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13rd DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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STATUS OF SMALLPOX ERADICATION IN THE AMERICAS

THE 13rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report on the status of smallpox eradication in the Americas (Document CD13/18) presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Considering that, although smallpox has already disappeared in several countries of the Hemisphere, its persistence in others poses a serious threat to the countries in which it has been eliminated, and that it also represents an economic burden, in many cases necessitating the execution of new mass vaccination programs,

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the report on the status of the smallpox eradication program in the Americas (Document CD13/18) presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To approve the criteria for smallpox eradication proposed by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the World Health Organization, in the aforementioned document.
3. To express its satisfaction with the success achieved by various Member Governments in eradicating smallpox from their territories, and with the development of nation-wide vaccination

campaigns in other countries, which makes it possible to foresee the disappearance of the disease in the near future.

4. To urge that the Governments of countries that have not as yet eliminated smallpox accelerate, or initiate, programs of eradication.

5. To recommend that the Governments endeavor to produce smallpox vaccine in amounts sufficient not only to meet the needs in their own countries but also to maintain a reserve for meeting emergency situations or for rendering assistance to other countries that may require the vaccine.

6. To recommend that, so long as smallpox continues to constitute an international problem, the countries endeavor to maintain adequate levels of immunity in the population, and that they ensure strict application of the provisions of the International Sanitary Regulations, especially Article 3 on the notification of cases.

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