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**REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR STRENGTHENING VITAL
AND HEALTH STATISTICS**

THE 48th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having studied the document presented by the Director, *Regional Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics* (Document CD48/9);

Recognizing the need for valid, timely, reliable data with the greatest possible national, subregional, and regional disaggregation for the diagnosis and formulation of health policies and the monitoring of indicators such as those established in international commitments;

Acknowledging the importance of improving the coverage and quality of vital and health statistics as the building blocks of the countries' health information systems (HIS), as recognized and endorsed in Resolution CSP27.R12 of the 27th Pan American Sanitary Conference in October 2007;

Having analyzed the report of the Director on the basic conceptual and operational guidelines for the formulation of a Regional Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics in the countries of the Region;

Considering that the Plan of Action promotes harmonized action within and among the countries and coordinates activities within the Organization and with other international technical cooperation and financing agencies to optimize all available resources in the Region; and

Recognizing that the PASB requires this Plan of Action to achieve the goal and objectives of strengthening country capacity to produce vital and health statistics within the framework of the development of their health information systems,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States to:
 - (a) approve the Regional Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics in the countries of the Hemisphere (PFEVS), which will enable them to have indicators with sufficient coverage and quality that can contribute to the design, monitoring, and evaluation of health policies;
 - (b) promote the participation and coordination of national and sectoral statistics offices, epidemiology departments of the ministries of health, civil registries, and other public and private actors and users in the situational diagnosis and preparation of national plans of action;
 - (c) consider the mobilization of human, technological, and financial resources for implementing the Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics in the countries of the Hemisphere;
 - (d) encourage PASB to collaborate with the countries in the implementation and monitoring of the Plan of Action.
2. To request the Director to:
 - (a) work with the Member States to develop their national plans of action and to disseminate and use tools that will facilitate the production and strengthening of vital and health statistics within the framework of strategic plans for the development of health information systems;
 - (b) improve coordination between the Plan of Action and initiatives of the same nature undertaken by other international technical cooperation and financing agencies, as well as global initiatives to strengthen health statistics in the countries;
 - (c) report periodically to the Governing Bodies on the progress made and constraints to the implementation of the Plan of Action.

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