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# **19th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

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## ***RESOLUTION***

### ***CD19.R12***

## **LABORATORY COLONIES OF AEDES AEGYPTI**

*THE 19<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Bearing in mind that the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference in Resolution XX established that in order for a country to be declared by the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization to be free of *Aedes aegypti* it must not permit the existence of any colony of the mosquito in its territory except in areas ecologically unfavorable to the vector and subject to conditions making it impossible for the country to be reinfested by *A. aegypti* from such colonies;

Considering that in the same resolution the Conference recommended to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that he convene a group of experts to establish the conditions that colonies of the mosquito must satisfy if their presence in the ecologically unfavorable areas of a country is not to prevent that country from being considered free of *A. aegypti*;

Bearing in mind that pursuant to this recommendation the Bureau sponsored the meeting of a Working Group on Laboratory Colonies of *Aedes aegypti* at PAHO Headquarters in Washington, D C., from 17 to 19 July 1967;

Having examined the report<sup>2</sup> prepared by the aforementioned Working Group, which contains detailed conditions governing the establishment and operation of colonies of *A. aegypti* and specifies the security and surveillance measures required to avoid reinfestation from those colonies; and

Considering that the conditions and measures in question are adequate for the purpose intended,

*RESOLVES*

1. To reiterate that, in addition to the eradication requirements established by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and included in the Guide for the Reports on the *Aedes aegypti* Eradication Campaign in the Americas, in order to be considered by the PAHO Governing Bodies to be free of the vector a country must satisfy the following conditions:

- a) Eliminate all colonies of *A. aegypti* that exist in areas in their territory in which the ecological conditions are favorable to the development of the vector;
- b) Not permit the existence of any colony of the mosquito except in recognized research centers situated in areas that are ecologically unfavorable to the vector; and
- c) Ensure that colonies of the vector existing in these unfavorable areas are permanently maintained in such a way as not to allow the country to be reinfested by *A. aegypti* from such colonies.

2. To approve the conditions and security measures recommended by the Working Group on Laboratory Colonies of *Aedes aegypti* for the establishment, operation, and inspection of colonies of the mosquito.

3. To adopt those standards and security measures that colonies of *A. aegypti* must satisfy if their presence in ecologically unfavorable areas of a country is not to prevent that country from being declared free of the vector by the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization.

4. To recommend to interested Governments that they prepare and promulgate as rapidly as possible the regulations needed to ensure that such colonies of *A. aegypti* as Governments may decide to allow in their particular countries comply with the aforesaid conditions and security measures.

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