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40th DIRECTING COUNCIL

49th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

CD40.R16

ADOLESCENT HEALTH

THE 40th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the Director's report on adolescent health and development in the Americas and the Plan of Action for strengthening and developing plans and programs in this area (Document CD40/21);

Considering the decisions adopted by the World Summit for Children and the resolutions of the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization at the Forty-second World Health Assembly (WHA42.41)¹ and the 35th and 36th Directing Councils (CD35.R16 and CD36.R18), respectively;

Recognizing the importance of adolescent health and development for the economic and social future of the countries of the Region;

Recognizing that the adolescent health situation has consequences for today's adolescents, in their adult life, and in the generations to come;

Valuing the participation of young people and their contribution to the social, economic, and political progress of the Americas; and

Considering the support that PAHO has provided for the development of plans and programs and the cooperation of the international agencies, especially the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA),

RESOLVES

1. To approve the conceptual framework and Plan of Action 1998-2001 on adolescent health and development in the Americas presented in Document CD40/21.
2. To urge Member States to:
 - (a) advocate the inclusion of the topic of adolescence and youth on the political and public agenda;
 - (b) improve the capacity of the countries to meet the needs of adolescents by designing public policies for young people and training of human resources;
 - (c) strengthen networking and intersectoral actions involving universities, nongovernmental organizations, and the media;
 - (d) provide for the participation of young people in plans and programs, and encourage the active participation of adolescents in the promotion of their own health and that of their communities.
3. To recommend that the Director:
 - (a) support the development and dissemination of the conceptual framework of the Program on Adolescent Health;
 - (b) collaborate in the development of human resources to attend to the multiple needs in health;
 - (c) strengthen and activate national, regional, and international networks that work with adolescents;
 - (d) promote operational research in this area.

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