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RESOLUTION

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PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF INDUSTRIALLY PRODUCED TRANS-FATTY ACIDS 2020-2025

THE 57th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the *Plan of Action for the Elimination of Industrially Produced Trans-Fatty Acids 2020-2025* (Document CD57/8);

Having considered the examples of best practices for the elimination of industrially produced trans-fatty acids (IP-TFA) in the Region of the Americas and globally;

Having reviewed the recommendations of the World Health Organization, of Member States, of leading experts, and of the scientific literature;

Recognizing the insufficient progress obtained with voluntary reduction in the Region and globally to date and the superior outcomes with mandatory elimination of IP-TFA;

Considering that this is a low-cost, high-impact, and feasible policy action, where investment in regulatory policy can save tens of thousands of lives annually for generations to come;

Recognizing the need for Member States that have not yet done so, to act definitively and in concert to eliminate IP-TFA from their food supply,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve and implement the *Plan of Action for the Elimination of Industrially Produced Trans-Fatty Acids 2020-2025* (Document CD57/8).
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2. To urge Member States, considering their own contexts and priorities, to:
 - a) promote and commit to the achievement of the objectives contained in the Plan of Action for the Elimination of Industrially Produced Trans-Fatty Acids 2020-2025 in order to advance its implementation more effectively;
 - b) enact regulatory policies to eliminate IP-TFA from the food supply;
 - c) ensure implementation of IP-TFA elimination policies by means of clearly defined regulatory enforcement systems;
 - d) assess progress toward elimination of IP-TFA from the food supply;
 - e) create awareness of the negative health impacts of trans-fatty acids and the health benefits to be gained from the elimination of IP-TFA, among policy-makers, producers, suppliers, and the public;
 - f) establish mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation.
3. To request the Director to:
 - a) assist Member States in the preparation, review, and execution of policies to eliminate IP-TFA;
 - b) promote technical cooperation with and among countries to share evidence, best practices, tools, and lessons learned;
 - c) coordinate with other relevant bodies including subregional integration mechanisms and the Codex Alimentarius.

(Seventh meeting, 3 October 2019)