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Page 1, paragraph 2, line 6 should read: "Social Welfare of Paraguay,
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WHO has formed a Health 2000 Resources Group for the purpose of coordinating the resources of the international community in relation to the goal of health for all by the year 2000. The idea of establishing a group of participating countries and agencies for attracting bilateral and multilateral funds to help achieve the goal of health for all was first included in the Executive Board's document, "Formulating Strategies for Health for All by the Year 2000." This document was considered by the Thirty-second World Health Assembly (1979) as the basis for approving Resolution WHA32.30. The resolution recognized "the necessity of careful planning, management and effective use of available resources, including those from national, bilateral, and international sources, for the achievement of health for all."¹ Accordingly, in September and December 1979 informal consultations were held between the Secretariat of WHO and various members of the international community to discuss the modalities for establishment of such a body, to be known as the "Health 2000 Resources Group."

The first meeting of the Group was held at WHO Headquarters, Geneva, on 1-2 May 1980. The list of participants included representatives from Member States, multilateral banks, bilateral assistance agencies, other agencies from the United Nations system, and nongovernmental organizations. Dr. Adán Godoy Jiménez, Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare US/AID, of Paraguay, and Dr. Stephen Joseph, Deputy Assistant Administrator, US/AID, were present from the Region of the Americas.

¹WHA32/1979/REC/1, page 29, paragraph 11

It was decided that the Group should be constituted as a consultative body to be appointed by the Director-General, under the auspices of WHO. The Group should be composed of members from developed and developing countries, multilateral agencies, and nongovernmental organizations. Each member should act in his or her own personal capacity. Its principal mandate will be as follows: a) to promote the rationalization of all available resources required for primary health care activities in developing countries, aimed toward health for all by the year 2000; and b) to stimulate the mobilization of resources, including those of developing countries themselves and external donors, to achieve the goal of health for all by the year 2000, using primary health care as the main method, and to facilitate appropriate utilization of these resources by donor organizations and recipient countries.

The first meeting also decided that the definition of a detailed plan of action should be the task of a second meeting of the Group, to be held on 5 December 1980. The Group will also discuss its secretariat support--functions, size, physical location and place within the WHO organizational structure. A smaller, interim planning group was formed to prepare for the December meeting.

The Directing Council may wish to consider selecting one of its Member Governments, which will in turn nominate an individual to represent the Region of the Americas in the Health 2000 Resources Group.