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## **40th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

49th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***CD40.R6***

### **HEALTH OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

*THE 40th DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having examined the report on the health of indigenous peoples (Document CD40/14);  
Recognizing the growing evidence of inequities in health status and access to basic health services for the estimated 43 million indigenous persons in the Region of the Americas; and  
Considering the economic, geographic, and cultural barriers to the efficient and effective delivery of public health and personal health care services in isolated rural and marginal urban areas in most countries,

#### ***RESOLVES***

1. To take note of the report on progress in the implementation of Resolution CD37.R5, to reaffirm the commitment to the goals of the Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples, and to approve the activities proposed in Document CD40/14.
2. To urge the Member States, in the process of the implementation of health sector reform, to be persistent in efforts to detect, monitor and reverse inequities in health status and access to basic health services for vulnerable groups, including indigenous peoples.

3. To call to the attention of Member States that renewal of the goal of health for all requires that sustainable solutions are found to address the economic, geographic, and cultural barriers to adequate care for vulnerable groups.
4. To request the Director to continue his efforts to implement the Health of Indigenous Peoples Initiative.

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