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130th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

CE130.R13

PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO CHRONIC DISEASES

THE 130th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on public health response to chronic diseases (Document CE130/17),

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE 26th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the report of the Director on public health response to chronic diseases (Document CSP26/__);

Recalling Resolution CD42.R9 on cardiovascular diseases, with an emphasis on hypertension, which endorses an integrated approach to the prevention of cardiovascular diseases through the Actions for the Multifactorial Reduction of Noncommunicable Diseases (CARMEN) initiative; and noting that CARMEN represents an avenue for integrating risk factors and diseases;

Noting that chronic noncommunicable diseases contribute to 70% of deaths in the Region of the Americas, and that more than half of premature mortality under the age of 70 years is attributed to chronic noncommunicable diseases; and

Alarmed by the increasing cost of noncommunicable diseases to society as a consequence of rapid demographic and epidemiological changes,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States to:
 - (a) make efforts to document the burden of chronic diseases and their risk factors;
 - (b) endorse the CARMEN initiative as one of the main strategies for integrated prevention of chronic diseases;
 - (c) incorporate models of care for chronic conditions in order to improve quality of care and to increase the capacity of primary care to respond to the needs of the population.

2. To request the Director to:
 - (a) provide technical cooperation to Member States in developing an integrated approach to noncommunicable diseases, based on the CARMEN initiative;
 - (b) support Member States to develop and improve surveillance of noncommunicable diseases and their risk factors;
 - (c) support and encourage operational research on the effective implementation of programs to prevent noncommunicable diseases and reduce their impact;
 - (d) coordinate with other organizations of the United Nations system, country-based institutions, and nongovernmental organizations to support the prevention and control of chronic diseases.

(Seventh meeting, 27 June 2002)