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RESOLUTION

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PLAN OF ACTION FOR WOMEN'S, CHILDREN'S, AND ADOLESCENTS' HEALTH 2018-2030

THE 56th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the *Plan of Action for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health 2018-2030* (Document CD56/8, Rev. 1);

Aware of the efforts made and the achievements obtained thus far through the Plan of Action to Accelerate the Reduction in Maternal Mortality and Severe Maternal Morbidity (2012-2017); the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for Neonatal Health within the Continuum of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Care (2008-2015); the Strategy and Plan of Action for Integrated Child Health (2012-2017); and the Adolescent and Youth Regional Strategy and Plan of Action (2010-2018);

Acknowledging the slow and unequal progress and the need to accelerate progress and reduce health inequities affecting the health and well-being of women, children, and adolescents through integrated and multisectoral approaches that address the underlying determinants;

Reaffirming the right of all women, children, and adolescents to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health, and the interrelated principles and values of solidarity, equity in health, universality, and social inclusion adopted by PAHO Member States in the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030;

Recognizing that the achievement of Goal 3 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 13 targets, together with many other health-related goals and targets in the 2030 Agenda, will require the adoption of intersectoral measures for the health of women, children, and adolescents;

Considering the importance of having a new action plan that is aligned with the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the *Plan of Action for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health 2018-2030* (Document CD56/8, Rev. 1) within the context of the specific conditions of each country.
2. To urge the Member States to:
 - a) strengthen a transformative policy environment to reduce health inequities among women, children, and adolescents;
 - b) promote universal, effective, and equitable health and well-being for all women, children, and adolescents in their families, schools, and communities throughout the life course;
 - c) expand equitable access to comprehensive, integrated, quality health services for women, children, adolescents, and families that are people-, family-, and community-centered;
 - d) strengthen information systems for the collection, availability, accessibility, quality, and dissemination of strategic information, including health data and statistics on the health of women, children, and adolescents, within the framework of the principles proposed in this Plan;
 - e) invest in mechanisms to empower people, families, and communities to actively engage in the protection and promotion of the health of women, children, and adolescents, particularly those in situations of vulnerability.
3. To request the Director to:
 - a) provide technical cooperation to Member States for the development of updated national action plans and to disseminate tools that facilitate integrated, equity-based, and innovative approaches to the health of women, children, and adolescents;
 - b) strengthen coordination of the Plan of Action with similar initiatives developed by other international technical and financial agencies and global initiatives for the health and well-being of women, children, and adolescents;
 - c) report periodically to the Governing Bodies on the progress made and challenges faced in implementation of the Plan of Action.

(Eighth meeting, 26 September 2018)