



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



42nd DIRECTING COUNCIL

52nd SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 25-29 September 2000

RESOLUTION

CD42.R10

MEDICAL DEVICES

THE 42nd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Document CD42/12 on medical devices;

Considering that, in the exercise of the steering role of the health sector, it is an essential function of the health authority to safeguard the efficacy, safety, and quality of the medical devices utilized by the health services and the population;

Recognizing that it is necessary to establish a process for the planning, implementation, and management of technologies to guarantee the efficient operation of the health services network; and

Taking note of the recommendation of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the recommendations on medical devices contained in Document CD42/12 and to support the work of PAHO in this field.
2. To support the proposal to form an ad hoc group to promote and facilitate the medical devices harmonization processes in the Americas.
3. To urge the Member States to:
 - (a) develop and strengthen their programs for the regulation of medical devices;

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(b) promote and support the participation of their regulatory authorities at the general meetings of the Global Harmonization Task Force (GHTF) and those of its four study groups, while promoting the use of GHTF documents in their programs for the regulation of medical devices.

4. To request the Director to continue his support to the governments for the development and implementation of programs to regulate medical devices and to support the search for sources of financing for the activities of the proposed program of work for the biennium 2000-2001.

(Seventh meeting, 28 September 2000)