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7th DIRECTING COUNCIL
5th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST SMALLPOX

THE 7th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the inquiry submitted by the Director-General of the World Health Organization, on instruction from the Executive Board (Resolution EB12.R13), requesting suggestions and data from the Regional Committee to serve as the basis for a study of the measures that should be taken to carry out a world-wide campaign against smallpox,

RESOLVES

To apprise the Director-General of the World Health Organization, for the information of the Executive Board, of the following:

1. That since 1950 the Pan American Sanitary Organization has considered as one of its basic programs the execution of campaigns for the eradication of smallpox throughout the Americas.
2. That [it is recommended that] the World Health Organization promote intergovernmental agreements, which have given most satisfactory results in the Region of the Americas, with a view to preventing border epidemics.

3. That the quality of the vaccine to be used and the conditions under which it is kept are of fundamental importance, especially wherever the vaccine is exposed to high temperatures, either in storage or in transit.
4. That [it is recommended that] the World Health Organization provide equipment and/or technical advice, in one or more of the usual ways, to promote the production of glycerinated or dry vaccine, according to the needs of the countries.
5. That it is recognized that each country applies the anti-smallpox campaign methods it deems best suited to its own conditions, but that it is advisable to utilize the administrative experience that experts acquire while carrying out such campaigns. In view of this fact, the World Health Organization should provide advisory service of this kind to the countries desiring to intensify or reorganize their programs.
6. That [it is desirable that] the World Health Organization recommend to the countries that, as far as possible, the anti-smallpox campaigns be an integral part of permanent, over-all public health programs, or the starting point for such programs.

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