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RESOLUTION

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**ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) IN THE
AMERICAS**

THE 38th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas (Document CD38/16);

Bearing in mind that each year more than 1,000 new infections per day continue to occur in Latin America and the Caribbean, many of which could be prevented with appropriate and timely interventions;

Taking into account that in January 1996 the new Joint United Nations Program on AIDS will begin to carry out AIDS prevention activities at the global and country levels; and

Taking note that PAHO possesses the functional structure and capacity to provide technical cooperation for the prevention of infection by HIV and other sexually transmitted pathogens and for the clinical management and the comprehensive care of diseases associated with such infections, and has the responsibility to do so,

RESOLVES

1. To request the Director:

(a) To reiterate to the regional directors of agencies of the United Nations and inter-American systems, as well as other interested bilateral agencies, PAHO's commitment to collaborate fully with the new Joint Program;

(b) To continue to provide technical cooperation in the Organization's areas of technical expertise for the prevention and comprehensive care of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases in the Americas, within the framework of its constitutional mandate and the strategic and programmatic orientations and within the context of the new UN Program;

(c) To continue to intercede with the Member Governments of PAHO so that AIDS, understood fundamentally as a health problem but one that has implications for other sectors of society, is combated with multisectoral participation, efficient investment of national resources, strong governmental leadership, and the technical guidance of the health sector;

(d) To continue the necessary consultations with the other agencies that make up the Joint Program, the organizations of the inter-American system, and other agencies involved, in order to establish coordination mechanisms that will guarantee broad participation and have a demonstrable impact, reducing HIV infection and the social consequences of AIDS in the Region.

2. To maintain and strengthen PAHO's ability to provide technical cooperation with regard to HIV/AIDS and STDs in the Organization's areas of responsibility, in close collaboration with the Joint Program.

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