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METHODOLOGY FOR THE PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES STRATIFICATION FRAMEWORK OF THE PAHO STRATEGIC PLAN

THE 55th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the *Methodology for the Programmatic Priorities Stratification Framework of the PAHO Strategic Plan* (Document CD55/7);

Considering the importance of having a robust, objective, and systematic methodology to implement the Programmatic Priorities Stratification Framework of the PAHO Strategic Plan;

Recalling the request from the 53rd Directing Council in 2014 (Resolution CD53.R3) for the Director “to continue to undertake consultations with Member States to refine the programmatic priority stratification framework and apply it to future programs and budgets” in order to address weaknesses, including potential bias in the original methodology that might have resulted in giving more weight—and, thus, higher rankings—to disease-oriented programs and the fact that the methodology did not take into account changes in the regional and global public health paradigm;

Acknowledging the valuable input, collaboration, and commitment of the Strategic Plan Advisory Group¹ in advising the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) on conducting extensive analyses of various priority-setting methodologies in order to refine the PAHO-adapted Hanlon methodology;

¹ At the request of Member States, the Director established the SPAG in October 2014 to provide advice and input on the implementation of the joint monitoring and assessment process and the refinement of the programmatic stratification framework of the PAHO Strategic Plan 2014-2019 (Resolution CD53.R3). It included 12 members designated by the ministries of health of the Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, and the United States of America. The group was chaired by Mexico and co-chaired by Ecuador, and Canada served as the technical lead for the methodology review.

Recognizing the role that objective and systematic priority setting can have in the process of strategic planning and decision making, especially in the context of multiple demands and resource limitations;

Recognizing the importance of having a scientific methodology consistent with the Organization's context, values, and strategic vision, including the incorporation of new components such as equity and PAHO's institutional positioning factor (the Organization's added value) that are unique to the refined PAHO-adapted Hanlon methodology,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the *Methodology for the Programmatic Priorities Stratification Framework of the PAHO Strategic Plan*.
2. To promote awareness of the PAHO-adapted Hanlon methodology as a useful tool in priority setting in public health in the Region and globally.
3. To urge Member States, as appropriate and taking into account their national context, to:
 - a) participate actively in national consultations and apply the methodology in an objective and systematic manner as part of the process for development of the Program and Budget 2018-2019;
 - b) consider the adoption, adaptation, and utilization of this methodology at the national level, to the extent that it is appropriate and relevant, in order to better inform priority setting, thereby guiding the allocation of limited resources to where they can have the greatest public health impact.
4. To request the Director to:
 - a) apply the methodology for the development and implementation of the Program and Budget 2018-2019 in close collaboration with Member States and partners;
 - b) support national consultations in all countries and territories in the Region, while promoting the consistent application of the methodology in line with the components, criteria, and guidelines, in an effort to obtain the clearest and most accurate picture of the public health priorities of the Region;
 - c) report on the application of the programmatic stratification for resource mobilization and resource allocation in the final assessment of the PAHO Strategic Plan 2014-2019 to be presented in 2020;
 - d) support the publication of the PAHO-adapted Hanlon methodology in order to contribute to regional and global scientific knowledge for priority setting in public health and to promote this innovation and its results as a best practice and example of the collaborative work of PASB and Member States;

- e) consult with Member States on necessary updates and refinements to the methodology for future Strategic Plans and Program and Budgets taking into consideration the lessons learned and experiences from previous biennia.

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