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RESOLUTION

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HEPATITIS B

THE 31st DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Noting the magnitude and severity of the public health threat posed by all known forms of viral hepatitis, especially hepatitis B and delta hepatitis, as described in Document CD31/16.

Realizing that new advances in technology have now made interventions for hepatitis control more practical and feasible, especially for hepatitis B; and

Observing the development of the worldwide WHO program for hepatitis control and the need to develop regional approaches to the control of hepatitis,

RESOLVES

1. To thank the Director for preparing the report "Prospects for the Control of Hepatitis in the Americas" (Document CD31/16), and bringing it to the attention of the Council.
2. To endorse the regional approaches to hepatitis control outlined in the document.
3. To request the Director:
 - a) To encourage Member Governments to develop the epidemiological information required to further define the magnitude of this problem and to define the seroepidemiology of hepatitis in their populations;

b) To stimulate collaboration among the Member Countries, especially through the establishment of a network of laboratories for the production and distribution of reagents and vaccines for the diagnosis and control of viral hepatitis, and to encourage and support the production of hepatitis B vaccine in those countries where it is feasible and necessary.

4. To request the Member Countries to collaborate with the Director in the implementation of regional approaches to the control of hepatitis.

5. To request the Director to evaluate periodically the progress made by countries in the control of hepatitis, especially hepatitis B.

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