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RESOLUTION

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REINVIGORATING IMMUNIZATION AS A PUBLIC GOOD FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH

THE 168th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed the proposed policy document *Reinvigorating Immunization as a Public Good for Universal Health* (Document CE168/14), which sets out the approach of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and a strategic framework for revitalizing immunization programs in the Region of the Americas,

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the 59th Directing Council adopt a resolution along the following lines:

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THE 59th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the policy document *Reinvigorating Immunization as a Public Good for Universal Health* (Document CD59/__), which sets out PAHO's approach and a strategic framework for revitalizing immunization programs in the Region of the Americas;

Considering that, despite the tremendous achievements of immunization programs in past decades, progress has stalled or even reversed in many countries in the Region, putting past achievements at risk;

Acknowledging that immunization is among the most cost-effective public health strategies available, and that in addition to its health benefits, immunization provides a high rate of return on investment, resulting in contributions to socioeconomic development and educational attainment;

Cognizant that this policy reflects and supports the commitment made by Member States to advance toward meeting the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, the goals of the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030, and the goals of the Immunization Agenda 2030 of the World Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the policy *Reinvigorating Immunization as a Public Good for Universal Health* (Document CD59/__).
2. To urge Member States, according to their national context and priorities, to:
 - a) adopt and implement the strategic lines of action of this policy to reinvigorate immunization programs through the implementation of innovative approaches and best practices, incorporating technological, communication, behavioral, and data analysis tools;
 - b) declare vaccination as a public good and raise awareness among health care workers to advise individuals regarding vaccination, among parents and guardians to have their children immunized, and among individuals to be vaccinated, considering officially recommended immunization schedules;
 - c) strengthen governance and leadership of immunization programs, combined with effective oversight, accountability, coalition building, regulation, and attention to system design, to ensure adequate and efficient implementation of this policy and progress toward universal health;
 - d) ensure and protect immunization-specific budgets, including but not limited to the costs of vaccines and supplies, human resources, and immunization operations.
3. To request the Director to:
 - a) provide technical cooperation and promote collaboration within and across all levels of the Organization and Member States in support of revitalized immunization efforts;
 - b) promote and enhance constructive collaboration with other stakeholders relevant to the implementation of this policy—including but not limited to other international organizations, existing networks, programs, and collaborating centers—to pursue synergies and to increase efficiencies;
 - c) enhance coordination at regional and country levels to improve access to vaccines, diagnostic tests for laboratory networks supporting surveillance, and other key supplies relevant to primary health care, through the Revolving Fund for Access to Vaccines and the Regional Revolving Fund for Strategic Public Health Supplies;
 - d) report to the Governing Bodies on the progress made and challenges faced in implementation of this policy in 2027 and 2031.

(Eighth meeting, 24 June 2021)