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***RESOLUTION***

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**MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND HEALTH TARGETS**

***THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,***

Having seen the report, “Millennium Development Goals and Health Targets” (Document CD45/8);

Acknowledging the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the strong commitment of the governments of the Region to their attainment;

Recognizing the close link between the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and PAHO/WHO’s vision of health for all; and

Understanding the importance of the achievement of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration for the reduction of health inequalities in the Region of the Americas,

***RESOLVES:***

1. To request the Members States to:
  - (a) prepare and execute national plans of action for the attainment of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the effective programming of development assistance resources;
  - (b) strengthen the political commitment to the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration at all levels of governance and consider the achievement of the goals a priority in regional, subregional, national, and local economic and social development plans;

- (c) increase awareness and ownership of the health priorities set by the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration at the country level through a wide range of policy dialogues, partnerships, and intersectoral action;
  - (d) foster partnerships on the attainment of the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration in subregional political and economic fora in order to strengthen Member States' commitment to health and social development with shared responsibility;
  - (e) intensify action on national health development and social protection in health, particularly at national and subnational levels to support progress on the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
  - (f) better integrate national efforts to attain the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration with initiatives on health goals and targets and outcome-oriented health policies in the Americas;
  - (g) engage and increase cooperation with other partners to advance the agenda of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration at regional, subregional, and country levels;
  - (h) support a strong civil society involvement at all levels to attain the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, with a view to especially include adolescents, women, persons with disabilities, ethnic and racial groups, and indigenous populations;
  - (i) improve measurement and routine monitoring of progress of the attainment of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration through high-quality, disaggregated health data;
  - (j) initiate, facilitate, and support research to strengthen the evidence base for the attainment of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and generate new knowledge, in particular relating to synergies for health.
2. To request the Director to:
- (a) renew efforts to support countries in the development and implementation of national plans of action for the attainment of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the effective programming of development assistance resources;

- (b) continue to utilize the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration as a critical element of PAHO's cooperation in all relevant technical areas, particularly for those countries and population groups with the greatest need to attain the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
- (c) continue to integrate and mainstream the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration in the PAHO program of work and in the results-based management;
- (d) intensify efforts for mobilizing human and financial resources and partnerships to support the countries in the Americas in implementing their national strategies as applied to the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration that focus on health;
- (e) integrate PAHO's work on the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration with other strategic efforts in health development in the Region of the Americas, including the efforts by subregional and regional bodies, the poverty reduction strategies of the United Nations and development banks, and investment in health systems strengthening;
- (f) provide technical support to the regional meeting of ministers of health that will take place in Argentina, in June 2005, to assess progress on the health-related goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
- (g) continuously monitor the national and regional advancement towards the health-related goals, evaluate experiences, and share best practices among countries.

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