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RESOLUTION

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EXPANDED TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PROGRAM (PALTEX)

THE 28th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Director's report, *Expanded Textbook and Instructional Materials Program (PALTEX)* (Document CSP28/15);

Mindful of Resolution CSP17.R15 (1966) by which the 17th Pan American Sanitary Conference established a medical textbooks program as a PAHO technical cooperation program;

Considering the achievements and successes of PALTEX since its inception, improving the quality and impact of education in the health sciences by providing students and health workers throughout the Americas with educational materials that are pertinent, accessible, and up-to-date;

Desiring to strengthen, expand, and modernize PALTEX to better meet the needs of PAHO Member States,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the above-mentioned report on PALTEX and actions taken to date by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

2. To request the Director to:
 - (a) finalize actions necessary to consolidate overall management and administration of all aspects of PALTEX back to PAHO, including its assets, administration, operations, inventory, procurement, and finance;
 - (b) develop an improved structural and operational model for PALTEX under PAHO's comprehensive management and in accordance with PAHO regulations and rules, to ensure the program's technical and financial integrity and provide for its sustainability;
 - (c) renew the technical components of PALTEX, including:
 - i. establishing a new technical selection system to ensure the high quality and relevance of learning resources incorporated into the PALTEX collection;
 - ii. developing two new series:
 - Primary Health Care Renewal/Millennium Development Goals,
 - Faculty Development;
 - iii. expanding PALTEX to the English-speaking Caribbean, and to Cuba, Haiti, and Puerto Rico;
 - iv. upon request, providing technical cooperation to other WHO Regions, such as the Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) and the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO);
 - v. creating *e-PALTEX* by developing a broad, comprehensive digital and online component for learning resources based on educational priorities;
 - vi. increasing the number of participating member institutions across the Region.

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