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RESOLUTION

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STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION ON DONATION AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO ORGAN, TISSUE, AND CELL TRANSPLANTS 2019-2030

THE 57th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the *Strategy and Plan of Action on Donation and Equitable Access to Organ, Tissue, and Cell Transplants 2019-2030* (Document CD57/11);

Taking into account that, in 2009, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) approved the Policy Framework for Human Organ Donation, and Transplants, through Resolution CD49.R18, and that in September 2017, the Executive Committee of PAHO called on the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to begin consultations for the preparation of a plan of action on human organ donation and transplants to advance more quickly down the path established in the policy;

Considering that, in 2017, the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference approved the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030, whose goals include promoting the expansion of equitable access to medicines, vaccines, and other priority and quality health technologies, based on the available scientific evidence, as an important step toward universal access to health and universal health coverage,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve and implement the *Strategy and Plan of Action on Donation and Equitable Access to Organ, Tissue, and Cell Transplants 2019-2030* (Document CD57/11).
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2. To urge the Member States, bearing in mind the specific context of their national health systems and needs, vulnerabilities, and priorities, to:
 - a) promote implementation of the Strategy and Plan of Action on Donation and Equitable Access to Organ, Tissue, and Cell Transplants 2019-2030 to achieve the gradual expansion of and the equitable and quality access to organ, tissue, and cell transplants through voluntary altruistic donation, observing the Guiding Principles on transplantation of the World Health Organization;
 - b) report periodically on the progress of this strategy and the indicators included in the plan of action.

3. To request the Director to:
 - a) provide technical cooperation to the Member States for the preparation of updated national plans of action, and disseminate tools that facilitate the availability of organs, tissues, and cells and access to transplants;
 - b) strengthen and promote coordination among countries, including through South-South cooperation, and among United Nations agencies, other international organizations, and the main actors working on issues related to organ, tissue, and cell donation and transplant activities;
 - c) report periodically to the PAHO Governing Bodies on the progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Strategy and Plan of Action.

(Sixth meeting, 2 October 2019)