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PLAN OF ACTION ON IMMUNIZATION

THE 156th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed the proposed draft *Plan of Action on Immunization* (Document CE156/12, Rev. 2),

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the 54th Directing Council adopt a resolution written in accordance with the following terms:

PLAN OF ACTION ON IMMUNIZATION

THE 54th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the *Plan of Action on Immunization* (Document CD54/__) and considered the significant progress of the countries in the field of vaccination;

Taking into account the international mandates arising from the World Health Assembly, particularly resolution WHA65.17 (2012) on the Global Vaccine Action Plan, and resolution WHA65.5 (2012) declaring that poliomyelitis is a global public health emergency, and the Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2014-2019;

Recognizing the progress made in the elimination and control of vaccine-preventable diseases and that work must still be done so that access to vaccination helps bring health services to all, through a comprehensive approach that considers the social determinants of health and universal coverage;

Considering that the Plan of Action offers the Member States a tool which allows them to adopt goals, strategies, and common activities, and to facilitate dialogue, promote synergies with all partners, and strengthen the Region's national immunization programs,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the *Plan of Action on Immunization* and urge countries, as appropriate and taking into account their contexts, needs, and priorities, to:

- a) promote universal access to immunization programs and initiatives as a public good;
- b) adopt and adapt the *Plan of Action on Immunization* in accordance with the characteristics of each country and seek to guarantee the resources needed to meet the objectives described in the Plan of Action;
- c) commit to sustaining the achievements made in the elimination of polio, measles, rubella, and congenital rubella syndrome; the control of vaccine-preventable diseases; immunization as a political priority in the country; and the value that individuals and communities place on vaccines;
- d) ensure that work is done to close gaps related to neonatal tetanus elimination; achieve vaccination coverage goals at all the administrative levels; and expand the benefits of immunization to all people equitably throughout the life course;
- e) tackle new challenges posed by the sustainability of new vaccine introduction in national immunization schedules, and with access for all; promote evidence-based decision-making and an evaluation of the benefits of immunization;
- f) favor the strengthening of health services to provide immunization services, and achieve the expected results proposed by the post-2015 development agenda for reductions in infant mortality and maternal mortality;
- g) ensure that immunization programs have timely and sustainable access to the necessary quality inputs and that these are obtained with national resources, function as an integral part of strengthened health services, and have vaccination activities integrated with other interventions.

2. To request the Director to:

- a) strengthen the operating capacity of the national immunization programs to consolidate the achievements made;
- b) identify strategies making it possible to ensure vaccination in municipalities with low coverage, as well as among vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations;
- c) provide technical guidance to the Member States for evidence-based decision-making;

- d) optimize epidemiological surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases, the laboratory network, the supply chain, the cold chain, and information systems;
- e) improve timely and equitable access to vaccines and supplies by means of the Revolving Fund for Vaccine Procurement, while upholding its principles and conditions;
- f) strengthen the integrated work of the Organization, so that together with countries, the immunization program is used as a strategy for the health services to reach everyone, based on a comprehensive approach and within the framework of universal health coverage.

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