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RESOLUTION

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**RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOCIAL SECURITY MEDICAL
PROGRAMS AND THOSE OF MINISTRIES OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

THE 16th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the Final Report of the Study Group on Coordination of Medical Care in Latin America, with special reference to the relationship between social security medical programs and those of ministries of health or other official health agencies (Document CD16/25); 1

Bearing in mind that the opportunity to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health is a right of all human beings without distinction—a right that should be ensured by the State through the organization or promotion of a system of services for the protection, promotion, and restoration of health;

Recognizing that government health services and social security medical services complement each other; and

Recognizing that the planning of economic development and social progress requires that the countries make rational use of existing installations and program the development of their human and material resources in a methodical and coordinated manner,

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the Final Report of the Study Group.
2. To thank the Director of the Bureau and the members of the Study Group for their profound analysis of the problem, and the Organization of American States for its efficient cooperation.
3. To reiterate its previous resolution² to the effect that the aforementioned report be transmitted to the Governments, together with an invitation to progressively apply the recommendations [therein] concerning machinery for coordination between ministries of health and social security institutions, [placing emphasis on] the need for a survey to measure the real magnitude of the problem and to ascertain its characteristics.
4. To recommend to the Governments that social security institutions and all public or private agencies that engage in health activities participate in the national planning of the health sector.
5. To recommend to the Director of the Bureau that:
 - a) He make studies, diffuse knowledge, and offer advisory services to the Governments on how to achieve the maximum degree of coordination between the ministries of health and the autonomous, semiautonomous, and private institutions that engage in health activities;
 - b) He sponsor and promote, in collaboration with the national and international agencies concerned, educational programs designed to lead to the development of a common doctrine on the administration of medical care;
 - c) Through the Governments concerned, [efforts be made to help] spread modern concepts of health care among trade unions and the local communities, in order to secure the adoption of a favorable attitude toward coordination; and
 - d) [He] promotes joint meetings of medical authorities and other high officials of the ministries of health and of the social security institutions of the Member Countries in order to encourage the aforesaid coordination.

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