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## **38th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

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### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***CD38.R8***

### **ELIMINATION OF CONGENITAL SYPHILIS IN THE AMERICAS**

*THE 38th DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having reviewed and discussed Document CD38/14, containing the plan of action for elimination of congenital syphilis as a public health problem in the Americas;

Noting with satisfaction that most countries have established practices of syphilis screening during pregnancy and that inexpensive yet effective treatments are available;

Observing that, in spite of the efforts taking place at national and local levels, preventable cases of congenital syphilis continue to occur in every country;

Realizing that congenital syphilis surveillance will serve to assess both the quality of prenatal care services and syphilis control in the community, and understanding that such a surveillance system is linked to the development of communicable disease surveillance;

Recognizing that elimination of congenital syphilis must be done as an integrated component of programs for reproductive health and control of other sexually transmitted diseases; and

Bearing in mind the level of funding needed to implement the plan between now and the year 2000,

#### ***RESOLVES***

1. To note the plan of action for elimination of congenital syphilis in the Americas (Document CD38/14).

2. To urge Member States to adopt the strategies outlined in the plan of action and allocate the resources needed for its implementation.

3. To congratulate governments for the efforts developed thus far and the strides already made towards the control and elimination of congenital syphilis.

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