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RESOLUTION

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WORKER'S HEALTH

THE 36th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen Document CD36/19, and its annexes, on workers' health;

Taking into account both the large number of persons who because of risk factors in the workplace suffer impairments of health that could be avoided, and the inadequate coverage of workers' health services, especially with regard to prevention; and

Emphasizing the positive economic and social impact of the promotion and protection of health and the prevention of risk factors in the workplace,

RESOLVES

1. To support the Declaration on Workers' Health and the Plan of Action for the Initiative recommended by the Organizing Commission in accordance with the guiding principles of the initiative "1992: Year of Workers' Health," as set forth in Resolution XIV of the XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference.
2. To urge the Member Governments to maintain the political decision to implement their national development plans for workers' health in coordination with and with the participation of State institutions, public and private companies, and the workers themselves, with a view to strengthening

and expanding the existing programs and services for workers' health and their coverage by means of new alternatives, including the incorporation of workers' health, with particular attention to that of women workers, into primary health care, local health systems, and new social security modalities.

3. To request the Ministries of Health of the Member Governments to establish specific programs for workers in the health sector, and to carry out plans for research on this subject.

4. To recommend that the Member Governments identify and mobilize the resources needed to support workers' health in the respective national plans.

5. To request the Executive Committee at its 111th Meeting to consider designating 5 November as "Pan American Workers' Health Day," in honor of Bernardino Ramazzini, the "Father of Occupational Health," and to report to the XXXVII Meeting of the Directing Council in this regard.

6. To request that the Director, within available resources:

a) Continue to cooperate with Governments requesting ongoing evaluation of national policies and plans in order to facilitate identification of the most pressing needs and provide such cooperation as may be required, especially with regard to the working populations that are least served;

b) Promote interprogram and interinstitutional coordination, especially collaboration with the various national and international agencies concerned with this matter;

c) Continue the Organizing Commission of the Initiative "1992: Year of Workers' Health" as an advisory body to the Workers' Health Program, so that it may collaborate in studies for the mobilization of resources and in securing increased cooperation at the regional level;

d) Present at the meetings of the Organization's Governing Bodies in 1993, and every two years thereafter, a progress report on the health status of workers in the Region of the Americas;

e) Promote the studies needed to build a network of collaborating centers in workers' health.

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