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RESOLUTION

CD46.R6

STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PAN AMERICAN CENTERS

THE 46th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed Document CD46/10 on the current status of the Pan American Centers;

Bearing in mind the current technical cooperation needs identified by Member States, the growing availability of institutional capacity in the countries of the Region, and the urgent need to make the best possible use of the resources allocated to the Organization;

Recalling that Resolution CSP20.R31 (1978) requested the Director to commence a regular evaluation process of the Pan American Centers;

Recognizing the Regional Program Budget Policy adopted by the 45th Directing Council in 2004 and the Managerial Strategy for the Work of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in the Period 2003-2007, adopted by the 44th Directing Council in 2003;

Being in agreement on a set of general guiding principles or criteria to be applied when deciding on the disestablishment of a Pan American Center, such as: minimizing any potential negative impact on public health in the Region; maximizing the ability of the PAHO Secretariat to deliver technical cooperation in the most efficient and cost-effective way; ensuring that no resources from the PAHO regular budget not originally intended for a Center will be applied to substitute for a host government's or for subregional Member States' financial commitments; encouraging the financial contributions of a host government to be secure and sustainable over time; and ensuring

the analysis of funding streams and arrearages of a Center, including the impact of such arrearages on a Center's operations;

Recalling the in-depth evaluation of the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Science (CEPIS) presented to the Governing Bodies in 2002, and having reviewed the proposals for the reorganization of CEPIS and the Latin American Center for Perinatology and Human Development (CLAP) in light of the further decentralization of regional technical cooperation; and

Having analyzed the proposals for discontinuing the Pan American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses (INPPAZ) as a Pan American Center as presented in Document CD46/10,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director for the report on the current status of the Pan American Centers.
2. To accept the general guiding principles listed above as the criteria to be used whenever the Organization might consider disestablishing a Center.
3. To urge the Member States to:
 - (a) take note of the reorganization of the Bureau's Area of Sustainable Development and Environmental Health (SDE), which decentralizes regional technical cooperation in the area of water supply, sewerage, and waste management to CEPIS;
 - (b) take note of the reorganization of the Bureau's Area of Family and Community Health (FCH), which decentralizes regional technical cooperation for the monitoring and reduction of reproductive, perinatal, and women's health risks to CLAP.
4. To request the Director to:
 - (a) reorganize and streamline the technical cooperation capacity in food safety at country, subregional, and regional levels;
 - (b) disestablish the Pan American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses (INPPAZ), created by Resolution CD35.R21 in 1991;

- (c) conduct a cost-effectiveness analysis as part of an assessment to determine the reassignment of the food safety technical cooperation activities of INPPAZ to PANAFTOSA's or other facilities, including Headquarters;
- (d) submit to the 138th Session of the Executive Committee in 2006 a review of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA) and the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME), and a proposal to align the Caribbean Epidemiology Center (CAREC), the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI), and the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP) with the subregional allocation criteria set in the new regional policy, in consultation with the respective institutions.

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