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RESOLUTION

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INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF CHILDHOOD ILLNESS (IMCI)

THE 26th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered Document CSP26/11 and the findings presented on the progress made in the implementation of the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) strategy in the Region of the Americas; and

Bearing in mind the progress made in the Healthy Children: Goal 2002 Initiative, which has helped to sustain and accelerate the reduction in child mortality, particularly from the causes targeted by the IMCI strategy,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the approach and operationalization contained in Document CSP26/11 for the implementation of the IMCI strategy.
2. To underscore the importance of expanding the IMCI strategy by incorporating new components that will make it possible to improve the problem-solving capability of health workers at the first level of care, which includes prenatal and neonatal care to guarantee healthy pregnancies, births, and child development.

3. To urge the Member States to:
 - (a) continue to strengthen support for the IMCI strategy and its expansion and coordination with other programs and actors in health, with a view to sustaining and accelerating the reduction in child mortality, and to advance toward universal access by the population to the basic quality of care standard offered by the strategy;
 - (b) hasten effective integration of the IMCI strategy into undergraduate and graduate programs in the health disciplines and its application by graduates;
 - (c) strengthen and promote effective mechanisms for the collection, consolidation, and analysis of data that will permit the monitoring and evaluation of health actions targeting infants and children;
 - (d) strengthen the number and diversity of human health resources to deal effectively with ill children and the causes of illness.

4. To request the Director to continue supporting implementation of the IMCI strategy in terms of expanding it to other countries and increasing coverage in the countries that have already adopted it.

(Sixth meeting, 25 September 2002)