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**19th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
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***RESOLUTION***

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**SMALLPOX ERADICATION**

*THE 19<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having been informed of the status of the smallpox eradication campaign in the Americas (Document CD19/18, Addendum); and

Bearing in mind that as long as endemic foci persist in the Hemisphere smallpox will continue to be a serious problem,

***RESOLVES***

1. To reaffirm that the eradication of smallpox is one of the highest priorities for the Continent and for the Pan American Health Organization.
2. To recommend to the countries in which smallpox is endemic that they strengthen their programs and give special emphasis to epidemiological surveillance, case investigation, measures for containing outbreaks, and evaluation activities.
3. To recommend to countries bordering on those in which smallpox is endemic that they continue their maintenance and epidemiological surveillance programs, especially in border areas.

4. To urge countries that produce smallpox vaccine to accelerate efforts to standardize a freeze-dried vaccine that meets the WHO requirements, and to thank them for gifts of vaccines made to the Fund of the Organization and express the wish that they continue to make such contributions.

5. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

a) To take the necessary measures for coordinating national programs and, with the funds allotted by PAHO/WHO, to continue to provide the programs with technical and material assistance; and

b) To report to the 64th Meeting of the Executive Committee and to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference on the progress made in the smallpox eradication program.

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