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RESOLUTION

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EXPANDED TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PROGRAM (PALTEX)

THE 57th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed Document CD57/14, *Expanded Textbook and Instructional Materials Program (PALTEX)*, presented by the Director;

Recognizing that health education has evolved in the Region of the Americas, both in terms of educational trends and the inclusion of new technologies in educational processes, and that the needs identified by the Member States of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in 1966 differ from current needs;

Aware that technical cooperation for the education of health professionals should strengthen, expand, and modernize educational processes to better meet the current needs of PAHO's Member States, in accordance with the Strategy on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the proposal made in Document CD57/14, *Expanded Textbook and Instructional Materials Program (PALTEX)*.
 2. To request the Director to:
 - a) coordinate and implement the necessary actions for the definitive termination of PALTEX operations, including administrative, financial, and human resources matters, by 31 December 2019;
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- b) support the countries and territories, within the framework of the Strategy on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage, in order to strengthen educational systems and strategies at the national level, with a view to developing and maintaining the competencies of health workers focused on universal health.

(Seventh meeting, 3 October 2019)