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### XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference

#### RESOLUTIONS

***CSP23.R1*** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having considered the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Document CSP23/3) on the work of the Committee from September 1989 to date, the period during which the 104th and 105th Meetings were held; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 4.F of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

#### ***Resolves:***

1. To take note of the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Document CSP23/3).
2. To congratulate the Chairman and the other members of the Executive Committee on their excellent work.

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***CSP23.R2*** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering the Regional Initiative signed in Quito on 6 September 1990 by the heads of maternal and child health programs of Latin America and the Caribbean; and

Taking into account that this Initiative will be seen and studied by the next World Summit for Children, to be held in New York City on the occasion of the United Nations General Assembly,

***Resolves:***

1. To support the Regional Initiative on Maternal and Child Health signed in Quito.
2. To urge the Heads of State and Heads of Government of the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean who will participate in the World Summit for Children to make public their commitment to attain in the countries of the Region the goals of maternal and child health proposed for the 1990s, taking into account the interrelationships of population dynamics and the needs for sustained comprehensive development.

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***CSP23.R3*** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the Annual Report, 1989, and Quadrennial Report, 1986–1989, of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the activities of PAHO during the period between the XXII and XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conferences (Official Document 234); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 4.F of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

***Resolves:***

1. To take note of the Annual Report, 1989, and Quadrennial Report, 1986–1989, of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To congratulate the Director for his constant efforts to make the Report a dynamic working tool that accurately reflects the work done by PAHO and is of use in evaluating the execution of the cooperation activities carried out during the period covered.

3. To thank the Director for his leadership and support to the Member Governments in the technical cooperation activities carried out by PAHO from 1986 to 1989.

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**CSP23.R4** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CSP23/21 and Add. I) and the concerns expressed by the 105th Meeting of the Executive Committee with respect to the status of the collection of quota contributions;

Noting the report of the Working Party on the application of Article 6.B of the PAHO Constitution relating to the suspension of voting privileges of Member Governments that fail to meet their financial obligations to the Organization (Document CSP23/21. Add. I); and

Recognizing that, in the case of the eight Member Governments subject to Article 6.B, Guyana, through its payments action, is no longer subject to Article 6.B, and Nicaragua and Suriname have made serious efforts to meet their commitments under their approved deferred payment plans; and

Further noting that the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, and Peru have now submitted reasonable and acceptable plans of payment in accordance with their economic situation.

***Resolves:***

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CSP23/21 and Add. I).
2. To thank the Member Governments that have already made payments in 1990 and to urge all Member Governments in arrears to meet promptly their financial obligations to the Organization.
3. To congratulate Guyana for its payment effort to reduce its quota arrears for prior years.

4. To endorse the Article 6.B Working Party recommendation to permit the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, and Suriname to vote at this Pan American Sanitary Conference.
5. To request the Director to notify Antigua and Barbuda that its voting privileges will be suspended effective with the commencement of the XXXV Meeting of the Directing Council unless a specific and acceptable plan of deferred payments is received by the Secretariat, and that voting privileges will be automatically restored by this action.
6. To endorse the Working Party's recommendation that all deferred payment plans be considered firm commitments by the countries concerned and not be modified in the future.
7. To request that the Director,
  - a) Continue to monitor the implementation of special payment agreements made by Member Governments in arrears for the payment of prior years' quota assessments;
  - b) Advise the Executive Committee of Member Governments' compliance with their quota payment commitments;
  - c) Report to the XXXV Meeting of the Directing Council on the status of the collection of quota contributions for 1991 and prior years.

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**CSP23.R5** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for 1988–1989 (Official Document 233) on the accounts of the Pan American Health Organization;

Noting the presentation by the External Auditor on the satisfactory condition of the Organization's accounts and the Organization's continued compliance with the Financial Regulations and legislative authority; and

Expressing satisfaction that the Organization has continued to follow sound financial practices and to maintain a stable fiscal standing,

***Resolves:***

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for 1988–1989 (Official Document 233).
2. To express appreciation to the External Auditor for the thoroughness of his audit reviews during the past biennium and for presenting a clear and concise report on the condition of the Organization's accounts and accuracy of the financial statements for 1988–1989.
3. To request that the Governments that are members of the Caribbean Epidemiology Center, the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute, and the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama continue to strengthen their efforts to pay their outstanding quota assessments as early as possible.
4. To endorse the Director's proposal to credit the surplus of US\$962,201 to reduce the quotas of Member Governments in relation to the biennial program budget for 1992–1993.
5. To thank the Director for his continuing efforts and success in maintaining a sound financial position for the Organization.

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***CSP23.R6*** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having considered Document CSP23/11 and the tentative request for US\$71,491,000 from the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for the biennium 1992–1993, which includes cost increases of US\$6,464,000 or 9.9% over the revised 1990–1991 allocation; and

Noting the recommendation of the 105th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

***Resolves:***

To request the Director to transmit to the Director-General of WHO the request for US\$71,491,000 for the Region of the Americas for the biennium 1992–1993, for consideration by the WHO Executive Board and the World Health Assembly in 1991.

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**CSP23.R7** The Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind Articles 4.E and 21.A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, which provide that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall have a Director elected at the Conference by the vote of a majority of the Governments of the Organization;

Bearing in mind Article 4 of the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization and Article 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which establish the procedure for the appointment of Regional Directors of the World Health Organization; and

Satisfied that the election of the Director of the Bureau has been held in accordance with the established procedures,

***Resolves:***

1. To declare Dr. Carlyle Guerra de Macedo elected Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for a period of four years to begin 1 February 1991.
2. To submit to the Executive Board of the World Health Organization the name of Dr. Carlyle Guerra de Macedo for appointment as Regional Director for the Americas.

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**CSP23.R8** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference elected Chile, Cuba, and the United States of America to the Executive Committee upon termination of the periods of office of El Salvador, Panama, and Uruguay, and thanked the Governments of these countries for the services rendered to the Organization by their representatives on the Committee.

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**CSP23.R9** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering the positive results of the Central American Health Initiative known as "Health, a Bridge for Peace" to promote the improvement of health, encourage cooperative action, and contribute to solidarity;

Taking account of the adoption of Resolution XVII by the XXX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (1984) supporting the plan known as "Priority Health Needs in Central America and Panama" (PPS/CAP);

Considering that the VI Special Meeting of the Health Sector in Central America (RESSCA), held in Belize in September 1990, commended the first stage of the Initiative and approved a new proposal for the second stage called "Health and Peace for Development and Democracy in Central America";

Recognizing that this decision follows the mandate given by the Presidents of Central America in their summit meeting at Montelimar in April 1990, reaffirming that health is a political priority and requesting their health ministers to "evaluate the gains of the PPS/CAP over the last five years and frame a new health initiative for Central America," for which purpose they requested the collaboration of PAHO/WHO;

Sharing the appreciation expressed by VI RESSCA to PAHO/WHO and the Governments, agencies, and organizations of the international community for their support to the first stage of the PPS/CAP and giving special recognition to the Governments and peoples of the Central American countries for their extraordinary determination in using health as a bridge for peace; and

Having seen the Declaration of Belize and the resolutions approved by VI RESSCA that define a second stage of the Central American Health Initiative as an effort to promote common goals in health and thereby to support a process of development with justice, further the consolidation of peace, and strengthen democracy,

***Resolves:***

1. To support the launching of a second stage of the Central American Health Initiative decided upon by the VI Special Meeting of the Health Sector in Central America (RESSCA) under the title of "Health and Peace for Development and Democracy in Central America."
2. To take cognizance of the effort of the Secretariat of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) to support the Governments in developing the Central American Health Initiative, and to thank the international community for its financial, material, and political support to that initiative over the last five years.
3. To request all sectors in the countries of Central America to join with the health ministers in the promotion of strategies and development efforts for the improvement of health for all, especially in the most vulnerable groups and areas of risk, as proposed in the basic strategy of the second stage of the Central American Health Initiative.
4. To reaffirm the Organization's support for the second stage and to recommend to the Director that he continue collaborating with the countries of Central America in their analysis of the health sector, the review of the programs in the sector, the formulation of projects, and the mobilization of resources for the "Health and Peace for Development and Democracy" initiative.
5. To urge the international community, including all Governments, development cooperation agencies, international financial institutions, and other international organizations to continue and intensify their technical and financial support for the second stage of the Central American Health Initiative.
6. To request the Director to present a report on the status of the efforts to implement the second stage of the "Health and Peace for Development and Democracy" initiative to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1994.



**CSP23.R10** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having reviewed the progress report presented by the Director on the implementation of the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) and the Plan of Action for the Eradication of the Indigenous Transmission of Wild Polio-virus (Document CSP23/19 and Add. 1);

Noting with satisfaction that immunization coverage levels continued the increased trend observed in previous years, reaching again a historical high in 1989;

Taking note of the continued declining trend of the diseases included in this program;

Observing from the data presented that indigenous transmission of wild poliovirus may be on the verge of being interrupted in the Western Hemisphere and that an International Commission has been established to start procedures for the certification that transmission has been interrupted;

Cognizant that both the increase in immunization coverage level and the effort to eradicate polio have been major factors in the strengthening of the health infrastructure in general and of epidemiological surveillance in particular; and

Fully aware that what remains to be done to further increase immunization coverage and achieve the final interruption of transmission will require extraordinary measures by Member Governments.

***Resolves:***

1. To recognize and express deep appreciation for the critical role that the United States Agency for International Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, UNICEF, the Canadian International Development Agency/Canadian Public Health Association, and Rotary International have played in the last five years, particularly after the Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee was created.
2. To request that these and other development agencies strongly support, financially and technically, the activities outlined in the Concept Paper annexed

to Document CSP23/19, entitled "Child Health: Accelerated Immunization Program in the Americas. Phase II: 1991–1995."

3. To urge all Member Governments to assign the necessary funds for vaccine procurement in their national health budgets.

4. To reiterate that all Member Governments need to take strong measures to:

a) Eliminate the missed opportunities to vaccinate;

b) Achieve and maintain universal coverage with all vaccines included in the Expanded Program on Immunization;

c) Increase the measures aimed at the control of neonatal tetanus, particularly in those areas that are identified at high risk for this disease; and

d) Further strengthen the control of measles, building on the experience now being gained in the English-speaking Caribbean.

5. To emphasize to Member Governments that adoption of the new polio case classification and acceleration of the national weekly reporting system for flaccid paralysis will be critical for the consolidation of interruption of indigenous transmission of wild poliovirus.

6. To request that Member Governments make every effort to inform the general population that PAHO has instituted a reward of US\$100 to be given to the person reporting the first case of flaccid paralysis in a community that is proven to be due to the wild poliovirus, as a measure that will help increase the possibilities of early detection of probable cases of polio.

7. To request the Director:

a) To make every effort to sustain the activities needed to stop transmission of wild poliovirus by the end of 1990;

b) To take all steps needed to ensure agency coordination and necessary funding for the implementation of Phase II of the project outlined in the Concept Paper, which will sustain and increase immunization coverage and further control the diseases preventable by vaccination;

c) To present a progress report on the findings of the International Certification Commission on polio eradication and the funding of Phase II to the XXXV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO in 1991.

**CSP23.R11** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having considered the report of the Director on the significance of the deteriorating environmental health conditions (Document CSP23/16);

Recalling Resolution XIII of the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference (1986) concerned with the establishment of the Regional Program on Chemical Safety, and Resolution WHA42.261 of the World Health Assembly in which support from national health agencies is encouraged in the establishment of policies for sustainable and environmentally sound development;

Noting the growing concern of governments and the public that changes in environmental conditions are causing adverse health effects, particularly in the vulnerable segments of the population, especially among the poor, which are likely to grow worse if not brought under better control;

Recognizing that these health issues must be given increased attention and that, for the effective execution of the health sector's role with respect to environmental health protection, improvement in information and information management capacities is a key need;

Acknowledging that effective environmental health protection activities should involve communities and all relevant sectors at local, intermediate, and national levels;

Considering that governments are actively engaged, with the support of the United Nations Environment Program/Regional Office for Latin America and Caribbean countries, in preparing a Regional Plan of Action for the Environment, which should give consideration to the health needs and well-being of the population; and

Noting the Rome Declaration of the Ministers of Health or their representatives (May 1989), which expresses, among others, the need to prevent environmental degradation today to protect the health of future generations,

***Resolves:***

1. To take note of the report on environmental protection (Document CSP23/16), and to endorse the principles and framework for action in the 1990s contained therein.

2. To urge Member Governments:

a) To strengthen the administrative and technical capabilities of national and local institutions as required for the execution of environmental health protection activities, including environmental monitoring and surveillance, covering all segments of the population;

b) To formulate national environmental health strategies, including needed policies, programs, and methods, to facilitate working with communities on environmental health interventions;

c) To improve intersectoral cooperation among ongoing national programs and activities, giving increased priority to health protection associated with environmental aspects of water and sanitation, housing, transportation, industrial development, energy generation, urbanization, and resource exploitation.

3. To request the Director:

a) To provide technical cooperation for strengthening country capacities in environmental epidemiology, information management, human and scientific resource management, intersectoral coordination, and community mobilization to protect the health of all peoples against environmental hazards, so that appropriate national policies and programs can be formulated and implemented;

b) To promote activities of, and cooperate closely with, appropriate national and international health and development agencies to raise awareness and understanding in the population and the industrial sector and to provide information and guidance on the health risks associated with a deteriorating environment;

c) To stimulate and support cooperation between countries in the field of protection of the environment;

d) To take the necessary steps to mobilize extrabudgetary funding in order to execute programs and projects in the Member Countries which are in line with the subparagraphs above and the principles contained in Document CSP23/16.

**CSP23.R12** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having seen the report "Coordination between the Social Security and the Public Health Institutions" (Document CSP23/25);

Recognizing that, up to now, different approaches and modalities have been tried in the Member Countries for coordinating the action of the institutions in the public sector, and of the social security agencies and the health ministries in particular;

Considering the persistence, despite these attempts and efforts, of low coverages of the population and duplications of programs and facilities, efforts should be continued and expanded for the political and functional integration of the institutional resources of the health sector;

Bearing in mind that the difficult economic situations confronting the countries have a negative effect on the health status of the population and aggravate existing deficits of coverage and the inaccessibility of health services; and

Recognizing the significance and importance of Resolutions CD30.R15 (1984) and CD32.R11 (1987), approved by the Directing Council of PAHO on this subject,

***Resolves:***

1. To accept the report on "Coordination between the Social Security and the Public Health Institutions" (Document CSP23/25).
2. To emphasize the validity and relevance of the recommendations made in Resolutions CD30.R15 (1984) and CD32.R11 (1987) of the Directing Council for bringing about the functional integration of the health sector and, in consequence, to urge the Member Governments to renew and broaden their efforts to implement those recommendations.
3. To recommend to the Member Governments that they:
  - a) Review the institutional makeup, macro-organization, and financing of their health care systems;

b) Adjust their policies and doctrines on social security based on the current needs of the various population groups, especially those groups constituting the informal sector;

c) Take account of the strategic importance of manpower development, the models for continuing education and training, and the adjustment of labor policies in support of the transformation and/or improvement of the health care systems.

4. To request the Director:

a) To encourage and support the aforementioned processes, and to promote the incorporation of social security institutions into the national programming of the technical cooperation provided by the Organization;

b) To continue to emphasize the need for improvement and/or transformation of health systems, including the role of social security, and to allocate specific resources to that purpose, in keeping with the priorities assigned for the 1991–1994 period;

c) To promote the mobilization of additional local and external resources for greater support to the development of programs and activities for these purposes.

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**CSP23.R13** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Document CSP23/14, "Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities for the Pan American Health Organization during the Quadrennium 1991–1994," which includes the revisions suggested by the 105th Meeting of the Executive Committee;l

Taking into account the constitutional function of the Pan American Sanitary Conference in terms of establishing the general policies of the Organization and therefore the points made during general debate on the impact that the dynamic nature of strategic planning has on instruments such as the document under consideration; and

Recognizing the need for Member Governments and for the Secretariat to concentrate their efforts and resources on areas that will strengthen national health systems and thereby improve the health of the people of the Region,

***Resolves:***

1. To approve, as the Organization's basic frame of reference for strategic planning, the document "Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities for the Pan American Health Organization during the Quadrennium 1991–1994," presented by the Director to the XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference.
2. To request the Director:
  - a) To continue his efforts to improve and clarify the content and scope of the document, in consultation with Member Governments, the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming, and the Executive Committee;
  - b) To implement the strategic orientations and program priorities contained therein through the biennial programs and annual operating program budgets throughout the 1991–1994 quadrennium;
  - c) To ensure that the structure and operations of the Secretariat reflect the evolving nature of the strategic orientations and program priorities for the Pan American Health Organization during the 1991–1994 quadrennium;
  - d) To disseminate among Member Governments the document "Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities for the Pan American Health Organization during the Quadrennium 1991–1994";
  - e) To transmit the document to the Director-General of WHO for his consideration;
  - f) To transmit the document to multilateral organizations and to donor-country cooperation agencies that are involved in health sector activities in Member Governments.
3. To request Member Governments to take into account the strategic orientations and program priorities for the Organization during the 1991–1994 quadrennium in the development of their national health policies.

**CSP23.R14** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Document CSP23/4, entitled "Workers' Health";

Taking into account the existence of vulnerable workers' groups exposed to high-risk situations; and

Noting that risk factors in the workplace are related to high ratios of morbidity, absenteeism, and mortality caused by occupational accidents and diseases and other work-related illnesses,

***Resolves:***

1. To adopt the programmatic and cooperation guidelines for PAHO contained in the document "Workers' Health" (CSP23/4).
2. To request that Member Governments:
  - a) Give priority to the formulation and evaluation of specific policies related to occupational health in both the formal and the informal sectors, with particular emphasis on achieving coordination among national institutions with responsibility for this area;
  - b) Give priority to the development and implementation of occupational safety and health laws, to the development and enforcement of standards related to exposure to hazards in the workplace, to research into occupational safety and health and into measures to reduce occupational health risks, and to the development and implementation of disease and injury prevention technologies;
  - c) Increase the development of different institutional workers' health care arrangements in order to promote the attainment of universal coverage, with special emphasis on education for health, the promotion of health, primary health care, and the inclusion of occupational health at all levels of health services, including local health care systems;
  - d) Promote and facilitate greater community participation, including workers and employers, in programming, execution, and evaluation of occupational health programs;
  - e) Train and increase the human resources needed for the gradual expansion of workers' health programs and services, drawing on the experience acquired by the countries of the Region in this area through cooperative exchange programs;



f) Include occupational health activities in all relevant health programs in order to address the needs of all workers, particularly those who are most vulnerable, such as child and adolescent workers and women of reproductive age;

g) Establish information and epidemiological surveillance systems on occupational health;

h) Promote and facilitate employee participation in healthy lifestyles to include: smoking cessation, healthy nutrition, exercise, and programs to decrease injury and disease risks for specific occupations;

i) Encourage the development of legal instruments on working conditions and environments in countries where they do not yet exist, and the issuance of regulations to implement them in the countries whose legislatures have framed and enacted them.

3. To request that the Director:

a) Give workers' health a greater priority when formulating the program budgets during the 1991–1994 quadrennium;

b) Promote and encourage mechanisms leading to a greater mobilization of resources and an increase of PAHO's technical cooperation capacity in occupational health;

c) Promote cooperation to the extent possible and encourage the development of specific occupational health projects for people employed in the agricultural sector, in small businesses, and in the informal sector;

d) Give greater support to efforts toward the establishment of the Andean Center for Occupational Health;

e) Take, to the extent possible, measures to strengthen the national institutes of occupational health and build a regional network based on such measures and on those to be established.

4. To designate 1992 as the year of workers' health in the Region of the Americas and, with the agreement of all the Governments present, to propose to the World Health Organization that it be made an international year of workers' health.

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**CSP23.R15** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having seen the report on disability (Document CSP23/7), Resolution XLIII of the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (1981), and Resolution VII of the XXX Meeting of the Directing Council (1984), on the International Year of Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons;

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons for the recognition accorded in it by the Member Countries of the United Nations organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and other regional organizations to the rights of the disabled and to their role in society;

Considering that concrete actions must be taken to promote improvement of the health of disabled persons, to assimilate them into society with full exercise of their rights and duties, to identify risks that lead to disability, and to prevent disabilities; and

Recognizing that these actions must continue beyond the end of the Decade as part and parcel of the strategies for attainment of the goal of Health for All by the Year 2000,

***Resolves:***

1. To urge the Member Governments:

a) To designate a focal point, or to strengthen it if it already exists, in their Ministries of Health, to ensure that they participate in planning and programming activities, and to facilitate appropriate coordination between the various governmental and nongovernmental organizations and the organizations of the disabled themselves;

b) To sponsor research into the causes and develop priority programs for the prevention of disabilities, particularly in children, and for the early detection of persons with disabilities:

c) To ensure that the treatment requirements of the disabled are met by general health services and to make those services more accessible to these individuals;

d) To examine their national legislation and ensure that all discriminatory provisions are removed;

e) To insist on the improvement and broadening of the approach of community-based rehabilitation in their health programs.

2. To request the Director, on the basis of the "specific objectives" and "goals" stated in Document CSP23/7:

a) To continue his efforts to increase collaboration by the Secretariat with the Member Governments and with local and international nongovernmental organizations as a contribution to the development of programs and activities for the prevention of disability and the full integration of the disabled into society;

b) To obtain extrabudgetary funds from multilateral and bilateral agencies and from all sources able to collaborate with national or regional programs on disability.

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**CSP23.R16** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Document CSP23/6 on disease eradication in the Americas between now and the year 2000, presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Considering the progress that has been made in the Region of the Americas in the eradication/elimination of certain diseases;

Taking account of the plans that exist at the national, regional, and global levels with regard to disease eradication/elimination; and

Recognizing the importance that regional efforts at disease eradication/elimination have in terms of focusing interest and efforts not only on the specific disease in question but on public health and the public health services in general,

***Resolves:***

1. To thank the Director for the report presented.

2. To accept the basic orientations and proposals contained in Document CSP23/6.

3. To urge the Member Governments to:

- a) Promote immunization operations on a priority basis with a view to the eradication/elimination of the aforementioned diseases preventable by immunization;
- b) To set goals for the eradication/elimination of eradicable diseases, such as those resulting from iodine deficiency, taking account of the regional programs for the purpose.

4. To request the Director to:

- a) Consult with Member Governments and present to the next meeting of the Governing Bodies a detailed report on the status of the eradication/elimination effort in relation to those diseases for which decisions have already been taken to proceed on a regional basis toward eradication/elimination, that is, poliomyelitis, neonatal tetanus, urban rabies, foot-and-mouth disease, and measles;
- b) Consult with Member Governments and establish mechanisms to determine the feasibility of eradication/elimination on a regional basis of those diseases which have not yet been targeted, but for which a possibility of eradication/elimination exists, e.g., onchocercosis, leprosy, Chagas' disease, the non-venereal treponematoses, iodine deficiency diseases, and xerophthalmia due to vitamin A deficiency, and in the event that such eradication/elimination is determined to be feasible, prepare the appropriate plans of action to be presented to the Governing Bodies;
- c) To provide technical cooperation to the individual Member Countries wishing to proceed toward eradication/elimination of diseases which may not be suitable targets for a regional effort.

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**CSP23.R17** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the Regional Plan of Action for the Reduction of Maternal Mortality in the Americas (Document CSP23/10);

Reaffirming, reiterating, and expanding the concepts and mandates of Resolutions CD30.R8 (1984), CD31.R18 (1985), CD32.R9 (1987), and

CD33.R13 (1988), related to population matters, maternal and child health and family planning, and to women, health, and development; and

Endorsing the proposal contained in the Regional Plan of Action for the Reduction of Maternal Mortality in the Americas presented by the Director,

***Resolves:***

1. To urge Member Governments:

- a) To develop a comprehensive health care policy addressing women and the prevention of maternal morbidity and mortality;
- b) To set targets for the reduction of maternal mortality by at least 50%, to be attained within the next 10 years;
- c) To carry out programs for the communication and dissemination of information to build collective awareness and informed public opinion on the protection of maternity and promotion of reproductive health;
- d) To design and execute action plans for the reduction of maternal mortality including, whenever appropriate, the goals, intervention strategies, action guidelines, and policies proposed in the Regional Plan;
- e) To undertake an analysis of the cost of a national plan for the reduction of maternal mortality, define a strategy for financing it, and assign to it the necessary resources;
- f) To make special efforts for the participation of other sectors in the implementation of actions in promotion of women's health and maternal health;
- g) To make a special effort toward improving the quality and use of demographic, health, and services information in order to maintain an up-to-date diagnosis of the situation related to the health of women in general, and their reproductive health in particular;
- h) To establish a maternal mortality surveillance system;
- i) To evaluate the national plan for the reduction of maternal mortality every two years and inform PAHO on its progress;
- j) To continue efforts to execute the unanimously adopted mandates contained in Resolutions CD30.R8 (1984), CD31.R18 (1985), CD32.R9 (1987), and

CD33.R13 (1988) as a means of achieving rapid progress in executing maternal and child health and family planning programs, thus increasing activities aimed toward groups at greater risk, and particularly those activities aimed at promoting the health of women and protecting their reproductive health, with the goal of reducing the differences within and among countries.

2. To request the Director:

a) To support activities to prevent maternal morbidity and mortality as demanded by the Organization's collective mandates, giving particular attention to mobilizing national and international technical and financial resources to execute regional, subregional, and national activities proposed in the plan of action;

b) To report on the progress attained in this field to the Meeting of the Directing Council in 1993.

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**CSP23.R18** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering Resolution 44/211,1 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1989, and its possible implications for execution of the technical cooperation activities of the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization;

Considering the structure and functions of the Regional Offices of the World Health Organization, and particularly of the Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization;

Considering the management strategies of the Pan American Health Organization, the process of decentralization to the countries, and the Technical Cooperation Programming System developed in conjunction with the countries; and

Bearing in mind that the topic will be discussed by the Executive Board of WHO in January 1991,

***Resolves:***

1. To take note of the terms of Resolution 44/211 concerning the development of the technical cooperation of PAHO/WHO in the Region of the Americas.

2. To express concern at the possible consequences of Resolution 44/211 for cooperation activities in the health field, especially in regard to the sectoral specificity of resources and actions, the globalization and centralization of decisions for the allocation and use of resources, and the participation of sectoral institutions, and of the health ministries in particular, in the process.
3. To express firm support for retention of the purposes, functions, and responsibilities of the World Health Organization as set forth in its Constitution and in the mandates of the World Health Assembly, for which it is essential that it remain financially autonomous.
4. To express the wish that mechanisms be sought for improving the needed coordination between the different agencies and programs of the United Nations system in their cooperation with the Member States and the desired efficiency and effectiveness of those activities, without impairing cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean in the health sector, or the role of PAHO/WHO and the health sector in each country in that cooperation.
5. To recommend to the Director that the information to be presented to the United Nations bring out the degree of decentralization of technical cooperation in health in the Region of the Americas, and also the advancement of coordination of activities with the other agencies of the system.
6. To inform the Director-General of WHO on the content of the discussions held in the Conference so that they may be taken into account in his reply to the United Nations.

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**CSP23.R19** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having reviewed the report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas (Document CSP23/12 and Add. I);

Noting the changing situation of the epidemiology of AIDS and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in the Region and the status of national and regional AIDS prevention efforts in the Region;

Considering the important health, social, and economic consequences of the AIDS pandemic and its long-term repercussions on health programs and social services in the Americas; and

Cognizant of the financial and technical needs to ensure long-term, sustained efforts in the prevention of the sexual, blood-borne, and perinatal transmission of HIV in the socioeconomic context of each individual Member Country,

***Resolves:***

1. To endorse the targets for the AIDS program in the Americas, as presented in Document CSP23/12.
2. To urge that Member Governments:
  - a) Identify and mobilize adequate internal and external resources to ensure continued and efficient multisectoral, governmental, and nongovernmental participation in AIDS diagnosis, prevention, and control at the national level;
  - b) Develop, where necessary, appropriate legal conditions and corresponding laws.
3. To request the Director of the PASB, in coordination with the WHO Global Program on AIDS, to strengthen the regional managerial and resource mobilization and technical cooperation capacities in support of national AIDS prevention programs.

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***CSP23.R20*** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Document CSP23/18, "Scientific and Technical Health Information," and bearing in mind the critical and growing importance of such information to the solution of health problems and the strengthening of health services in the countries of the Region;

Recognizing the major contribution that the Organization has made through its publications and information programs to further communication for health in the Region; and



Considering the vital role of information dissemination to the execution of PAHO's technical cooperation programs,

***Resolves:***

1. To urge that Member Governments:

- a) Assign high priority to scientific and technical health information;
- b) Further the creation and enhancement of national biomedical journals and other publications, favor the improvement and utilization of publications produced by the Organization, and consider, whenever possible, opportunities for intercountry information exchange;
- c) Strengthen and support national information networks.

2. To request that the Director:

- a) Strengthen PAHO's role in the development, coordination, and improvement of biomedical communications, particularly within the framework of the Organization's strategic orientation and program priorities;
- b) Assure that biomedical information generated by the Organization reach not only research and academic centers but that it permeate all levels of the health care system;
- c) Seek extrabudgetary funding necessary to accomplish the objectives of health information dissemination.

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***CSP23.R21*** The Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering the revision made to the schedule of salaries for the professional and higher categories of staff in graded posts, effective 1 July 1990;

Taking into account the decision by the Executive Committee at its 105th Meeting to adjust the salaries of the Deputy Director and the Assistant Director (Resolution CE105.R10);

Having noted the recommendation of the Executive Committee concerning the salary of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Resolution CE105.R10); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 330.3,

***Resolves:***

To establish the annual net salary of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau at US\$73,942 (dependency rate) and US\$65,370 (single rate), effective 1 July 1990.

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***CSP23.R22*** The Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having considered Document CSP23/26;

Considering that the Headquarters Building is 25 years old and will need a significant expenditure for maintenance and repair in the 1990s;

Taking into account that the Organization is already renting significant amounts of office space, with additional needs, at increased cost, expected in 1992; and

Bearing in mind that there is little land or office space available in the area of the present Headquarters Building,

***Resolves:***

1. To authorize the Director:

a) To examine the options for alternative quarters for the Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization, including the options of construction of a new Headquarters Building, the purchase of an existing building, the leasing of a building, or continuation of the current arrangement of partial ownership and partial leasing of quarters;

b) With the concurrence of the Executive Committee, to enter, as appropriate, into contractual arrangements for alternative quarters, provided that there is no

adverse impact on the regular budget of the Organization and provided that a suitable site can be determined;

c) To enter into contracts for the sale or lease of the Headquarters Building and other real property assets, if necessary, in order to proceed in implementing contractual arrangements for alternative quarters, as approved by the Executive Committee.

2. To instruct the Executive Committee to establish a three-country working party to assist the Secretariat in preparing a specific detailed proposal for the Executive Committee for its consideration and approval as soon as practical, in accordance with the decisions of this Conference as set forth above.

3. To instruct the Executive Committee to report its decision to the XXXV Meeting of the Directing Council.

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**CSP23.R23** The XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Recalling that the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, signed an Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of a Pan American Zoonoses Center at Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 10 August 1956;

Mindful of the advisability of revising the agreement in effect for the last 34 years to bring it into line with new operating needs, and with negotiations going forward between the Government of Argentina and the Pan American Health Organization for a review of the CEPANZO agreement and a resolution of the financial situation;

Bearing in mind that the Agreement calls for a substantial financial contribution from the Government of Argentina for operation of the Center;

Aware that the financial commitments of the Government of Argentina for operation of the Center have not been completely met; and

Cognizant that the Center has been operating in recent years at a deficit that the Pan American Health Organization has had to absorb by diverting funds from other activities to the detriment of other programs of the Organization,

***Resolves:***

1. To express satisfaction at the progress made in the negotiations between the Government of Argentina and the Pan American Health Organization for review of the CEPANZO Agreement.
2. To request the Government of Argentina and to instruct the Director to accelerate those negotiations, including those for resolving the financial situation, with a view to the conclusion of an agreement before 31 December 1990.
3. To authorize the Director, in the framework of those negotiations and in consultation with the Government of Argentina, to adopt, before 31 December 1990, the legal and administrative measures that may be required to give effect to Article 7.2 of the existing agreement.
4. To request the Director to report on the outcome of this matter to the VII Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Animal Health (RIMSA), the 107th Meeting of the Executive Committee, and the XXXV Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization.

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