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***RESOLUTION***

***CSP26.R16***

**EVALUATION OF THE PAN AMERICAN CENTER FOR  
SANITARY ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (CEPIS)**

***THE 26<sup>th</sup> PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,***

Having seen Document CSP26/17, Evaluation of the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS);

Aware of the full internal evaluation report submitted by the evaluation team to the Director contained in Document CSP26/INF/2;

Bearing in mind Resolution CSP20.R31 of the 20<sup>th</sup> Pan American Sanitary Conference, requesting the Director to carry out a regular evaluation of each of the Pan American Centers;

Noting with satisfaction that this process has entered a new and expanded stage with the evaluation of CEPIS;

Aware of the recommendations that the internal evaluation team has presented to the Director;

Recalling the discussions on the topic of the Centers at recent sessions of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming and of the Executive Committee; and

Noting the need to strengthen program evaluation throughout the Bureau,

***RESOLVES:***

1. To commend the Director for having carried out this comprehensive evaluation and for having reenergized the process of evaluation in general, and that of the Pan American Centers requested by the Conference in 1978.
2. To request the Director to:
  - (a) implement the pertinent recommendations of the evaluation team to ensure the evolution of a strengthened CEPIS, able to serve better the current and emerging needs of Member States in the field of health and environment;
  - (b) conduct a periodic comprehensive evaluation of one of the Pan American Centers each year;
  - (c) strengthen the Bureau's capacity for program evaluation;
  - (d) promote the development of cooperation networks among CEPIS, the Collaborating Centers, and other institutions linked with health and the environment in the countries;
  - (e) present a written management response to the recommendations of the evaluation of CEPIS and of other Pan American Centers as they are evaluated.

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