RESOLUTION

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MASTER CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND

THE 27th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the report of the Director on the proposed creation of the Master Capital Investment Fund (Document CSP27/18) and aware of the need to plan adequately and to make provisions for funding for the maintenance and repair of the PAHO office buildings and the systematic replacement of computer and telecommunications equipment, software and systems to support the information technology infrastructure of the Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To establish the Master Capital Investment Fund with two subfunds, Real Estate and Equipment, and Information Technology, in lieu of the current PAHO Building Fund and the Capital Equipment Fund, effective 1 January 2008;

2. To establish a ceiling of US$ 2.0 million for the new Real Estate and Equipment subfund and $6.0 million for the Information Technology subfund;

3. To fund the Master Capital Investment Fund as follows:

(a) Initial capitalization up to the $8.0 million authorized ceiling from the following resources:
The respective balances as of 1 January 2008 in the existing PAHO Building Fund and the Capital Equipment Fund;

- Excess of income over expenditure from the Regular Program Budget funds at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 biennium.

(b) Beginning with the conclusion of the 2008-2009 biennium, replenishment of the Master Capital Investment fund to derive from:

- Annual income from the rental of the Organization’s premises and land, to be credited to the Real Estate and Equipment subfund;

- Up to $2.0 million of excess income over expenditure from the Regular Program Budget funds with notification to the Executive Committee;

- Replenishment over $2.0 million per biennium with the approval of the Executive Committee.

4. To adopt the following guidelines for the Master Capital Investment Fund:

(a) Each subfund shall be distinct and separate with no transfers between them.

(b) The Real Estate and Equipment subfund will fund building renovations/repairs for projects larger than $15,000 at the locations provided by the Member States where PAHO bears the responsibility under the bilateral agreement for major repairs/renovations; the office spaces rented by PAHO; and the PAHO-owned office spaces or buildings.

(c) The Information Technology subfund will provide funding for the systematic replacement of cabling and infrastructure-related items, telecommunications equipment, and computer hardware and software at locations provided by the Members States to PAHO, commercial office space rented by PAHO, and PAHO-owned office space or buildings.

(d) The Secretariat will develop cost projections over the next 10-year period for the Master Capital Investment Fund, taking into account adequate maintenance, repair and replacement cycles.

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