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RESOLUTION

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MALARIA IN THE AMERICAS

THE 27th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the progress report submitted by the Director on malaria in the Americas (Document CSP27/9), which reviews progress towards attainment of the Roll Back Malaria Initiative (2001-2010) and the achievement of the malaria-related Millennium Development Goals for 2015 that propose that the Member States continue efforts to combat malaria through strengthening national capacity to preserve achievements and further reduce the burden of disease;

Taking into account that the 46th Directing Council (2005) urged Member States, inter alia, to reaffirm their commitment to establish national policies and operational plans to ensure accessibility to prevention and control interventions for those at risk or affected by malaria in order to achieve a reduction of the malaria burden by at least 50% by 2010 and 75% by 2015; to allocate domestic resources, mobilize additional resources and effectively utilize them in the implementation of appropriate malaria prevention and control interventions; and to designate a malaria control day in the Americas to annually recognize past and current efforts to prevent and control malaria, promote awareness and monitor progress;

Concerned that the disease continues to be a public health problem in a number of territories and that increased migration within and among countries increases susceptibility of both endemic and non-endemic countries to malaria outbreaks;

Recognizing the potential for mobilizing additional financial support from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, among other sources; and

Cognizant of the malaria report presented by the WHO Secretariat to the Sixtieth World Health Assembly, and Resolution WHA60.18 on malaria, which includes a proposal for the establishment of "...Malaria Day on 25 April or on such day or days as individual members may decide..."

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member States to:
 - (a) Reaffirm their commitment to establish and implement national policies and operational plans to ensure accessibility to prevention and control interventions for those at risk or affected by malaria in order to achieve a reduction of the malaria burden by at least 50% by 2010 and 75% by 2015;
 - (b) Upgrade health surveillance, monitoring and evaluation systems to assess progress in reducing the malaria burden and to prevent re-establishment of transmission where interruption has been achieved, in cognizance of the International Health Regulations (IHR) requirements;
 - (c) Allocate domestic resources, mobilize additional resources, and effectively utilize them in the implementation of appropriate malaria prevention and control interventions;
 - (d) Foster and translate evidence-based recommendations and interventions into implemented policies, as appropriate, to individual specificities;
 - (e) Assess the need for staff, training and other human resource management reforms to complement changes and to integrate, institutionalize, and sustain malaria prevention and control efforts within the health system;
 - (f) Engage in a multisectoral, multipronged agenda on urban infrastructure development to address various health consequences of vector-borne diseases, including malaria;

- (g) Encourage communication, coordination and collaboration between malaria control activities and other public health areas and institutions and advocacy among all stakeholders and target audiences;
 - (h) Establish 6 November as the date to annually commemorate Malaria Day in the Americas.
2. To request the Director to:
- (a) Continue to provide technical cooperation and coordinate efforts to reduce malaria in endemic countries and to prevent the reintroduction of transmission where this has been achieved;
 - (b) Develop and support mechanisms for monitoring the progress of prevention and control programs on an annual basis and promote information sharing and exchange of technical capacity among countries;
 - (c) Assist Member States, as appropriate, to develop and implement effective and efficient mechanisms for resource mobilization and utilization, including efforts to access resources and successfully implement Global Fund projects;
 - (d) Promote and assist Member States in commemorating Malaria Day in the Americas.

(Seventh plenary meeting, 4 October 2007)