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138th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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REGIONAL STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION ON NUTRITION IN HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

THE 138th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen the Director's report "Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development" (Document CE138/18),

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the Directing Council adopt a resolution drafted as follows:

THE 47th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the Director's report "Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development" (Document CD47/__);

Mindful of the international mandates emerging from the World Health Assembly, in particular Resolutions WHA55.23 and WHA56.23, as well as the commitments by the Member States of the Region of the Americas to meeting the Millennium Development Goals;

Recognizing the persistence of problems related to nutritional deficiencies, as well as the growing problems associated with nutritional imbalances and excesses in Latin America and the Caribbean;

Underscoring that, with the current trends in the national indicators of undernourishment and low weight-for-age, several of the countries will not meet Target 2 of Millennium Development Goal 1 by the year 2015;

Reiterating that nutrition is a determinant of human development and, at the same time, is affected by a series of social and economic determinants, and

Recognizing the high degree of complementarity between this and other strategies such as: the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) strategy, the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding, and the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet and Physical Activity,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States to:
 - a) consider the present Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development in their development plans and programs, as well as their national budget proposals and discussions;
 - b) promote internal dialogue among institutions in the public sector and between the public and private sectors and civil society to build a national consensus on nutrition, health, and the national development process;
 - c) conduct an internal review and analysis of the present strategy's relevance and viability in the national context, based on national priorities, needs, and capacities.
2. To request the Director to:
 - a) provide support to the Member States, in collaboration with other international agencies, for an internal analysis of the applicability and appropriateness of the present strategy and take action leading to the adoption of the Regional Strategy on Nutrition in Health and Development.
 - b) engage negotiations with other international agencies, scientific and technical institutions, organized civil society, the private sector, and others on the establishment of a regional partnership to guide and monitor implementation of the Regional Strategy on Nutrition in Health and Development.

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