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RESOLUTION

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PAN AMERICAN CENTERS

THE 50th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the report of the Director, *Review of the Pan American Centers* (Document CD50/9);

Considering the mandate of the Pan American Sanitary Conference (Resolution CSP20.R31 [1978]) to conduct a periodic evaluation of each Pan American Center;

Noting that the ever-changing political, technological, and economic environment of the PAHO Member States makes it necessary to reexamine the Organization's technical cooperation modalities and bring them up to date to optimize their effectiveness;

Recognizing the Bureau's efforts to align the Pan American Centers with the regional policies approved by the PAHO Governing Bodies,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the successful transfer of the administration of the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP) to the Institute's Directing Council, and to thank the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for having conducted this transfer process in an effective, transparent, and participatory manner, achieving the

consensus needed for the Institute to be viable in this new stage of administrative autonomy.

2. To take note of the signing of the Agreement between the Government of Peru and PAHO for the transformation of the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS) into the Regional Technical Team on Water and Sanitation (ETRAS) located in Peru.

3. To urge Member States:

- (a) to continue to collaborate with the Bureau in the periodic evaluation of the Pan American Centers, for the purpose of determining if they continue to offer the most appropriate and effective modality of technical cooperation;
- (b) to continue working closely with the Bureau on the institutional development of the Pan American Centers, their redefinition toward other modalities of operation that permit them to optimize their operating expenses, and, when appropriate, the transfer of the administration and operations of the same to the Member States or to subregional organizations formed by them.

4. To request the Director:

- (a) to continue working in consultation with the Government of Brazil in developing a project for the institutional development of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA) for submission to the Governing Bodies of PAHO in 2011;
- (b) to support the establishment of a trust fund that will pool the financial resources mobilized for the elimination of foot-and-mouth disease in the Region of the Americas;
- (c) to continue negotiations with the Government of Brazil to finalize the new institutional framework for the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME), including a new basic agreement for BIREME in Brazil and a new agreement on BIREME facilities and operations on the campus of the Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP);
- (d) to continue evaluating the agreement on the Regional Program on Bioethics with the Government of Chile and the University of Chile and assessing the different modalities available to continue the Organization's work in bioethics in the Region;

- (e) to continue working with the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to implement the third stage of the Caribbean Cooperation in Health Initiative (CCH 3) and transfer the relevant functions and resources of the Caribbean Epidemiology Center (CAREC) and Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI) to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), pursuant to terms and conditions agreed upon with the Member States at the appropriate time.

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