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**38th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
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***RESOLUTION***

***CD38.R6***

**ELIMINATION OF MEASLES IN THE AMERICAS**

*THE 38th DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having reviewed and discussed Document CD38/15, containing the plan of action and a progress report on the national and regional efforts towards the elimination of measles from the Americas by the year 2000;

Noting with satisfaction that nearly all countries have adopted the strategies outlined in the plan of action and have made considerable progress toward measles elimination;

Observing that, in spite of the major efforts made with the implementation of national campaigns and improvements in routine vaccination programs, the number of susceptible children is accumulating every year in every country;

Realizing that measles surveillance requires considerable resources, both financial and human, but cognizant that a surveillance system is essential to future developments of communicable disease surveillance, including emerging and re-emerging infections; and

Bearing in mind the level of funding needed to implement the activities between now and the year 2000,

***RESOLVES***

1. To approve the Plan of Action for Measles Elimination in the Americas by the year 2000 as presented in the progress report of the Director (Document CD38/15).
2. To urge all Member States to adopt the strategies outlined in the Plan of Action and allocate the resources needed for its smooth implementation.
3. To congratulate Governments for the efforts implemented thus far and the strides already made towards the elimination of measles from the Americas by the year 2000.
4. To request the Director to make every possible effort to secure the international resources needed to support the national efforts.

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