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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

(Submitted by the Representative of Mexico)

ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION

The Directing Council,

Having considered Resolution WHA12.48 of the Twelfth World Health Assembly on the subject of environmental sanitation;

Recognizing that the considerations so well stated in the above Resolution apply with special force in the Region of the Americas, namely:

a) that safe and adequate supplies of water to inhabitants of communities constitute an important measure for the protection and improvement of health and are indispensable for economic and social development;

b) that the provision of community water supplies depends upon the closely co-ordinated efforts of engineering, financial, and administrative personnel;

c) that a primary deterrent to the early construction of community water supplies on an adequate scale is the difficulty in financing, and that ministries of health are not generally in a position independently to develop schemes for the financing of such works;

Recognizing that some governments may wish to make funds available to the Pan American Health Organization to provide advisory services to governments in community water supply programs in addition to the work financed from the regular budget; and

Recognizing the special need for the Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization, to take urgent action to promote water development programs, and to co-ordinate international efforts in this program, including the stimulation and utilization of international financial resources,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the resolution WHA12.48 of the World Health Assembly.
2. To emphasize the recommendations to Member Governments contained in the above resolution, which read:
 - a) that priority be given in national programs to the provision of safe and adequate water supplies for communities;
 - b) that wherever necessary, national or provincial water boards be established and be given authority to deal with the various legal, administrative, and fiscal responsibilities involved in such programs;

- c) that all available national and local resources of money, materials, and services contributory to such a program be mobilized;
- d) that within each country requiring such a facility a revolving fund be established to provide loans for water supply development to local agencies of governments; and
- e) that full advantage be taken of existing international loan funds.

3. To request the Director:

- a) to cooperate with Member Governments in projects to provide adequate and safe supplies of water to inhabitants of their communities;
- b) to study all possible ways and means of rendering assistance; and
- c) to co-operate with all agencies, national and international, that will participate in the development of water supply programs, with special emphasis on stimulation of financial resources.

4. To authorize the Director to secure financial participation and accept any contributions of public or private organizations, national or international, for the purpose of providing assistance to governments in planning, preparing for, and obtaining other technical assistance in the development of community water supply.

5. To request the Director to establish under Article XI, paragraph 11.3 of the Financial Regulations, a special account for the purposes set forth in paragraph 4, above.

6. To provide that the funds in the special account shall be available for incurring obligations for the purposes set out in paragraph 4 of this resolution and that, notwithstanding Article IV, paragraph 4.3, of the Financial Regulations, the unexpended balance of the account shall be carried forward from one financial year to the next.

7. To request the Director to present the operations financed, or planned to be financed, from the special account separately in the annual program and budget estimates and to present the operations of the account separately in the annual financial report.

8. To request the Director to make adequate provision in future program and budget estimates to allow the Organization to maintain leadership in a co-ordinated regional program of community water supply and to provide the necessary technical and advisory services to governments.

9. To invite all multilateral and bilateral agencies having an interest in this field to co-operate with the Pan American Health Organization in carrying out a regional water supply program.

10. To request that international and national financial institutions accord high priority to requests for loans to carry out water supply programs, since water is essential in the life of man and fundamental to the economic development of nations.