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## **26th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

31st SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***CD26.R37***

### **LEPROSY CONTROL IN THE AMERICAN REGION**

*THE 26<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having examined the report on the present status of leprosy programs in the Region of the Americas (Document CD26/17), submitted by the Director in accordance with Resolution XXV of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, and recalling Resolutions WHA29.70 and WHA32.391 of the World Health Assembly;

Taking into account the increased incidence of tropical diseases and the expressed concern of several Governments in the Region; and

Acknowledging the growing global interest in leprosy research and control and the increased availability of new sources of funds from various agencies.

#### ***RESOLVES***

1. To commend the Director for the concise and comprehensive report on leprosy in the Americas.
2. To urge the Director to make special efforts to obtain extrabudgetary funds for leprosy and tropical disease programs.
3. To continue and improve the current advisory and training services of the Organization supported by regular funds and to ensure that they meet the defined needs of national programming.

4. To support the development of national laboratories in order to improve their capacity for leprosy diagnosis, control, and research.
5. To commend and thank the Government of Venezuela for its support for the regional leprosy activities of PAHO through the Associated National Center for Research and Training in Leprosy and Tropical Diseases, which has set an outstanding example of technical cooperation among developing countries

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