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RESOLUTION

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STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION ON ETHNICITY AND HEALTH 2019-2025

THE 57th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the *Strategy and Plan of Action on Ethnicity and Health 2019-2025* (Document CD57/13, Rev. 1);

Considering that, in September 2017, the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference adopted the Policy on Ethnicity and Health, whose resolution requests the Director to continue to prioritize ethnicity as a cross-cutting theme of technical cooperation by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), in harmonization with gender, equity, and human rights;

Considering that the Constitution of the World Health Organization declares that “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, or economic or social condition”;

Observing that the adoption of measures within the framework of intercultural health that could help to improve the health outcomes of indigenous, Afro-descendant, and Roma populations, and members of other ethnic groups, in line with the Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2020-2025, its strategic objectives, its expected results at the regional level, and its indicators;

Considering the lessons learned and the already-adopted resolutions that recognize the need to strengthen intercultural health in health interventions;

Embracing the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030, the PAHO Strategic Plan 2020-2025, the PAHO Gender Equality Policy, the Resolution on Health and Human Rights, the Strategy for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage, and the Plan of Action on Health in all Policies,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve and implement the *Strategy and Plan of Action on Ethnicity and Health 2019-2025* (Document CD57/13, Rev. 1).
2. To urge the Member States, taking into account their contexts and needs, to promote the achievement of the objectives and indicators of the Strategy and Plan of Action on Ethnicity and Health 2019-2025 in order to advance more expeditiously on the route proposed in the Policy on Ethnicity and Health.
3. To request the Director, within the financial possibilities of the Organization, to:
 - a) provide technical support to the Member States for implementation of the Strategy and Plan of Action on Ethnicity and Health 2019-2025;
 - b) maintain ethnicity and health as a cross-cutting theme in PAHO's technical cooperation;
 - c) strengthen mechanisms for interinstitutional coordination and collaboration to achieve synergies and efficiency in technical cooperation, including within the United Nations system and the Inter-American system, and with other stakeholders working in the area of ethnicity and health, especially subregional integration mechanisms and relevant international financial institutions;
 - d) report periodically to the Governing Bodies on the progress made and the challenges faced in the execution of the Strategy and Plan of Action.

(Seventh meeting, 3 October 2019)