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RESOLUTION

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**REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015,
OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

THE 46th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Cognizant that every day over 400 people die from AIDS in the Americas, of whom 353 are from Latin America and the Caribbean, and that there are no signs that the overall prevalence of HIV is diminishing;

Concerned that Central America and the Caribbean are particularly affected by the epidemic;

Aware that HIV/AIDS is a serious problem affecting the development of the Region, and posing a serious threat to the realization of regional and global goals, including Goal 6 of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

Bearing in mind that while considerable progress has been made in access to care and treatment—the Region having met the goal of the Special Summit of the Americas held in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, in 2004, of treating at least 600,000 persons by November 2005—there are still major inequities within and between countries in terms of access to comprehensive care;

Emphasizing that revitalized prevention efforts, using evidence-based interventions, are urgently required if Goal 6 of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, of reducing and reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015 is to be met in the Region; and

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Further recognizing that to have a decisive impact on the HIV epidemic, and to take advantage of the diversity of experiences of countries in scaling-up care and treatment that can be shared among them, a Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015, is urgently required, with a long-term vision including targets and milestones at regional, subregional, and country levels,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Framework of the Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015, designed to halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and STIs in the Region by 2015, and in doing so, develop and implement a package for HIV prevention, treatment, and care with the aim of being as close as possible to the goal of universal access to treatment by 2010 for all those who need it.
2. To encourage PAHO to work with countries to finalize the Regional Strategic Plan as quickly as possible, in accordance with the strategic lines of action outlined in the Framework.
3. To give political support to the Regional Strategic Plan and to assign resources at the national level for its implementation and for ongoing monitoring and evaluation, as well as to provide cooperation with other countries to share positive experiences and lessons learned.
4. To encourage all partners and agencies to join forces to intensify efforts to achieve the Three Ones at the regional level and within Member States.

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