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FINAL REPORT

The XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, XXXI Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, was held at the Headquarters of the Organization in Washington, D.C., from 24 September to 5 October 1979, as convened by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in accordance with Resolution I approved by the Executive Committee at its 82nd Meeting.

PARTICIPANTS

The Directing Council began its work under the presidency of Miss B. A. Miller, First Vice President of the XXV Meeting of the Council. The Governments of the following countries were represented: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela. In accordance with Rule 14 of its Rules and Procedure, the Executive Committee was represented by its Chairman, Mr. Michel Careau (Canada), and by Dr. Lelio Bringel Calheiros (Brazil) and Dr. Jorge Rodríguez Díaz (Venezuela), Members of the Committee.

The Meeting was also attended by Observers from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the Hipólito Unanue Agreement. Observers from 23 nongovernmental organizations were also present.

OFFICERS

The President, the two Vice Presidents, and the Rapporteur were elected pursuant to Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council. The officers were as follows:

President: Dr. Humberto García Barrios VENEZUELA
Vice Presidents: Dr. Roquelino Recinos Méndez GUATEMALA
Dr. Rodrigo Fierro Benítez ECUADOR
Rapporteur: Dr. Thomas R. Jones GUYANA
Secretary ex officio: Dr. Héctor R. Acuña DIRECTOR,
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU
COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Pursuant to Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee on Credentials was composed of the following members:

Chairman: Dr. Oscar H. González Carrizo ARGENTINA
Rapporteur: Dr. Lloyd Alexis GRENADA
Member: Dr. Everardo González Gálvez PANAMA

GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Representatives of Brazil, Jamaica, and the United States of America were elected to the General Committee which, pursuant to Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, was composed as follows:

Dr. Humberto García Barrios
President of the Council VENEZUELA

Dr. Roquelino Recinos Méndez
Vice President of the Council GUATEMALA

Dr. Rodrigo Fierro Benítez
Vice President of the Council ECUADOR

Dr. Thomas R. Jones
Rapporteur of the Council GUYANA

Dr. Mario Augusto Jorge de Castro Lima
Representative BRASIL

Dr. Douglas Manley
Representative JAMAICA

Dr. John H. Bryant
Representative UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

AGENDA

In accordance with Rule 10 of its Rules of Procedure, the Directing Council at its first plenary session adopted the provisional agenda (Document CD26/1, Rev. 3) as submitted by the Director, after deleting item 13 (Tentative Budgetary Projections for the Program Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for the Biennium 1982-1983) and adding an item on "Health Care in the Program of the Government of National Reconstruction of Nicaragua."
WORKING GROUPS

Four working groups were established. The first, composed of the Representatives of Colombia, Costa Rica, and France, was entrusted with the study of the application of Article 6.B of the Constitution concerning the suspension of the voting privileges of any Government more than two years in arrears in the payment of its quotas.

The second, composed of the Representatives of Bolivia, El Salvador, and Trinidad and Tobago, was entrusted with the preparation of a list of not more than three topics from which, in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules for Technical Discussions, the topic would be chosen for the Technical Discussions to be held during the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the WHO for the Americas, in 1981.

The third, composed of the Representatives of Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, and Nicaragua, considered with the Director the question of how to meet the special needs of PAHO technical cooperation for Dominica, the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua to cope with the ravages recently suffered by these countries.

The fourth, composed of the Representatives of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Trinidad and Tobago, drafted proposed resolutions on animal health and on the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Centers.

These working groups presented their reports in plenary session.

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

The Technical Discussions were held on 28 September 1979 and dealt with the topic of "Strategies for Extending and Improving Potable Water Supply and Excreta Disposal Services during the Decade of the 80"s."

The following officers were appointed:

Moderator: Mr. Humberto Romero Alvarez MEXICO
Rapporteur: Ms. Jannette Bethel BAHAMAS
Technical Secretary: Dr. Vicente Witt PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU
Group I

Moderator: Dr. Christine Moody
Rapporteur: Mr. Olman Cordero Chaverri
Technical Secretary: Mr. Guillermo Dávila

Group II

Moderator: Dr. Luis A. Cousin
Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Juricic
Technical Secretary: Mr. Guido Acurio

The Report on the Technical Discussions was submitted to the plenary session, which approved a resolution thereon.

SESSIONS

The Directing Council held a preliminary session, 16 plenary sessions, and a closing session. During the third plenary session, on hearing of the death of the Representative of Paraguay, Dr. Rubén Cáceres, all present remained standing for one minute of silence.

The Committee on Credentials met four times and the General Committee four times.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

During the Meeting the Directing Council approved the following 39 resolutions:
RESOLUTION I

CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF DR. RUBEN CACERES

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Deeply moved by the sudden passing of the distinguished Representative of Paraguay, Dr. Rubén Cáceres; and

Highly mindful of the extraordinary qualities of Dr. Cáceres as a human being and of his fruitful dedication to the work of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

To send to the Government of Paraguay and to the family of Dr. Cáceres a solemn message of deepest condolence with them in their grievous loss.

(Approved at the fourth plenary session, 25 September 1979)
RESOLUTION II

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Document CD26/19) on the work of the Committee from October 1978 to date, during which period the 81st and 82nd Meetings were held; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 9.c of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Document CD26/19).

2. To commend the Chairman and the other members of the Committee for their excellent work.

(Approved at the fifth plenary session, 26 September 1979)
RESOLUTION III

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 1978

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1978 (Official Document 160); and

Recognizing that the Organization continues to be in a sound financial situation,

RESOLVES:


2. To commend the Director for having maintained a sound financial situation.

(Approved at the fifth plenary session, 26 September 1979)
RESOLUTION IV

APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind that it has been the practice of the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization to have the same External Auditor, and that Sir Douglas Henley, who has been appointed External Auditor of the World Health Organization for the financial period 1980-1981, has expressed his willingness to serve as External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To appoint Sir Douglas Henley External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization for the financial period 1980-1981 and to request that he conduct his audits in accordance with the principles incorporated in the Financial Regulations relating thereto, with the provision that, should the necessity arise, he may designate a representative to act in his absence.

2. To express its thanks to Sir Douglas Henley for the work he has performed for the Organization in his audit of the accounts for the financial year 1978.

(Approved at the fifth plenary session, 26 September 1979)
RESOLUTION V

ELECTION OF THREE-MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE TERMINATION OF THE PERIODS OF OFFICE OF ECUADOR, PARAGUAY, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Articles 9.B and 15.A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization; and

Considering that the Governments of Chile, Guyana, and Mexico were elected to serve on the Executive Committee on the termination of the periods of office of Ecuador, Paraguay, and Trinidad and Tobago,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare the Governments of Chile, Guyana, and Mexico elected to membership of the Executive Committee for a period of three years.

2. To thank the Governments of Ecuador, Paraguay, and Trinidad and Tobago for the services rendered to the Organization during the past three years by their representatives on the Executive Committee.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session, 27 September 1979)
RESOLUTION VI

FI FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the excellent work carried out or supported by the Kellogg Foundation during the 50 years of its service to the peoples of the Americas;

Recalling also the generous contribution that the Foundation made to the construction of the Headquarters Building of the Pan American Health Organization in Washington, D.C.; and

Desiring to commemorate this important anniversary of the Foundation in a suitable and auspicious manner,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the steps recommended by the Director to commemorate this fiftieth anniversary.

2. To request the Director to communicate the congratulations and expressions of goodwill from all the members of the Directing Council to the President, the Board of Trustees, and staff of the Foundation on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session, 27 September 1979)
RESOLUTION VII

HEALTH CARE IN THE PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION OF NICARAGUA

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having heard with great interest the presentation made by the Minister of Public Health of Nicaragua, Dr. César Amador Kuhl, on the public health situation in his country;

Desirous of giving concrete expression to the sentiments of sympathy and solidarity of the Member Governments; and

Taking into account the approved report of the Special Committee to plan the contribution and technical assistance to Dominica, the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua,

RESOLVES:


2. To instruct the Executive Committee to examine the progress of the program of technical cooperation with Nicaragua, study it at its 84th Meeting, and make proposals as appropriate and necessary to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council.

3. To request the Member Governments to continue giving concrete expression to their solidarity by promptly assisting the public health program of the Government of Nicaragua on a bilateral basis.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION VIII

SPECIAL COOPERATION WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND DOMINICA
IN 1980-1981

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the grave material and human losses inflicted by hurricanes David and Frederick on the peoples of the Dominican Republic and Dominica;

Considering, moreover, the far-reaching short- and long-term implications of losses of such magnitude for the socioeconomic and health status of these peoples; and

Taking into account the report of the Special Committee to plan the contribution and technical assistance to Dominica, the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua,

RESOLVES:

1. To make provision for special services under the operating budget as recommended in the report of the Special Committee.

2. To instruct the Director of PASB to coordinate this cooperation with the official health agencies of the two countries.

3. To request the Member Governments to continue offering their faithful assistance to the Dominican Republic and Dominica.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION IX


THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

RESOLVES:

1. To appropriate for the financial period 1980-1981 an amount of $86,833,774 as follows:

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<td>PROGRAM OF SERVICES</td>
<td>$30,062,703</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE</td>
<td>31,188,600</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION</td>
<td>12,699,900</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>GOVERNING BODIES</td>
<td>1,063,400</td>
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<td>V</td>
<td>INCREASE TO ASSETS</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>VI</td>
<td>SPECIAL FUND FOR HEALTH PROMOTION</td>
<td>500,000</td>
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<td>Effective Working Budget (Parts I-VI)</td>
<td>$75,534,600</td>
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<td>STAFF ASSESSMENT (Transfer to Tax Equalization Fund)</td>
<td>11,299,174</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>All Parts</td>
<td>$86,833,774</td>
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2. That the appropriation shall be financed from:

a. Assessments in respect to:
   - Member Governments and Participating Governments assessed under the scale adopted by the Organization of American States in accordance with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code or in accordance with Directing Council and Pan American Sanitary Conference resolutions $84,533,774

b. Miscellaneous Income 2,300,000

Total $86,833,774

In establishing the contributions of Member Governments and Participating Governments, their assessments shall be reduced further by the amount standing to their credit in the Tax Equalization Fund, except that credits of those governments who levy taxes on the emoluments received from the Pan American Health Organization by their nationals and residents shall be reduced by the amounts of such tax reimbursements by PAHO.

3. That, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of PAHO, amounts not exceeding the appropriations noted under Paragraph 1 shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred during the period 1 January 1980 to 31 December 1981, inclusive. Notwithstanding the provision of this paragraph, obligations during the financial period 1980-1981 shall be limited to the effective working budget, i.e., Parts I-VI.

4. That the Director shall be authorized to transfer credits between parts of the effective working budget, provided that such transfers of credits between parts as are made do not exceed 10% of the part from which the credit is transferred. Transfers of credits between parts of the budget in excess of 10% of the part from which the credit is transferred may be made with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. All transfers of budget credits shall be reported to the Directing Council and/or the Conference.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION X

ASSESSMENTS OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Whereas, Member Governments appearing in the scale adopted by the Council of the Organization of American States are assessed according to the percentages shown in that scale, in compliance with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code; and

Whereas, other Member Governments and Participating Governments are assessed on the basis of percentages which would be assigned to such countries if they were subject to the OAS scale; now, therefore,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

RESOLVES:

To establish the assessments of the Member Governments and Participating Governments of the Pan American Health Organization for the financial period 1980-1981 in accordance with the scale of quotas shown below and in the corresponding amounts.

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(5) This column includes estimated amounts to be received by the respective Member Governments in 1980-1981 in respect of taxes levied by them on staff members' emoluments received from PAHO, adjusted for any difference between estimate and actual for prior years.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XI

PROGRAM BUDGET OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE REGION

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Official Document 161 submitted by the Director of
the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the program budget of the
originally presented in Official Document 154;

Bearing in mind that the 1980-1981 program budget was reviewed in
detail by the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee; and

Noting that no significant changes have occurred between Official
Documents 154 and 161 within the appropriation of $37,457,000,

RESOLVES:

To approve the program budget of the World Health Organization for
the Region of the Americas for 1980-1981, which appears in Official
Document 161 and amounts to $37,457,000.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XII


THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined Official Document 161 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, containing the provisional draft that is to constitute the basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1982-1983 amounting to $87,816,700; and

Recognizing that the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates contains programs formulated in cooperation with the national authorities,

RESOLVES:


2. To request the Director to use the provisional draft as a basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates for 1982-1983, after further consultation with the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements in relation to the health priorities of the countries.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XIII

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that the prevention of blindness has been pronounced a priority of WHO's Global Technical Cooperation Programme, international strategies and technical guidelines have already been established, and the Advisory Group on the Global Prevention of Blindness Programme has now emphasized the need for regional action;

Considering that eye health care requires special attention and that the primary health care systems should be appropriately strengthened in order to achieve these objectives;

Considering that the four principal causes of blindness, which have priority under the Global Programme for the Prevention of Blindness -- infectious eye diseases, onchocerciasis, xerophthalmia and cataracts -- are present in Latin America and the Caribbean, and that to them must be added glaucoma and eye accidents as causes of blindness in the Region;

Noting that some Governments in Latin America and the Caribbean are formulating national programs for the prevention of blindness and that, consequently, there is need of technical cooperation and coordination, particularly in assessing the extent of the problems in order to identify communities at risk, and of manpower training programs; and

Noting that various nongovernmental agencies are actively concerned with this subject in this Region, particularly the regional and national committees of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, the Latin American Organization for the Blind and Visually Disabled (OLAP), and the Pan American Ophthalmology Association,

RESOLVES:

1. To request that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau give all possible support to Governments and properly accredited nongovernmental organizations in the promotion of research, training programs and the formulation of national and regional plans for the prevention of blindness, and in all aspects of visual impairment problems.
2. To request the Director to establish a Regional Advisory Group on the Prevention of Blindness to assist in the planning, execution, and evaluation of the program.

3. That technical assistance for the development of regional blindness prevention programs be strengthened.

4. To authorize the Director to obtain extrabudgetary funds as needed for the implementation of this resolution from Governments and nongovernmental organizations, and to invest the funds so obtained in blindness prevention programs.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XIV

COLLECTION OF QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CD26/3 and ADD. I);

Noting that, of the three countries with approved payment plans for liquidating their arrears, all had made a payment by the time of the XXVI Directing Council Meeting;

Considering the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions to assure the financing of the authorized program and budget and to maintain the Organization in a sound financial position, and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 6.B of the Constitution of PAHO relating to the suspension of voting privileges of Governments failing to meet their financial obligations,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CD26/3 and ADD. I).

2. To permit, after noting the report of the working party on the application of Article 6.B of the Constitution, the Representatives of the Dominican Republic and Haiti to vote in the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council.

3. To thank the Governments that have already made payments in 1979, and to urge the other Governments whose legal circumstances so permit to pay their current quotas as early as possible in the year they are due so that the work of the Organization can continue and the financial burden of its program can be spread fairly among all Members.

4. To request the Director to continue to inform the Governments of any balances due.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XV

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1978 (Official Document 165); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 9.C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:


2. To commend the Director and the staff of the Bureau for the work accomplished during the period covered by the Report.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XVI

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

HOLDING ACCOUNT

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering the provisions of Resolution XVI of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference;

Having considered the report of the Director which indicates that a surplus of $1,080,846 in the Working Capital Fund has been transferred to a Holding Account until such time as the Directing Council decides on how to utilize the funds;

Considering the provisions of Resolution XXVII of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council concerning the Expanded Program on Immunization and the establishment of the Revolving Fund for the Expanded Program on Immunization;

Considering the presentation by the Director on the capitalization requirement for the operations of the Revolving Fund for the Expanded Program on Immunization;

Considering the increasing membership of the Organization and the discussions in the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council on the inadequacy of the seating arrangements in the Conference Room to accommodate the delegations and supporting staff;

Considering the proposal presented by the Director for renovation of the Conference Room at the Headquarters Building in Washington to provide adequate seating arrangements for the delegations and supporting staff;

Bearing in mind that all Area office buildings, except in Area II, Mexico City, are owned by the Organization; and

Considering the report of the Director on the feasibility of purchase of an office building in Mexico,
RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director to transfer $800,000 from the Holding Account to the Revolving Fund for the Expanded Program on Immunization.

2. To authorize the Director to use $150,000 from the Holding Account for the renovation of the Conference Room to provide adequate seatings arrangements for the delegations and supporting staff; if the required amount is below $150,000, the difference between the required amount and $150,000 will be transferred to the Revolving Fund for the Expanded Program on Immunization.

3. To authorize the Director to negotiate the purchase of a suitable building in Mexico City for the Area II office up to a limit of US$1,000,000. The actual purchase price, conditions of sale, and required borrowing authority shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

4. To authorize the Director to transfer $130,846 from the Holding Account to the Building Fund to be used towards the purchase of a building for the Area II office. If this amount is not needed for the purchase of the building, it shall be transferred to the Revolving Fund for the Expanded Program on Immunization.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XVII

EFFECTS ON THE NERVOUS SYSTEM OF PROTEIN-CALORIE MALNUTRITION INTERCURRENT WITH OTHER LIMITING FACTORS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Mindful of the devastating effects of protein-calorie malnutrition on human biological development; and

Aware of the damage that can be done, particularly to the central nervous system, by protein-calorie malnutrition and other nutritional deficiencies and the grave public health problem their incidence poses,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to present to the 84th Meeting of the Executive Committee a document on latest developments in the understanding of malnutrition and deficiency-induced mental retardation in the countries of the Region.

2. To recommend to the Director the inclusion in the operating budget of adequate financing for studies to learn more about malnutrition and mental retardation caused by deficiencies, for the purpose of promoting the development of many different control strategies.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XVIII

PROGRAM FOR THE CONTROL OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that non-communicable chronic diseases like cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus, the chronic bronchopneumopathies and others are growing as public health problems because of their high mortality, morbidity and disability rates; and

Recognizing that the Organization has launched activities for inter-country collaboration and for technical cooperation in several countries of the Region,

RESOLVES:

That this topic be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Directing Council of the Organization so that policies, strategies and plans of action may be drawn up for the Organization's technical cooperation programs in this field.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 1 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XIX

PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1979

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the Report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration and Resolution XX of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee (Document CD26/15 and Annexes),

RESolves:

To endorse the decision of the Award Committee that the nomination of Mr. Antonio J. Sucre, presented by the Government of Panama, be deferred for consideration in conjunction with other nominations which may be received in 1980.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session, 2 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XX

REPORT OF THE PAHO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL RESEARCH

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Report of the PAHO Advisory Committee on Medical Research in the period from October 1978 to September 1979, which includes the annual meeting held in June 1979,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the concern of the Advisory Committee on Medical Research with research in fields in which the most headway can be made toward solving the priority problems of PAHO and its Member Countries, and particularly of the emphasis placed on health services research in support of activities to improve and extend the coverage of these services.

2. To commend the PAHO Advisory Committee on Medical Research for the work done.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session, 2 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXI

EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION IN THE AMERICAS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Director's progress report (Document CD26/10) on the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in the Americas and taken cognizance of the limited funds allocated to the program for the financial years 1980-1981;

Having taken note of the continuing efforts made to develop the program at the country and regional levels and of the progress accomplished in pursuance of Resolutions WHA30.53 and WHA30.54 of the Thirtieth World Health Assembly and Resolution XXVII of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council; and

After analyzing the funding requirements of the EPI Revolving Fund for the Purchase of Vaccines,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the program objectives and policy statement presented in the progress report on the Expanded Program on Immunization in the Americas (Document CD26/10) and particularly to emphasize the importance of this program as the entry point for primary health care and extension of coverage of health services.

2. To urge Member Governments to formulate specific plans for the development or maintenance of immunization activities and to reflect these in their request for technical cooperation through the PAHO Programming and Evaluation System (AMPES).

3. To recommend that all Member Governments make use of the EPI Revolving Fund for the Purchase of Vaccines.

4. To recommend that the Director study the feasibility of real-locating funds and other resources from related programs to reinforce immunization activities.

5. To repeat the invitation to the Member Governments and bilateral and multilateral agencies in a position to contribute funds or their equivalent in equipment and supplies to consider the limited resources
available under the regular budget of the Organization and the continuous
nature of the Program, and to provide maximum long-term support through the
WHO Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion (Special Account for the Expanded
Program on Immunization) or on a bilateral basis, to ensure country
programming on a five to ten year basis.

6. To request the Director to collaborate closely with Member
Governments in applied research and health education, and in developing,
through training and field support, the management capabilities of senior
and middle-level supervisory personnel in order to establish effective and
continuing systems of vaccine delivery that will lead to complete
immunization coverage.

7. To request the Director to study the possibility of establish-
ing a regional focal point for cold chain equipment development and testing
in order to support these delivery systems.

8. To reiterate to the Member Countries the importance of bolster-
ing information systems as components of the epidemiological surveillance
program in the evaluation of the impact of actions for the prevention and
control of diseases in general, and of those covered by the Expanded
Program on Immunization in particular.

9. To request the Director to inform the Directing Council
regularly on the progress made in the Program, particularly in regard to
its coverage of children under one year of age and its impact on disease
incidence.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session,
2 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXII

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS: "STRATEGIES FOR EXTENDING AND IMPROVING POTABLE WATER SUPPLY AND EXCRETAL DISPOSAL SERVICES DURING THE DECADE OF THE 80's"

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Technical Discussions on "Strategies for Extending and Improving Water Supply and Excreta Disposal Systems in the Decade of the 80's" (Document CD26/DT/4);

Considering the progress made in the decades of the 60's and the 70's as well as the present rate of rural and urban development of water supply, waste water and excreta disposal in the Region; and

Aware of the importance of the targets proposed by the Habitat Conference and the United Nations Water Conference to provide water supply and sanitation services to as many people as possible during the decade 1981-1990, particularly to the underserved rural and urban populations,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction with the manner in which the Discussions were conducted and to thank the Moderators, the Rapporteurs, and the consultants for their valuable contributions to the Discussions.

2. To urge Member Governments to: (a) include the extension of water supplies and sanitation services, particularly in the underserved rural and urban areas, among the priority programs for national development, and promote intersectoral collaboration with other sector developments; (b) give high priority to active community participation in decision-making, implementation and operation and maintenance of water supply and sanitation projects, particularly in rural areas; (c) adopt appropriate technologies compatible with their social, cultural and economic conditions and explore the feasibility of promoting the local manufacture of supplies and equipment for water supply and sanitation facilities; (d) support and seek additional funds for institutional development and the training and continuing education of health personnel at all levels in order to improve the national absorptive capacity to utilize the funds to be invested; and (e) explore new sources of financing for program development to supplement traditional mechanisms and external loans.
3. To request the Director: (a) to continue giving high priority to assisting Member Countries in strengthening their urban and rural water supply and sewerage programs including: i) the development of national regional and local strategies as well as institutions and low-cost simplified technology; ii) the full utilization of the resources of the Organization, particularly those at CEPIS, for the training of personnel at all levels and the dissemination to Governments of information on the availability of such activities; iii) developing systems for the exchange of information; iv) the identification and preparation of project proposals; and v) to seek extrabudgetary resources to further the collaboration with Governments in implementing their programs; and (b) to distribute widely the report of the Technical Discussions and the excellent background material, particularly to those agencies and groups outside the health field that are also concerned with furthering the objectives of the decade.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session, 3 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXIII


THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that the provisions of Rules 7, 8, and 9 of the Rules for Technical Discussions have been followed in the selection of the topic of the 1981 Technical Discussions,

RESOLVES:

To declare selected the topic "Sanitary Control of Food" for the Technical Discussions to be held in 1981 during the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session, 3 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXIV

REPORT ON THE "STUDY OF WHO'S STRUCTURES IN THE LIGHT OF ITS FUNCTIONS"

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report "Study of WHO's Structures in the Light of Its Functions" prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Executive Committee (Document CD26/27); and

Bearing in mind the complexity of this study and its importance to the Region of the Americas and to the World Health Organization as a whole;

Recognizing that this study derives from the concerns expressed by the Governing Bodies of PAHO and WHO over a significant period of time; and

Noting with satisfaction that the documentation calls to the attention of Member Governments a number of key issues of particular importance to the Region,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Executive Committee and its Ad Hoc Committee for the report (annexed to Document CD26/27).

2. To commend the Director and his staff for their contributions to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee.

3. To request the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Director, to arrange for the prompt completion of the final report of the Region.

4. To request the Director to facilitate the incorporation of the salient features of the Council's discussions on this matter in the final Regional report.

5. To thank the Governments of Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela, which have already responded to the questionnaire.

6. To request the Director to transmit the final report on the study to the Director-General of WHO, on behalf of the Member Governments of the Region of the Americas.
7. To request the Director to inform the 84th Meeting of the Executive Committee on the results of the deliberations of the 65th Session of the Executive Board of WHO and the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly on the regional responses to this Study and the implications for the Region of the Americas.

(Approved at the fourteenth plenary session, 3 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXV

EXTENSION OF HEALTH SERVICES

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the progress report of the Governments and the Director on the steps taken toward the evaluation of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas and the formulation of national and regional strategies for attained the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Cognizant of the need that every Government define its national health goal for the year 2000 and formulate the strategies for attaining it within the established time limits;

Considering that the national strategies are needed as a basis for the formulation of regional strategies; and

Bearing in mind that one Member Country intends to cosponsor a resolution at the 34th United Nations General Assembly related to the goal of health for all by the year 2000, within a multisectoral context in which health is an integral part of international development strategies,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member Governments and the Director of PASB to continue following the work plan for the evaluation of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas and the formulation of national and regional strategies for attaining the goal of health for all by the year 2000 agreed to in the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. To urge the Member Governments to formulate their national strategies and to draw up action plans for their implementation.

3. To suggest to the Member Governments that in this process they promote and pursue multisectoral activities for involving the other elements that enter into the well-being of communities in the drive to attain the health goals of the countries.

4. To request the Governments to formulate regional strategy proposals based on their own national strategies and on the strategies of other countries, to enable the Directing Council to adopt the strategies for the Region of the Americas in its XXVII Meeting.
5. To recommend to Member Countries that in the 34th United Nations General Assembly they support initiatives aimed at recognizing the goal of health for all in the year 2000 in which health is considered as one of the components of development and an integral part of the international development strategies.

6. To request the Director to provide the technical collaboration that the countries may require in the pursuit of this process.

(Approved at the fourteenth plenary session, 3 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXVI

RESOLUTION XIX OF THE XX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE:
PAN AMERICAN FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE CENTER

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference instructed the Director in Resolution XIX to make the studies required for eventual decision on the organization to which the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center should be attached; and

Considering that the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO has pronounced itself in favor of keeping the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center attached to PAHO as a regular program,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Director to keep in mind this favorable view of the Directing Council in the course of the aforementioned study and to mention it in his subsequent report to the next Pan American Sanitary Conference.

(Approved at the fourteenth plenary session, 3 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXVII

EVALUATION OF THE PAN AMERICAN ZOONOSES CENTER AND THE PAN AMERICAN FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE CENTER

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that, in the course of the discussions of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council, concern was expressed over the current budgetary situation of the Pan American Zoonoses and Foot-and-Mouth Disease Centers and their relation to the technical programs and health priorities,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Director to give first priority to the performance of a comprehensive external evaluation of the Pan American Zoonoses and Foot-and-Mouth Disease Centers in compliance with operative paragraph 6 of Resolution XXXI of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, and to report on the results thereof to the 84th Meeting of the Executive Committee in 1980.

(Approved at the fourteenth plenary session, 3 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXVIII

FINANCING OF THE PAN AMERICAN ZOONOSES CENTER AND THE PAN AMERICAN FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE CENTER

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of RICAZ XII, and having analyzed the proposal of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee to increase the budgets of the Pan American Zoonoses and Foot-and-Mouth Disease Centers;

Considering that it has been decided to instruct the Director to have a comprehensive external evaluation of these Centers performed on a first priority basis, and that it is necessary to wait until the results of that evaluation become available; and

Considering that it is essential to maintain the operating capacity of the Pan American Zoonoses and Foot-and-Mouth Disease Centers at its present level, in view of the effects of inflation on the execution of their budgets,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve a supplementary budget for the financial period 1980-1981 in the amount of $1,041,400 to be utilized in 1980 exclusively, as follows: $504,300 to the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center, and $537,100 to the Pan American Zoonoses Center, to be financed in accordance with the Financial Regulations of PAHO, by quotas of the Member and Participating Governments, according to the scale of quotas indicated below and in the corresponding amounts:
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Total Assessments, All Countries: 1,041,400
2. To direct the 84th Meeting of the Executive Committee to recommend to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council budgetary adjustments for 1981 on the basis of the evaluation of the Pan American Zoonoses and Foot-and-Mouth Disease Centers.

3. To instruct the Director to seek additional resources, either miscellaneous or extrabudgetary, to help finance the increases in the funding of the Pan American Zoonoses and Foot-and-Mouth Disease Centers. Any amounts from these quotas rendered surplus by the resources so obtained shall be credited to the quota contributions due from the countries.

(Approved at the fourteenth plenary session, 3 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXIX

AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the decision of the Executive Committee at its 82nd Meeting (Resolution XVIII); and

Pursuant to Article XVI of the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

To take note of the amendments to the Financial Rules of the Pan American Health Organization, issued by the Director and confirmed by the Executive Committee at its 82nd Meeting (Resolution XVIII).

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session, 4 October 1979)
RESOLUTION XXX

HEMISPHERIC PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF MALARIA PROGRAMS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind Resolution XVIII of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, in which 1980 is declared the "Year of Frontal Struggle with Malaria in the Americas";

Considering that the III Meeting of Directors of the National Malaria Eradication Services in the Americas laid the basis for the development of a hemispheric plan of action against malaria; and

Recognizing that progress in the campaign against this disease depends on a joint effort being made by all the countries,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to promote, and to collaborate with the Governments in, the formulation and strengthening of national plans fitted to the specific situation in each country.

2. To request the Director to draw up, on the basis of the above-mentioned resolutions and recommendations, a plan for the promotion and support of malaria programs in the Hemisphere.

3. To urge the Governments to give highest priority to the financing and implementation of those plans.

4. To request the Director and the Governments to explore all possible sources of funds for the support of malaria activities on the national and hemispheric scale.

5. To request the Director to report to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council in 1980 on the progress of this hemispheric plan, translated into specific components for individual countries.

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RESOLUTION XXXI

EVALUATION OF PAN AMERICAN CENTERS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the progress report on the evaluation of the Pan American Centers (Document CD26/21, Annex I) submitted by the Director to the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee in compliance with Resolution XXXI of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference;

Bearing in mind that this resolution emphasizes the need for the Centers to relate their activities to the total PAHO program; and

Noting that the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee also approved the schedule for reviews of all the Pan American Centers over the next five years, in conformity with the development of medium-term programming in the Region, starting with the Caribbean Epidemiology Center (CAREC) and the Latin American Center for Perinatology and Human Development (CLAP),

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director for the progress report on the evaluation of the Pan American Centers (Document CD26/21).

2. To take note of the progress being made in applying this model procedure to the detailed review of CAREC.

3. To request the Director to re-examine the schedule for evaluation of the Centers and to take such action as is necessary to have it completed in a shorter time than proposed.

4. To request the Director to present the final report on CAREC, CEPANZON, and PANAFTOSA, and a progress report on CLAP, to the 84th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

5. To request the Director to present, in compliance with operative paragraph 7 of Resolution XXXI of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, a more detailed report on the individual Pan American Centers for presentation to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council.

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RESOLUTION XXXII

COORDINATION BETWEEN SOCIAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director (Document CD26/20) on coordination between social security and public health institutions;

Bearing in mind that to attain the goals of health for all by the year 2000, national policies must be adopted which will lead to the extension of health services to the entire population with the coordinated participation of the resources of the various institutions in the health sector; and

Recognizing the utility of reviewing the traditional arrangements for the operation and financing of the systems of the social security agencies and the ministries of health,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the progress report of the Director on coordination between social security and public health institutions in the countries.

2. To reiterate to the Governments the advisability of adopting policies for extending the coverage of health services to the entire population with the coordinated participation of the social security and health ministry agencies.

3. To urge the Governments to develop alternative schemes or arrangements for the organization and delivery of services as part of their efforts to coordinate the institutions in the sector, and with a view to their financial and functional harmonization, and to guarantee the proper utilization of their resources and installed capacity.

4. To request the Governments, when drawing up their investment plans for extending the services to all communities, to ensure that provision is made for the participation of the different institutions functioning in the sector.
5. To request the Director to make the necessary budgetary provisions for adequate support to the activities mentioned above, and to report to the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council on the measures taken by the Organization in this field, and on the progress made by the Member Countries.

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RESOLUTION XXXIII

PSYCHOSOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind that the essential characteristic of the child is growth and development;

Considering that the vulnerability of the growth process makes it sensitive not only to protein-calorie deficiencies but also to the lack of adequate psychosocial and social stimulation; and

Bearing in mind that there is much yet to be learned about the ecology of human development,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Governments that, in their programming of health actions, they take into account the growth and development of the child, particularly in relation to the various interactions between the growing child and its psychosocial milieu.

2. To instruct the Director to cooperate with the countries in the conduct of research into the variables involved in the psychosocial maturation of the child and the adolescent.

3. To recommend to the Director that an agenda be compiled for the promotion of regional meetings to consider the various aspects of the problem on an interdisciplinary basis, and to propose actions for implementation under coverage extension programs.

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RESOLUTION XXXIV

HEALTH AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering the importance of the health sector's contribution to the New International Economic Order;

Cognizant of the need to establish more clearly the relationships between economic development and health; and

Noting that the Regional Committees must present their views to WHO for the enrichment and amendment of the document on which the Technical Discussions of the World Health Assembly are to be based, and as a contribution by WHO to the special session of the United Nations General Assembly to be held in 1980,

RESOLVES:

1. To present for consideration by the Director-General of the World Health Organization a document based on the document of the Director-General (TDs/NIEO/79.1) and on the contributions of the Representatives in the Directing Council. To this end, the Director is instructed to prepare, together with the Representative of Cuba, a summary of the discussions held in the Council on the topic, and to send it to the Director-General of the World Health Organization to be taken into account in the preparation of the base paper for the Technical Discussions to be held at the Thirty-third World Health Assembly.

2. To request the Director to organize activities for analyzing the relationship between economic development and health, on the basis of the document referred to in the foregoing paragraph and with the participation of Representatives of the Governments, in order to enrich the Technical Discussions at the next World Health Assembly.

3. To recommend to the Member Governments that they carry on activities similar to those requested of the Director, and in which they may enlist the collaboration of the Pan American Health Organization.

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RESOLUTION XXXV

OBSERVERS FROM SUBREGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS:
CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the application presented by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and related documents, for authority to appoint an observer to the meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization;

Considering that Article 26 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization vests decisions on applications of this nature in the Conference and Directing Council; and

Noting Resolution XXII of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, and especially its reference to the study requested of the Director on the status of observers,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the application presented by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for authority to appoint an observer to the meetings of the Directing Council and the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

2. To request the Director to transmit this decision to the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

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RESOLUTION XXXVI

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATION PROGRAM IN THE AMERICAS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind Resolution X of the Directing Council in its XXIV Meeting on "Emergency Assistance to Countries of the Americas," and Resolution XXII of the Executive Committee in its 82nd Meeting on "Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief Coordination Program in the Americas;

Having examined the document presented by the Director on the disaster preparedness program in the Americas;

Considering that emergency situations caused by natural or man-made disasters are bound to affect the health status in the countries of the Region, and that the ministries of health should play a leading role, within the civil defense system, in emergency preparedness and relief activities related to health; and

Being convinced that the Organization's most valuable contribution in the aftermath of a disaster may consist of the speedy provision of technical cooperation,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank and congratulate the Director for the development of the Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief Coordination Program and for the technical cooperation and assistance provided to Member Countries during emergency situations since its inception.

2. To urge Member Governments to establish a high level multisectoral group to coordinate all relief measures and a continuous program to update emergency plans, train health personnel, and promote research and case studies to improve disaster management.

3. To urge Member Governments and funding agencies to contribute to the Natural Disaster Relief Voluntary Fund (PD) and to facilitate the Organization's technical cooperation in the immediate aftermath of a disaster by agreements signed prior to the emergency.
4. To request the Director to maintain direct contact with all funding agencies and institutions in order to channel relief assistance towards areas of need in the health sector.

5. To invite the Director to strengthen the Organization's cooperation in the assessment of emergency needs, preparation of damage estimates and rehabilitation projects in the aftermath of a disaster.

6. To request the Director to concentrate the Organization's efforts on the training of health officials in charge of emergency preparedness and the coordination of relief efforts in Member Countries, including in actual emergencies whenever possible.

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RESOLUTION XXXVII

LEPROSY CONTROL IN THE AMERICAN REGION

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the document on the present status of leprosy programs in the Region, submitted by the Director in accordance with Resolution XXV of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, and recalling Resolutions WHA29.70 and WHA32.39 of the World Health Assembly;

Taking into account the increased incidence of tropical diseases and the expressed concern of several Governments in the Region; and

Acknowledging the growing global interest in leprosy research and control accompanied by increased availability for new sources of funds from various agencies,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Director for the concise and comprehensive report on leprosy in the Americas.

2. To encourage the Director to make special efforts to solicit extrabudgetary funds for programs in leprosy and tropical diseases.

3. To continue and improve current advisory and training services of the Organization supported by regular funds and to ensure they meet the defined needs for national programming.

4. To support the development of national laboratories, to improve their capacity for leprosy diagnosis, control and research.

5. To commend and thank the Government of Venezuela for supporting regional leprosy activities with PAHO through the Associated National Center for Research and Training in Leprosy and Tropical Diseases, thereby setting an outstanding example of technical cooperation among developing countries.

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RESOLUTION XXXVIII

DIARRHEAL DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE AMERICAS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Director's report and recommendations on the Diarrheal Disease Control Program for the Americas;

Taking into consideration Resolutions WHA31.41 and WHA31.44 and Resolution XXVII of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee; and

Aware that diarrheal diseases pose particularly serious socioeconomic and public health problems in Latin America and the Caribbean,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Director for his longstanding commitment to reduce diarrheal disease morbidity and mortality through improved environmental sanitation and health education efforts.

2. To endorse in its entirety the Report of the Multidisciplinary Study Group on Acute Diarrheal Diseases, which outlines a new focus on diarrheal disease control and goal-oriented research based on short- and medium-term measures and calls for regional self-reliance in the production of oral rehydration salts.

3. To encourage Member Countries to: a) establish national diarrheal disease control programs within the context of their primary health care systems; b) designate national program coordinators to serve as focal points for diarrheal disease control activities; c) develop, in collaboration with PAHO, a work plan for their national diarrheal disease control programs; d) reallocate their own national resources to meet their program needs as much as possible; e) promote operational and basic research to further improve treatment and control strategies; and f) encourage PAHO to address critical program needs and consider reprogramming available country project funds to meet these needs.
4. To request the Director to: a) proceed with implementation of the proposed regional Diarrheal Disease Control Program; b) encourage Member Countries to establish national diarrheal disease control programs; c) review existing projects in primary health care, appropriate technology, maternal and child health and nutrition, and to strengthen the diarrheal disease control components of those projects; d) approach Member Countries and bilateral, multilateral, and nongovernmental agencies for extrabudgetary funding for regional diarrheal disease control activities; and e) inform the Directing Council at its next meeting on the progress of the regional Diarrheal Disease Control Program and, in particular, on the prospects of regional self-reliance in the production of oral rehydration salts.

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RESOLUTION XXXIX

SALT FLUORIDATION

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Document CD26/28 presented by the Government of Mexico and the statement by the Delegation of Colombia on the subject of salt fluoridation;

Recognizing the magnitude of the problem of dental caries and of the lack of resources for dealing with it; and

Mindful of the need of effective dental caries prevention programs that will reach every segment of the population,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Member Governments the conduct of salt fluoridation programs as a temporary substitutive measure, to complement water fluoridation programs.

2. To instruct the Director to promote under the oral health program new orientations for reaching the entire population, and the more vulnerable groups in particular.

3. To recommend to the Director that he promote the integration of oral health activities with programs for primary care and for the extension of coverage with appropriate technologies.

4. To request the Director to approach possible sources of financing for extrabudgetary funds to support the conduct of these activities in the countries.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of the Directing Council and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Secretary ex officio, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, the two texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Washington, D.C., this fifth day of October nineteen hundred and seventy-nine. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Governments of the Organization.

Humberto García Barrios  
President of the Directing Council  
Representative of Venezuela

Héctor R. Acuña  
Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau  
Secretary ex officio of the Directing Council