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RESOLUTION

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**NEONATAL HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF MATERNAL, NEWBORN, AND
CHILD HEALTH FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM DECLARATION**

THE 47th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on neonatal health in the context of maternal, newborn, and child health for the attainment of the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (Document CD47/12);

Acknowledging that the Region still faces persistently high neonatal mortality rates and that the achievement of reduced neonatal mortality will require enhanced efforts by countries and their development partners;

Considering that the PAHO Governing Bodies have adopted Resolutions CSP26.R13 Regional Strategy for Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Reduction, and CD45.R3 Millennium Development Goals and Health Targets;

Considering that Resolution WHA57.12 endorses the WHO Global Strategy on Reproductive Health; and

Aware that the World Health Organization hosts the Global Partnership on Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health, which formulated the Delhi Declaration on Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health, demonstrating the world's commitment to achieving time-bound and quantifiable improvements in development and poverty reduction by 2015,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member States to:
 - (a) review the current situation of neonatal health and carry out ongoing targeted advocacy to place newborn health as a policy priority within the context of maternal, newborn, and child health and care;
 - (b) support sectorwide and service-delivery-level partnerships for defining innovative and integrated maternal, neonatal, and child health interventions;
 - (c) participate in the formulation of the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Neonatal Health within the Continuum of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Care;
 - (d) promote the creation and participation of social networks that support the improvement of neonatal health in the Region of the Americas;
 - (e) adopt preventive strategies such as the administration of folic acid to women of childbearing age and mothers for the prevention of birth defects, neonatal screening, and preventive prenatal counseling to prevent birth defects;
 - (f) develop interventions that incorporate equitable, culturally and linguistically appropriate health service delivery.
 - (g) To request the Director to:
 - (a) prepare a regional integrated strategy and plan of action on neonatal health within the continuum of maternal, newborn, and child care, addressing inequities and targeting vulnerable and marginalized groups, including intermediate goals for 2010 and 2015;
 - (b) urge the countries to report on their progress in this area every three years.
 - (c) include in the Regional Plan of Action strategies to deal with diverse situations among and within countries, which in turn implies specific technical cooperation adapted to each reality.

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