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### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***CSP26.R21***

#### **WOMEN, HEALTH, AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Having considered the report of the Director on women, health, and development (Document CSP26/16);

Taking into account the inadequacies of current information and surveillance systems for documenting the health situation and trends in women's health and the existing gender inequities in health;

Aware that policies for reducing gender inequities require information for their formulation and evaluation; and

Bearing in mind the ongoing initiatives of other agencies of the United Nations system,

#### ***RESOLVES:***

1. To urge the Member States to:
  - (a) assign a high priority to establishing and financing information systems on gender differences in health and development; and to the collection, processing, and presentation of health information disaggregated by sex;
  - (b) promote the participation of users and producers of information about gender and health issues from both government and civil society;

- (c) incorporate gender-based analysis in the formulation and monitoring of policies and in the initial and ongoing education of health care providers and to ensure access to gender-sensitive health programs that address the health needs of women throughout their lives, taking into account their multiple roles and responsibilities.
2. To request the Director to:
- (a) stimulate and support the production, dissemination, and analysis of data disaggregated by sex, incorporating data on interventions in the areas of gender, social class, ethnicity, and social territories;
  - (b) support the periodic production of statistical bulletins and health profiles on gender, health, and development;
  - (c) stimulate and support technical cooperation among countries in the development, analysis, and use of information on gender and health;
  - (d) continue efforts to integrate gender into the work of the Organization, in particular in the strategic planning process and its follow-up;
  - (e) incorporate a gender perspective in health analysis so as to target policies and programs more effectively and to develop and implement models that address gender inequities in health in an integrated manner;
  - (f) address the need for more in-depth studies on the perception of health service providers, for the identification and explanation of the health problems of men and women.

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