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**REGIONAL STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION FOR
NEONATAL HEALTH WITHIN THE CONTINUUM OF
MATERNAL, NEWBORN, AND CHILD CARE**

THE 48th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the report of the Director, *Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for Neonatal Health within the Continuum of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Care* (Document CD48/7);

Recognizing that maternal and neonatal mortality continues to have a high impact on infant mortality in the Region, and that it will be necessary to redouble efforts to achieve the goals of the Millennium Declaration related to the reduction of infant mortality for 2015;

Considering Resolution CD47.R19 (2006) on neonatal health, in the context of the health of the mother, newborn, and child, which recommends the development of a strategy and an action plan to support the achievement of the goals of the Millennium Declaration; and

Noting that the Regional Plan of Action addresses persistent inequities, focusing on marginalized groups while proposing differentiated technical cooperation strategies and approaches to respond to multiple situations in countries,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member States to:
 - (a) support the reduction of maternal and neonatal mortality as a priority within health programs by expanding, strengthening or sustaining the implementation of the Strategy and Regional Plan of Action for neonatal health in the continuum of the mother, newborn, and child care;
 - (b) consider the Regional Plan of Action for neonatal health within the continuum of care when formulating national plans, and include differentiated strategies that effectively respond to multiple situations among and within countries, to protect recent achievements and reach the objectives related to mortality reduction of children under five by 2015 included in the Millennium Declaration;
 - (c) consider strengthening health systems based on primary health care to support the implementation of evidence-based strategies aimed at reducing maternal and neonatal mortality, and improving collaboration between programs and the different levels of care;
 - (d) support strong community and civil society participation so that they include, within their activities, actions directed to mothers, newborns, and children, with an equity, gender and ethnicity approach;
 - (e) consider undertaking, facilitating, and supporting national activities that promote universal access of health care for mothers, newborns, and children;
 - (f) consider strengthening national frameworks that protect mothers, newborns, and children;
 - (g) establish and maintain quality neonatal health monitoring and information systems, disaggregated by gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, and education of the mother;
 - (h) forge partnerships and associations with nongovernmental, community and religious organizations, with the academic and research community, as well as with relevant government agencies, to strengthen and expand policies and programs on maternal, neonatal and child health.

2. To request the Director to:
 - (a) support Member States in developing national plans aimed at reducing maternal and neonatal mortality, within the continuum of mother, newborn, and child, taking into account the Strategy and Regional Action Plan, and addressing inequities and directed to vulnerable and marginalized groups;
 - (b) collaborate in country evaluations to ensure adequate and evidence-based corrective actions;
 - (c) facilitate the exchange of successful experiences and promote horizontal technical cooperation by Member States in the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action.

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