

## **II. Public Health Goods (Argentina).**

2.1 Recommendation: PAHO should work with the Member States to facilitate the identification of the public health goods and services most needed by the countries of the Region and determine the health intervention that affects them as a whole, either fully or partially, and its potential contribution to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals and to meeting the Region's health needs.

2.2 Recommendation: PAHO should support the production, processing, and dissemination of information to ensure its high quality and accessibility to the countries and subregional integration blocs as a step toward helping the countries to secure the public goods designated a priority in the national context.

2.2.1 Suggested measure: Support for research in public health and health investment in the Region, examining their link with economic, social, and human development; this will contribute to the formulation and implementation of public health policy.

2.3. Recommendation: PAHO should support regional and international consensus building in health (at the different levels), based on the principles of equity and solidarity, with health as a basic social right.

2.4. Recommendation: PAHO should facilitate and provide support mechanisms to help achieve economies of scale--for example, in the procurement of drugs, other strategic inputs, and health technology.

2.4.1 Suggested measure: Support for regional negotiations, such as the one conducted by nine South American countries in 2002 to obtain better prices for antiretrovirals, will help improve access to drugs.

2.5. Recommendation: PAHO should support the regional and subregional economic studies that examine the social costs and the cost of regional and subregional interventions for diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, dengue, Chagas' disease, tuberculosis, etc.

2.5.1 Suggested measure: Estimating knowledge, health service (technology, HR, financing), and international support needs will help the countries to achieve their strategic objectives.

2.6. Recommendation: PAHO should consolidate and expand evaluations and analyses of the strategies employed to date for disease control and prevention, intensifying the exchange of information and experts at the regional and subregional level (including exchanges related to good practices, experts, etc.) and cooperating in the planning of joint activities among countries.

2.7. Recommendation: PAHO should identify priority countries by type of regional health problem, such as tuberculosis and malaria, so that the countries can interact

more closely in a joint analysis of the situations, strategies employed, and new interventions. PAHO should strengthen the contribution of health to regional and subregional peace.

2.7.1 Suggested measure: Intensification of regional exchange in the intersectoral interventions for violence prevention, with emphasis on modifying the principal health determinants: nutrition, education, housing, employment, environment, and mental health care models (primary mental health care).

2.8. Recommendation: PAHO should help strengthen institutional capacity in the countries' ministries of health to guarantee public goods that are determinants of regional health.

2.9. Recommendation: PAHO should cooperate in the definition of regional and subregional needs in health, promoting the best use and advantages associated with the production and use of cost-effective regional public goods and coordinating with other sectors, while at the same time reducing unnecessary trade barriers, creating incentives and credit and financing facilities, and monitoring and evaluating the processes.

2.10. Recommendation: PAHO should cooperate in the identification of opportunities for health financing and interventions that respond to regional and subregional needs.