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RESOLUTION

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**PROPOSED 10-YEAR REGIONAL PLAN ON ORAL HEALTH
FOR THE AMERICAS**

THE 47th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Document CD47/14 on the Proposed 10-Year Regional Plan on Oral Health for the people of the Americas;

Recognizing that oral health is a critical aspect of general health conditions throughout the Region of the Americas due to its weight in the overall burden of disease, its association with systemic diseases, its causal relationship to the success or failure to meet some of the Millennium Development Goals, and the costs associated with the treatment of oral health diseases and the ability to institute effective oral health promotion and disease prevention measures; and

Recognizing that PAHO has cooperated with the countries of the Region in laying the conceptual and technical foundations for the development of policies, infrastructure, and programmatic capacities related to the national oral health programs,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the 10-Year Plan on Oral Health for the Americas, and especially support the integration of oral health into the primary care strategy, greater access to care, and the extension and consolidation of successful programs like fluoridation, improving the organization and delivery of services with the support of other actors working in oral health, such as the private sector, universities, and industry.

To urge the Member States to:

- (a) make every possible effort to ensure a basic level of access to oral health care, with emphasis on vulnerable groups;
- (b) improve oral health programs, establishing public policies in oral health and promoting partnerships with other sectors and areas for the development of oral health programs;
- (c) design and implement effective interventions, as well as best practice models and successful programs used in other countries, introducing cost-effective technologies that will facilitate greater access to health services, with emphasis on vulnerable groups, implementing and/or consolidating fluoridation programs;
- (d) promote integration of oral health into the primary care strategy, family health, and perinatal health.

2. To request the Director to:

- (a) support the implementation of the regional oral health strategy;
- (b) promote technical cooperation among countries and strategic partnerships in activities to promote oral health;
- (c) promote and facilitate the search for voluntary contributions to strengthen oral health activities.

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