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RESOLUTION

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SUSTAINABLE HEALTH AGENDA FOR THE AMERICAS 2018-2030

THE 160th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed the proposed *Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030: A call to action for health and well-being in the Region of the Americas* (Document CE160/14, Rev. 1);

Taking note of the decision reached at the meeting on 28 September 2016 among ministers and delegates of the Member States on the need to prepare a new Health Agenda for the Americas that expresses the shared vision of the countries for health development in the Region of the Americas;

Recognizing the importance of having a regional health agenda that responds both to the commitments of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the regional context and to the priorities of the countries of the Region in continuing to advance toward the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health and well-being that can be achieved for all people;

Recognizing the effort and commitment of the 16 Member States of the Countries Working Group in preparing the Agenda through a participatory and inclusive process, as well as the leadership of the Ministry of Public Health of Ecuador, which chaired the group, and the Ministries of Health of Panama and Barbados, which served as vice-chairs, and the support of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) in its role as Technical Secretariat,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference that it adopt a resolution along the following lines:

SUSTAINABLE HEALTH AGENDA FOR THE AMERICAS 2018-2030

THE 29th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the *Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030: A call to action for health and well-being in the Region of the Americas* (Document CSP29/__);

Observing that the Sustainable Health Agenda constitutes the framework for policy and strategic planning on health in the Region of the Americas that will serve to guide PAHO's strategic plans and the national plans of the Member States;

Taking note that the health authorities of the Region have decided that this Agenda is a call for collective action to achieve higher standards of health and well-being in the new regional and global context, and that it represents the response of the health sector to the commitments made by PAHO's Member States in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to the unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017, as well as the emerging regional challenges surrounding public health;

Recognizing that the Countries Working Group, made up of delegates of the ministries and secretariats of health of 16 Member States in representation of each subregion of the Hemisphere and with the support of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in its role as Technical Secretariat, has worked intensely and has held consultations with the Member States on the subject in order to develop a proposal for the new Agenda in a participatory and inclusive manner,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the *Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030: A call to action for health and well-being in the Region of the Americas* (Document CSP29/__).
2. To thank the Countries Working Group, through its President, the Minister of Public Health of Ecuador, and its Vice Presidents, the Ministers of Health of Panama and Barbados, for its leadership and contributions to the development of the Agenda, and thank the Director for the important support lent by PASB in role as the Technical Secretariat for the Group.
3. To urge the Member States to:
 - a) use this Agenda as an important strategic input for health policy-making in their countries, as they deem appropriate;
 - b) determine the measures and resources necessary to achieve the Agenda's goals and to fully implement the Agenda, taking into account the specific context of each country, established priorities, and international obligations;

- c) exchange experiences and good practices, and promote partnerships aimed at achieving the targets and goals, in accordance with the principle of the Pan American solidarity;
 - d) make efforts to promote intersectoral governmental coordination and the participation of civil society organizations in order to ensure progress on the Agenda, while promoting accountability;
 - e) support and participate in monitoring, evaluation, and reporting, through standard mechanisms, on advances in their countries toward the achievement of the goals and targets of the Agenda.
4. To ask the Director to:
- a) use the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030 as the framework for the highest level of policy and strategic planning in the Region with a view to guiding the formulation of PAHO's future strategic plans;
 - b) establish that PAHO's strategic plans will be the instruments for implementing the new Agenda in the regional context and that efforts and strategies for cooperation between the Organization and the Member States will be guided by these strategic plans;
 - c) establish processes for defining the indicators for implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on the new Agenda, on the basis of currently existing systems within the Organization;
 - d) coordinate with the relevant entities of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in order to strengthen regional cooperation mechanisms in the implementation of this Agenda and the 2030 Agenda;
 - e) promote the dissemination of the new Agenda among international cooperation agencies and regional and subregional integration forums involved in health, with a view to achieving harmonization and synergies that foster contributions to the achievement of the Agenda's goals;
 - f) inform Member States about the implementation of the Agenda, including achievement of the targets set out herein, through periodic progress reports to PAHO's Governing Bodies.

(Seventh meeting, 29 June 2017)