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## **39th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

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### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***CD39.R7***

### **PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES IN HEALTH SECTOR REFORM**

*THE 39th DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having seen Document CD39/13, "Progress of Activities in Health Sector Reform";

Bearing in mind the Action Plan approved by the 1994 Summit of the Americas and Resolution CD38.R14 of the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council on equitable access to basic health services; and

Considering the inequity in the distribution and utilization of resources still prevailing in the Americas, despite the attention that has been devoted to health sector reform in the Region in recent years,

#### ***RESOLVES***

1. To recognize the efforts undertaken by the countries in health sector reform and to acknowledge the bilateral and multilateral cooperation provided, while emphasizing the need for coordination of external support and respect for national autonomy and identity.
2. To emphasize the Organization's leadership and coordination function in the programming and execution of health sector activities.
3. To urge Member Governments:

(a) To reaffirm their political commitment to health sector reform, including population-based public health approaches, as a strategy for making health systems more equitable, efficient, and effective in response to the health needs of the peoples of the Americas;

(b) To continue to exchange experiences and report on the progress and problems of the national processes of health sector reform.

4. To request the Director:

(a) To continue to cooperate with national processes of health sector reform, through the appropriate regional and country units of the Organization;

(b) To proceed with the continuous monitoring of and periodic reporting on progress and problems faced by national processes of health sector reform in the Region;

(c) To foster networking—including the evolving inter-American network as called for at the Summit of the Americas—among governments, private sector institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and other interested parties, as a mechanism for exchange of information and expertise on health sector reform.

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