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HEALTH, HUMAN SECURITY, AND WELL-BEING

THE 50th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having studied the report of the Director, *Health, Human Security, and Well-being* (Document CD50/17);

Recognizing the commitment of the Member States to examine and define the concept of human security within the framework of the United Nations General Assembly, and the efforts made toward that end, which still continue today;

Recognizing the multiple and complex components of human security and the critical contribution of public health to its full achievement;

Recognizing that diverse economic, social, cultural, and environmental factors influence health, human security, and the quality of life of populations, with special consideration of groups in situations of vulnerability;

Considering that human security conditions are improved through the promotion of economic and social development, citizen participation, social inclusion, equity, education, and through the fight against poverty, disease, and hunger;

Understanding that inequity in health poses a threat to human security and limits development, especially among groups in situations of vulnerability;

Considering the importance of human security and its relationship with health for the advancement of the health determinants approach and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

Recognizing the importance of the International Health Regulations for health and human security;

Bearing in mind the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Final Document of the 2005 World Summit, and the Final Report of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health, among other instruments,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States to continue to promote analysis of the concept of human security and its relationship with health, with a view to its incorporation into country health plans, pursuant to their national legislation, emphasizing coordination and multisectoral interagency participation to reflect the multidimensional aspects of such an approach.
2. To request the Director to:
 - (a) monitor the progress of discussions on the concept of human security and its relationship with health in relevant multilateral forums;
 - (b) explore the possibility of developing, in consultation with the Member States, policy guidelines and methodological tools for integrating the approach of human security and its relationship with health in the Organization's programs and activities;
 - (c) promote debate in the Organization, with the active participation of the Member States, on human security in the context of health, taking into account the content of paragraph 143 on human security of the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, and of paragraph 25 of the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals of the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly, held in September 2010;
 - (d) promote awareness for personnel in PAHO and the Member States, as appropriate, of issues and approaches to addressing human security and its relationship with health.

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