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RESOLUTION

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KEEPING THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS FREE OF POLIO

THE 30th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having reviewed the document *Keeping the Region of the Americas Free of Polio* (Document CSP30/19, Rev. 1);

Considering that, in recent years, the Region of the Americas has seen a decline in polio vaccination coverage and surveillance, that a case of polio was recently confirmed in Rockland County, New York, United States of America, and that poliovirus was detected in several wastewater samples from three different counties in New York state, meeting the criteria for circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) in New York; and that these viruses have genetic linkage with poliovirus detected in wastewater samples collected in Jerusalem, Israel, and London, United Kingdom—putting the Region at increased risk of polio outbreaks;

Cognizant that this document reflects and supports the commitments made by Member States to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030, Resolution CD59.R13 on Reinvigorating Immunization as a Public Good for Universal Health, and the Immunization Agenda 2030 of the World Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge all Member States, considering their contexts, needs, vulnerabilities, and priorities, to:
 - a) develop and implement a prioritized and targeted polio mitigation plan based on the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Group on Vaccine-preventable Diseases and the Regional Commission for the Certification of Polio Eradication in the Region of the Americas, which includes actions to increase vaccination
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- coverage, improve surveillance performance, and ensure adequate preparedness for a possible polio event or outbreak;
- b) engage civil society, community leaders, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, academic institutions, and other stakeholders to jointly advance and work in a coordinated manner to keep the Region of the Americas free of polio.
2. To request the Director to:
- a) provide technical cooperation and promote collaboration among Member States in the development, implementation, and monitoring of their polio risk mitigation and preparedness plans;
 - b) report to the Governing Bodies on the progress made and the challenges faced in the implementation of this resolution as part of the reports on Resolution CD59.R13 (2021).

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