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RESOLUTION

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**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE GLOBAL SAFE BLOOD INITIATIVE
AND PLAN OF ACTION FOR 2005-2010**

THE 46th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Noting the importance of blood transfusions for appropriate patient care, survival, and quality of life;

Having studied the report of the Director on the progress of the Blood Safety Initiative;

Recognizing the achievements in the screening of infectious markers in blood and the reduction in the potential risk of transfusion-transmitted infections in the Region;

Aware of the efforts made by the Secretariat and the National Blood Programs of the Member States to jointly assess previous work and to develop a regional plan of action for the improvement of transfusion safety in the Americas by the year 2010;

Concerned that the goals identified by the World Health Assembly in 1975 and by the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization in the past decade have not been achieved in the Region;

Recognizing that in order to achieve sufficient supply, appropriate quality of blood, and appropriate safety of transfusions, the current national approaches need to be revised and adjusted;

Recognizing that the number of voluntary donors in the Region of the Americas is still limited;

Welcoming World Health Assembly Resolution WHA58.13 Blood Safety: Proposal to Establish World Blood Donor Day; and

Motivated by the spirit of Pan Americanism, equity, and the internationally agreed-upon health-related development goals in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member States to:
 - (a) analyze the progress and challenges in the pursuit of sufficiency, quality, safety, and appropriate use of blood and blood products in their countries;
 - (b) officially adopt the Regional Plan of Action for Transfusion Safety 2006-2010, and appropriately allocate and efficiently use resources to obtain its objectives;
 - (c) promote the participation of the public and private sectors, ministries of education, labor and social development, and civil society in the international, national, and local activities undertaken to implement the Regional Plan;
 - (d) strengthen blood services and improve their efficiency, while promoting a culture of voluntary, nonremunerated blood donation.
2. To request the Director to:
 - (a) cooperate with the Member States in the development of their national blood policies and strategies, and the strengthening of blood services to ensure transfusion safety;
 - (b) promote the application at the local level of quality standards and validated methodologies for the improvement of the safety of blood products and blood transfusion, utilizing a multidisciplinary approach;
 - (c) work with Member States to monitor the development of the national blood programs and transfusion safety;
 - (d) report periodically to the Governing Bodies on the progress of implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for Transfusion Safety, including constraints;

- (e) mobilize resources in support of the Regional Plan of Action for Transfusion Safety.

(Eighth meeting, 29 September 2005)