**

THE 38th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Regretting the damage occasioned by recent hurricanes, particularly Hurricanes Luis and Marilyn in the islands of the Caribbean—especially in Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, the British and U.S. Virgin Islands, Dominica, the French and Netherlands Antilles, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, and Saint Kitts and Nevis—and Hurricane Ismael in Mexico;

Taking note of the damage to the social, economic, and physical infrastructure, and in particular to the health facilities and water systems of these countries and territories, and of the assistance provided by PAHO;

Bearing in mind that one of the functions of PAHO is to provide aid and technical assistance to the Member States in emergencies; and

Considering that the General Assembly of the United Nations has designated the period 1990–1999 as the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,

RESOLVES

1. To request the Director to offer the condolences of the PAHO Member States to the governments and peoples of the affected countries and territories.
2. To congratulate the Director for having provided the Organization's assistance.
3. To urge the Member States:
 - (a) To provide assistance to the countries and territories affected by hurricanes Ismael, Luis, and Marilyn;
 - (b) To consider the adoption of measures to mitigate the physical damage to health facilities and water systems as a development priority, allocating national and international resources within the framework of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;
 - (c) To participate actively in the International Conference on Disaster Mitigation in Health Facilities, to be held in Mexico in February 1996.
4. To request the Director to continue to provide assistance to the countries and territories affected by the aforementioned hurricanes through an assessment of the damages suffered by the health sector and formulation and support of plans for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the health systems, as well as the garnering of sources of assistance to realize such plans.

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