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***RESOLUTION***

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**ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) IN THE  
AMERICAS**

*THE 39th DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having reviewed the report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas (Document CD39/17);

Considering that, while the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Americas has apparently been less rapid than in other Regions, the epidemic continues to affect an ever-growing number of men, women, and children;

Taking into account the difficulties in the start-up phase of the multi-agency and multisectoral response promoted by the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); and

Mindful of the need to ensure the continuity of national efforts in a climate of marked reductions in international technical and financial support,

***RESOLVES***

1. To urge the Member Governments:

(a) To maintain and, if possible, increase the efforts of their national programs on AIDS prevention, mobilizing technical and financial resources in accordance with their capabilities and facilitating intersectoral cooperation in the struggle against AIDS;

(b) To support implementation of the PAHO Regional Plan of Action for the prevention of AIDS in the Americas, maintaining the public health perspective in national actions;

(c) To promote the approach and guidelines of UNAIDS, facilitating linkage between the agencies that participate in the Theme Groups and their respective national counterparts;

(d) To promote cooperation among countries in a spirit of Pan Americanism, identifying common areas of need and interest (training, surveillance, information exchange, technology transfer, joint development of policies and programs, education) for the prevention of AIDS in the Region.

2. To request the Director, within the framework of UNAIDS:

(a) To maintain and strengthen the cooperation of PAHO in the prevention and control of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases in the Americas;

(b) To continue to identify and mobilize resources in support of the national programs and the initiatives for subregional cooperation and cooperation among countries.

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