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RESOLUTION

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PROPOSED PAHO POLICY FOR DENGUE, YELLOW FEVER, AND AEDES AEGYPTI

THE 25th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having studied the Report of the First Meeting of the PAHO Scientific Advisory Committee on Dengue, Yellow Fever, and *Aedes aegypti*, as well as the observations of the Governments on that report (Document CD25/18 and annex);

Taking into account the present situation of the *Aedes aegypti* eradication program in the Americas and the serious problems of reinfestation faced by many countries;

Considering that the presence of jungle yellow fever in extensive areas of the Americas and of hemorrhagic dengue in the Caribbean constitutes a serious threat for the Hemisphere; and

Bearing in mind that the decision adopted by the Directing Council in 1947 on the occasion of its I Meeting¹ is still in force.

RESOLVES

1. To maintain the present policy of eradication and to reaffirm the recommendations of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference² that the Governments of the countries and territories still

infested by the vector take the timely measures to overcome any administrative difficulties that may be hampering the progress of their campaigns, and that they give the highest priority to the provision of the funds, personnel, and supplies needed to complete those campaigns as soon as possible.

2. To recommend to the countries and territories already free of *A. aegypti* that they strengthen their surveillance activities against reinfestation.
3. To request countries that had already achieved eradication of the vector and were subsequently reinfested to adopt all appropriate measures to achieve the elimination of *A. aegypti*.
4. To request the Member Countries to give support also to such epidemiological surveillance and yellow fever vaccination measures as may be necessary.
5. To request the Director to take steps to ensure the availability of high-quality vaccines in sufficient quantity to cope with any emergency.
6. To request the Director to take steps to ensure the availability of insecticides and equipment for their application with a view to meeting the needs.
7. To request the Director to assist the countries in strengthening epidemiological surveillance and eradication campaigns by training personnel.
8. To request the Director to study the mechanisms of reinfestation following *A. aegypti* eradication and possible ways of solving this problem.
9. To request the Director to promote and support research on the biology and control of *A. aegypti* and yellow fever, and on other methods for the surveillance and control of these diseases.

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