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PLAN OF ACTION FOR MALARIA ELIMINATION 2016-2020

THE 55th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the *Plan of Action for Malaria Elimination 2016-2020* (Document CD55/13), which proposes the implementation of efforts to accelerate malaria elimination, prevent reintroduction, and achieve the proposed targets for 2019 of the PAHO Strategic Plan 2014-2019;

Recognizing the important achievements made in reducing the malaria disease burden in the Region during the implementation of the *Strategy and Plan of Action for Malaria in the Americas 2011-2015* (Resolution CD51.R9), as reflected in the achievement of malaria-related targets set in the Millennium Development Goals through concerted efforts of Member States and partners;

Aware that despite these achievements, malaria remains a serious threat to the health, well-being, and economy of peoples and nations in the Americas and has historically resurged in areas where commitment and efforts against the disease have weakened;

Aware that malaria elimination efforts will necessitate strengthened coordination among all partners and stakeholders, review and updating of malaria policies and strategic frameworks to accelerate efforts towards malaria elimination, sustained and strengthened surveillance at all levels of the health system, sustained commitment of stakeholders, and tailored approaches to contextual specificities and preparation for the end game and beyond;

Considering that Resolution WHA68.2 of the World Health Assembly, which adopts the global technical strategy and targets for malaria during the period 2016-2030, presents a bold vision of a world free of malaria, and aims to reduce malaria incidence and mortality rates globally by at least 90% by 2030, to eliminate the disease in at least 35 new countries, and to prevent its reestablishment in countries that were free of malaria in 2015;

Recognizing that this Plan of Action is the platform for the implementation of the global strategy,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the *Plan of Action for Malaria Elimination 2016-2020* (Document CD55/13).
2. To urge the Member States, taking into account their contexts, needs, vulnerabilities, and priorities, to:
 - a) affirm the continuing importance of malaria as a health priority;
 - b) review and update national plans or establish new ones towards malaria elimination, investing appropriate resources and employing tailored approaches that address the social determinants of health and provide for inter-programmatic collaboration and intersectoral action;
 - c) reinforce engagement in efforts to address malaria, including coordination with other countries and relevant subregional initiatives in epidemiological surveillance of malaria, supply chain management, surveillance of resistance to antimalarial medicines and insecticides, and monitoring and evaluation;
 - d) guarantee the availability of key malaria supplies including anti-malarials through effective planning and forecasting of needs and utilizing, as applicable, the PAHO Regional Revolving Fund for Strategic Public Health Supplies for joint procurement;
 - e) strengthen health services and align them accordingly with PAHO/WHO evidence-based guidelines and recommendations on malaria prevention and case management;
 - f) sustain the commitment of both malaria-endemic and non-endemic countries and various sectors to fight the disease, particularly in terms of sustained or increased investments and provision of necessary resources;
 - g) establish integrated strategies and develop capacities to eliminate malaria and prevent the reestablishment of transmission with broad community participation so that the process helps to strengthen and sustain national health systems, surveillance, alert and response systems, and other disease elimination programs, with attention to factors related to gender, ethnicity, and social equity;

- h) further intensify efforts focusing on highly susceptible and vulnerable populations and occupational groups;
 - i) support engagement in the development and implementation of a research agenda that addresses important gaps in knowledge, operations, and technology in malaria elimination and in various contexts of malaria work in the Region.
3. To request the Director to:
- a) support the implementation of the *Plan of Action for Malaria Elimination* and provide technical cooperation, including capacity-building efforts needed for countries to develop and implement national plans of action;
 - b) coordinate Region-wide efforts to eliminate local malaria transmission and prevent its potential reestablishment in malaria-free areas, in collaboration with countries and partners;
 - c) advise on the implementation of national strategic plans for malaria control;
 - d) continue to advocate for the active mobilization of resources among countries, as well as globally, and encourage close collaboration to forge strategic partnerships that support the implementation of national and cross-border efforts, including those targeting vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations;
 - e) employ tailored approaches addressing the social determinants of health and providing for inter-programmatic collaboration and intersectoral action;
 - f) report to the Governing Bodies on the progress of the implementation of the Plan of Action and the achievement of its targets at mid-term and at the end of the implementation period.

(Seventh meeting, 29 September 2016)