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# **17th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

19th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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## ***RESOLUTION***

### ***CD17.R18***

#### **STATUS OF Aedes Aegypti ERADICATION IN THE AMERICAS**

*THE 17<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having considered the report of the Director on the status of *Aedes aegypti* eradication in the Americas (Document CD17/15 and Addenda);<sup>1</sup>

Having also considered the reports of the Conference on *Aedes aegypti* Eradication in the Americas (3-5 April 1967), of the Study Group on the Eradication of *Aedes aegypti* in the Americas (6-12 April 1967), and of the Working Group on Laboratory Colonies of *Aedes aegypti* (17-19 July 1967), all of which [met] in Washington, D.C., under the auspices of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Considering that delay in achieving eradication of *A. aegypti* in extensive areas of the Hemisphere not only gives rise to a risk of urban yellow fever and other diseases transmitted by that vector, but also continues to be the cause of the reintroduction of the mosquito into areas that have achieved eradication;

Recognizing that reinfestations require substantial unanticipated expenditures by Governments that have already spent considerable sums on the eradication of *A. aegypti* and delay even further the completion of the continental program;

Considering that in the last five years the eradication campaign has made progress only in rather limited areas and that in several countries and territories the situation during that period has in fact deteriorated;

Bearing in mind that the Governing Bodies of the Organization have urged the countries and territories still infested to complete their *A. aegypti* eradication programs as soon as possible, since the success of the continental program can only be ensured if all sources of reinfestation are promptly eliminated; and

Considering that insecticides that can be successfully used against the mosquito are now available and that administrative and financial difficulties are at present the sole obstacles impeding the satisfactory conduct of the campaign,

#### *RESOLVES*

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the status of *Aedes aegypti* eradication and of the reports of the aforementioned meetings (Document CD17/15 and Addenda).
2. To urge the Governments of the countries and territories still infested to fulfill their commitments and eradicate *A. aegypti*.
3. To recommend to the Governments of the Organization that they provide one another with reciprocal assistance, through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in the form of loans and grants or supplies and equipment.
4. To recommend to the international lending agencies that they make funds available to the Governments for the eradication of *A. aegypti*, and to request the Director to advise the Governments on ways of making these international funds available to supplement national funds.
5. To authorize the Director to seek additional funds for strengthening the assistance that PASB has been giving to the Governments for the eradication of *A. aegypti*.
6. To determine that, in special cases and at the specific request of each Government, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau may participate directly in the *A. aegypti* eradication programs.
7. To urge the Governments of the countries and territories already free of the mosquito to maintain strict epidemiological surveillance against reinfestation.
8. To request PASB to provide assistance to establish and maintain these services and to make periodic evaluations of them so that deficiencies may be corrected.
9. To authorize the Director to limit certification of *A. aegypti* eradication to a period of three years and to request recertification thereafter.

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