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RESOLUTION

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PRINCIPLES OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION REVOLVING FUND FOR VACCINE PROCUREMENT

THE 52nd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the concept paper *Principles of the Pan American Health Organization Revolving Fund for Vaccine Procurement* (Document CD52/17) and considering the important contributions made by the PAHO Revolving Fund for Vaccine Procurement of the Member States in the field of immunization;

Taking into account that most Member States have determined immunization to be a public good that has contributed considerably to the reduction of infant mortality and that has achieved polio eradication, and the elimination of measles, rubella, and congenital rubella syndrome, as well as advances in the epidemiological control of other vaccine-preventable diseases in the Region;

Considering that the Revolving Fund has been essential for timely and equitable access to quality vaccines for Member States, financial sustainability of immunization programs, and the introduction of new vaccines;

Recognizing the importance of maintaining the active participation of Member States pursuant to the principles of solidarity and Pan-Americanism in order to increase economies of scale and the resulting benefits;

Taking into account the impact of the current prices of the vaccines on financial sustainability and on advances in the introduction of new vaccines;

Considering the global context that poses challenges for the Fund, including different international financing mechanisms and new vaccines,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States to:
 - (a) support the Revolving Fund as the strategic technical cooperation mechanism that facilitates timely and equitable access to vaccines and related supplies for national immunization programs in the Region of the Americas;
 - (b) ratify the principles, terms and conditions, and procedures of the Revolving Fund for the benefit of public health in the Americas;
 - (c) promote solidarity and Pan-Americanism by participating in the Revolving Fund and acquiring vaccines through this technical cooperation mechanism.
2. To request the Director to:
 - (a) ensure that the Revolving Fund is administered, without exception, in a manner that respects and complies with its principles, objectives, and terms and conditions, as these have contributed to the success and progress of the national immunization programs in the Region;
 - (b) maintain dialogue with the representatives of international financing mechanisms and initiatives in order to ensure a sufficient supply of vaccines that meets the global needs of the target populations, while safeguarding PAHO Member States' access to the lowest prices;
 - (c) review the previously conceded exceptions to the principles, terms and conditions, and procedures of the Fund in order to determine the continued status of these exceptions, as applicable.

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