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RESOLUTION

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**PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL PLAN OF
ACTION ON VIOLENCE AND HEALTH**

THE 39th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the document "Implementation of the Regional Plan of Action on Violence and Health" (Document CD39/14);

Taking into account the recent resolution on "Support for Mine-Clearing in Central America," adopted by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States;

Considering the impact of violence on the health and well-being of people and on the economies of countries;

Noting that the various manifestations of violence appear to be widespread in the Region of the Americas; and

Stressing the need to develop programs to control and prevent violence,

RESOLVES

1. To note with satisfaction the Program of Support for Mine-Clearing in Central America that the Organization of American States has been successfully conducting for the benefit of the affected population.

2. To approve the activities proposed in Document CD39/14.

3. To urge the Member Governments:

(a) To formulate national intersectoral plans of action geared toward the prevention of violence, emphasizing a public health approach;

(b) To create a registry and perform a detailed analysis of mortality from external causes, in compliance with the recommendations of the Workshop on Epidemiological Surveillance of Homicides and Suicides (1995);

(c) To conduct studies to measure social attitudes towards, perceptions of, and costs of violence;

(d) To strengthen monitoring and control actions in the area of psychosocial human development, with emphasis on socioaffective and cognitive aspects of human development;

(e) To formulate and implement policies for the prevention of violence in the family and the school;

(f) To invite the media to join in efforts to reduce violence and to incorporate health topics in their programming;

(g) To obtain the resources necessary for such activities, either directly or through multilateral, bilateral, and nongovernmental agencies.

4. To request the Director, within available resources:

(a) To continue to provide technical cooperation in order to strengthen the ability of the Member Governments to perform epidemiological surveillance of violent acts;

(b) To continue to promote research that will shed light on the nature and determinants of violence in each country;

(c) To promote technical cooperation among countries and dissemination of information about successful experiences in the area of violence prevention.

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