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RESOLUTION

CE134.R10

REGIONAL PROGRAM BUDGET POLICY

THE 134th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering Document CE134/9 and its Addendum, which provides a report of the process used to review the current Regional Program Budget Policy and presents a new proposal for this policy;

Bearing in mind Resolution CD44.R10 of the 44th Directing Council, which noted the need to update the regional program budget policy to define criteria for a more equitable budgetary allocation among countries; and

Taking into account the decision of the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly with respect to the need to define criteria for regional allocations of the World Health Organization and a framework for guiding the formulation of the program budgets of WHO,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to solicit written comments and disseminate them to the Member States.
2. To transmit the Regional Program Budget Policy contained in the Addendum of Document CE134/9 to the 45th Directing Council, incorporating the comments of the Executive Committee and other Member States.
3. To recommend to the 45th Directing Council that it fully discuss the applicability of the model and adopt the following resolution:

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Document CD45/___ and its Addendum, which presents a new Regional Program Budget Policy that defines a new way of allocating resources within the Organization;

Recalling the Managerial Strategy for the Work of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in the Period 2003-2007, which states that the program budget would need to be strategic and flexible to support the implementation of the 11th General Program of Work of WHO and the Strategic Plan 2003-2007 for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Further recalling Resolution CD44.R10 of the 44th Directing Council, which noted the need to update the regional program budget policy to define criteria for a more equitable budgetary allocation among countries;

Aware that the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly has terminated Resolution WHA51.31 and has called for a new method for allocation of resources across the Regions of WHO, and a framework for guiding the formulation of the program budgets of WHO;

Noting the increased focus on countries, in particular the Key Countries identified in the Strategic Plan 2003-2007 for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as well as the Director-General's proposal for shifting resources to the Regions and countries;

Concerned that countries of the Americas should intensify efforts to attain the targets for the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and other regional goals by 2015; and

Considering the comments made by the Executive Committee and other Member States,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Consultative Group on the PAHO Regional Program Budget Policy and the Secretariat for its efforts to develop criteria for the allocation of regular and extrabudgetary funds by functional level, areas of work, and among countries.
2. To take note of the proposed model for allocation of resources among countries.
3. To approve the new PAHO Regional Program Budget Policy as contained in Document CD45/._.

4. To ensure that the country allocations in future PAHO program budgets approved by the Council should, for the most part, be guided by a model that:
 - (a) ensures a minimal level of cooperation with all countries;
 - (b) distributes allocations among countries based on appropriate needs-based criteria;
 - (c) is sufficiently flexible to accommodate evolving needs and special circumstances;
 - (d) is transparent, simple, and consistent;
 - (e) can be phased in over two, or at the most three biennia, and in such a way that the shift in allocations protects key priorities in country programs.
5. To promote a prioritization in the allocation among areas of work that is consistent with the attainment of the health-related goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration.
6. To enforce the criteria of no less than 40% of the program budget allocations made to the country level and no less than 5% to the subregional level.
7. To request the Director to:
 - (a) apply the new Regional Program Budget Policy in the formulation of future programs budgets, as decided by the Directing Council;
 - (b) present to the Directing Council or Pan American Sanitary Conference a thorough evaluation of the Regional Program Budget Policy after three biennia of implementation to ensure that it continues to respond to the changing health needs and equitable allocation of resources.

(Ninth meeting, 25 June 2004)