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43rd DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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CONDOLENCES TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE 43rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Noting with great sorrow and consternation the tragic loss of life resulting from the terrorist acts perpetrated against the United States of America, one of PAHO's Member States, on 11 September 2001;

Mindful of the fact that citizens of many countries are believed to have been killed or injured in this terrorist attack, including many individuals from the Member States of the Pan American Health Organization;

Considering the remarkable and heroic rescue efforts underway, which also caused the significant loss of lives of firefighters, police, search and rescue volunteers, and health personnel;

Bearing in mind the solidarity that the United States of America has traditionally expressed to all the countries of the world whenever they have found themselves to be victims of natural or man-made disasters; and

Gravely concerned with the escalating levels of terrorist activities and other forms of violence against civil society, and with this armed attack in particular,

RESOLVES:

1. To convey the sympathy and condolences of PAHO's Member States to the Government and people of the United States of America, and offer any assistance that may be requested to aid the health authorities in their relief efforts.

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2. To commend the health personnel, fire fighters, and volunteer rescue workers in New York, and particularly, to honor those who gave their lives to save those of others in the collapse of the twin towers of the World Trade Center.
3. To condemn those who perpetrated these acts of terrorism in the United States of America as well as those who harbor terrorists or support terrorist activity.
4. To urge all Member States to strengthen their disaster preparedness programs to be able to respond to acts of violence that threaten national security and the health and well-being of populations.

(Seventh meeting, 27 September 2001)