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# **40th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

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## ***RESOLUTION***

### ***CD40.R9***

## **NUTRITION**

*THE 40th DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having seen the Director's report on the nutritional situation in the Americas and the Plan of Action (Document CD40/31);

Considering the decisions adopted at the World Summit for Children (1990) and the International Conference on Nutrition (1992);

Recognizing the importance of nutrition for the social and economic future of the countries of the Region;

Recognizing that the nutritional status of mothers and children has consequences for the adult life of all individuals and for the generations to come:

Valuing active participation by the population in the solution of nutritional problems; and

Considering the technical cooperation that PAHO and other international organizations have provided for the design of policies and the development of plans and programs,

## ***RESOLVES***

1. To approve the conceptual framework and Plan of Action for the Americas of the Food and Nutrition Program presented in Document CD40/31.

2. To urge Member States to:

- (a) ratify the inclusion of nutrition in the political and public agenda;
- (b) promote improvement of the technical and managerial capability of the countries for the design of policies, plans, and programs through technical and managerial training of human resources, participation by the public and private sectors, the use of countries' installed capacity, the involvement of the mass media, and the broad participation of the population itself;
- (c) identify and carry out interventions using multidisciplinary personnel and intersectoral and interagency coordination, with emphasis on disease prevention and health promotion;
- (d) strengthen intersectoral work by involving nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, the mass media, and civil society.

3. To recommend that the Director:

- (a) support the development and dissemination of the conceptual framework of the Food and Nutrition Program;
- (b) advocate good nutrition for the population and especially for women, boys, and girls, within the context of health promotion in national and international entities;
- (c) strengthen and activate the national, regional, and international networks working in nutrition, using the most advanced information networks;
- (d) promote operational research, including the evaluation of food and nutrition plans and programs and their response to the changing needs of the population in this area.

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