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RADIATION PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF RADIATION SOURCES: INTERNATIONAL BASIC SAFETY STANDARDS

THE 28th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having reviewed the document *Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards* (Document CSP28/17, Rev. 1);

Mindful of the significant increase in the use of ionizing radiation in the areas of medicine, industry, agriculture and livestock, and research in the Region, and of the possible harmful effects to human health and to the environment;

Recognizing the international harmonization initiatives with regard to radiation safety undertaken by various intergovernmental organizations such as the European Atomic Energy Community, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the International Labor Organization (ILO), the Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (NEA/OECD), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), which, through a Joint Secretariat and in consultation with the Member States and with relevant scientific and professional organizations, revised the previous International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources of 1996, in light of, among other aspects, the recommendations developed in 2007 by the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) and the conclusions of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR),

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the new standards *Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards*.
2. To urge Member States to draw upon the orientation that these standards give when they establish or update national rules or regulations and operating criteria in the area of radiation safety.
3. To request the Director, in accordance with the availability of resources in the Organization, to continue to cooperate with the Member States in the development, adoption, and implementation of national radiation safety plans in accordance with the aforementioned international basic standards.

(Eighth meeting, 20 September 2012)