Washington D.C., 21 September – 1 October 1981

## RESOLUTION

## CD28.R38

## **ORAL HEALTH**

THE 28<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the Plan of Action for the implementation of the regional strategies (Document CD28/14) and Document CD28/38 presented by the Government of the Dominican Republic in connection with the incorporation of oral health into the strategies of primary care and the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Aware of the magnitude of the oral dental problem in the majority of the population of the Member Countries, and the urgent need to find appropriate solutions to the great demand in the Region for dental services; and

Recognizing the need for effective, efficient, and efficacious programs in line with comprehensive health criteria in the areas of primary care, generation of knowledge, and manpower at the promoter, auxiliary, and university levels, and for the provision of oral health services for the people of the Region,

**RESOLVES** 

- 1. To recommend that the Member Governments carry out the oral health program at the national level within the frame-work of their health policies, following the guidelines for extending coverage by means of the primary care strategy.
- 2. To endorse the recommendations submitted to the Directing Council in Document CD28/38 for the development of technical cooperation by PAHO at the Areas and countries.
- 3. To recommend that technical cooperation follow the Plan of Action for the implementation of the regional strategies and be directed toward the promotion of programs for prevention, training of auxiliary personnel, generation of local knowledge and technology, and organization of a dental information system in the Region.
- 4. To request the Director to adopt suitable measures within the available resources for the dynamic and efficient execution of those recommendations.
- 5. To recommend to the Director that he endeavor to obtain extrabudgetary funds from international financing agencies to assist in the efforts being made by the Member Countries and PAHO to improve oral health in the Americas.

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