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# Foreword

**T**he unanimous adoption of the resolution on the prevention and control of dengue and dengue hemorrhagic fever by the ministers of health of the Americas at the 43rd Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), on 26 September 2001, is the framework for the new generation of dengue prevention and control programs in the countries of the Hemisphere.

Resolution CD43. R4 is a key advance since the last PAHO resolution on dengue in 1996. Substantial changes have occurred in the world and the environment in the six ensuing years. The new resolution reflects these changes and directs the strategic focus toward program management (partnerships and intersectoral action within the health sector itself and among health, environment, and education) and social communication for public health (partnerships, co-management, and social participation to promote changes in individual and community behavior).

The new resolution is also a political response to the alarming dengue situation and the imminent threat of an increase in the incidence of dengue hemorrhagic fever and the resurgence of urban yellow fever in the Americas. It is also a response to the concern aroused by the evidence that the trend in the Region of the Americas is similar to that of Southeast Asia, where hundreds of thousands of cases occur each year.

This paper is a *Framework for the New Generation of Dengue Prevention and Control Programs*, which serves as a guide for our institutional mission of technical cooperation to develop strategies and interventions. The Framework provides support for institutional capacity building in the member countries, and exercises the political steering role, enabling PAHO to maintain its international leadership in promoting advances in public health in the Region.

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