### 152nd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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#### RESOLUTION

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## CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE IN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA

#### THE 152nd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed the concept paper *Chronic Kidney Disease in Agricultural Communities in Central America* (Document CE152/25),

#### **RESOLVES:**

To recommend that the 52nd Directing Council adopt a resolution along the following lines:

# CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE IN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA

#### THE 52nd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the concept paper *Chronic Kidney Disease in Agricultural Communities in Central America* (Document CD52/\_\_);

Recalling the importance that the Member States place on the objective of achieving universal health coverage and equitable access to health services;

Aware of the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (A/66/L.1);

Recognizing the existence of chronic kidney disease in agricultural communities in Central America and that additional research is urgently needed to inform an evidence-based response;

Taking into account the Declaration of San Salvador, which recognizes this chronic kidney disease as a serious public health problem that requires urgent action;

Aware of the obligation of the Member States to provide a comprehensive, integrated, and solidarity-based response to the health problems of its populations,

#### **RESOLVES:**

- 1. To take note of the concept paper *Chronic Kidney Disease in Agricultural Communities in Central America* (Document CD52/\_\_).
- 2. To urge the Member States, as appropriate, to:
- (a) support the Declaration of San Salvador, which recognizes chronic kidney disease from nontraditional causes in Central America as a serious public health problem;
- (b) promote the design and implementation of domestic and regional research agendas for chronic kidney disease in order to bridge the knowledge gap;
- (c) develop an interministerial approach and forge partnerships with other sectors of government, development agencies, civil society, affected communities, academia, private enterprise, and other interested parties, to coordinate efforts, mobilize resources, establish plans at the regional, national, and subnational level, and prioritize the sustainability of actions to promote evidence-based public policies and mitigate, on an urgent basis, the health, social, and economic consequences of this disease;
- (d) strengthen surveillance for chronic kidney disease, with emphasis on at-risk populations and communities;
- (e) strengthen their capabilities in environmental and occupational health, taking into account the regulatory frameworks and international commitments and standards;

- (f) strengthen the health services network to enhance quality of care and patient safety, the availability of human resources, medicines, and health technologies, and the financing of the evidence-based services package.
- 3. To request the Director to:
- (a) continue to advocate on behalf of effective resource mobilization and to encourage Member States to play an active role in the implementation of this resolution;
- (b) lend technical support to the strengthening of surveillance systems and facilitate advancement of research priorities for chronic kidney disease;
- (c) promote the strengthening of the countries' capabilities in regard to environmental and occupational health, taking into account the regulatory frameworks and international commitments and standards:
- (d) support country efforts to take a comprehensive approach to evidence-based interventions to address chronic kidney disease, including human resource management and procurement mechanisms for medicines and other critical public health supplies, such as the PAHO Strategic Fund, in order to increase coverage, access, and quality of care;
- (e) continue to alert countries that might face similar situations, and submit an annual progress report to the Governing Bodies on the implementation of this resolution.

(Eighth meeting, 20 June 2013)