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STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION 2020-2025

THE 57th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the *Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2020-2025 (Official Document 359)* presented by the Director;

Acknowledging the participatory process for the formulation of the Strategic Plan through the Strategic Plan Advisory Group (SPAG) and the national consultations carried out by Member States to define their programmatic priorities, in collaboration with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB);

Noting that the Strategic Plan provides the main framework to guide and ensure continuity in the preparation of program budgets and operational plans over three biennia, and that the Strategic Plan responds to the health-related Sustainable Development Goals, the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030, which is the highest-level regional mandate in health, the 13th General Programme of Work of the World Health Organization, and other relevant regional and global mandates;

Considering the health context in the Region of the Americas, where gaps and disparities persist between different groups in reaching health outcomes despite significant and sustained progress toward reaching universal access to health and universal health coverage;

Welcoming the strategic vision of the Plan under the theme *Equity at the Heart of Health*, which aims to position health equity as the overarching goal and catalyze efforts in Member States to reduce health inequities within and between countries and territories in order to improve health outcomes;

Acknowledging that the Strategic Plan represents a comprehensive and collective set of results that the Organization aims to achieve in alignment with the mandates mentioned above, and that future reporting on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and its program budgets will constitute the principal means of ensuring programmatic accountability and transparency of PASB and PAHO Member States, in line with the principles of results-based management,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the *Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2020-2025 (Official Document 359)*.
2. To thank the members of the SPAG for their commitment and strategic and technical input to the development of the Strategic Plan, and to express appreciation to the Director for ensuring the effective support of all levels of PASB to the SPAG and the participatory approach utilized for this important process.
3. To invite concerned organizations of the United Nations and Inter-American systems, international development partners, international financial institutions, academic institutions, civil society, private sector organizations, and others to extend their support for the attainment of the ambitious targets contained in the Strategic Plan.
4. To urge all Member States, taking into account their national contexts and priorities, to identify the actions to be taken and resources needed in order to achieve the collective targets set in the Strategic Plan.
5. To request the Director to:
 - a) use the Strategic Plan to provide strategic direction to the Organization during 2020-2025 in order to advance the health-related Sustainable Development Goals, the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030, the 13th General Programme of Work of the World Health Organization, and other regional and global mandates;
 - b) use the programmatic priorities stratification defined in the Strategic Plan to inform resource allocation and coordination of resource mobilization efforts;
 - c) continue to implement the key country strategy through PASB technical cooperation, applying the results of the updated health needs index in order to close health gaps within and between countries;
 - d) continue to utilize joint monitoring and assessment tools, expand the collection of disaggregated data, as well as expand the use of the Regional Core Health Data and other existing information systems, to report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and its program budgets;

- e) undertake a comprehensive review of the lessons learned from the Strategic Plan 2014-2019 in order to further guide evidence-based health policies and interventions during the next six years;
- f) report to the Directing Council on implementation of the Strategic Plan through biennial performance assessment reports in 2022 and 2024, with a final evaluation in 2026;
- g) recommend to future Directing Councils any amendments to the Strategic Plan as may be necessary.

(Third meeting, 1 October 2019)