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10th DIRECTING COUNCIL
10th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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**ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY ON REGIONALIZATION BY THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WHO**

THE 10th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that the Tenth World Health Assembly, in Resolution WHA10.35, resolved to defer the organizational study on regionalization requested by the Ninth World Health Assembly and provided that, if it is found necessary, each regional committee may meanwhile study for itself the delineation of areas having uniform geographical, sanitary or social characteristics within a single region, with a view to better utilization of the available resources"; and

Considering that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the WHO, in accordance with the policy of decentralization approved by the governing bodies of the Organization established, beginning in 1951, a network of zone and field offices to facilitate its relationships with national health services and the execution of its programs,

RESOLVES

1. To reaffirm the general principle of regionalization.

2. To declare that the system of zone and field offices responds to the needs of the Region and, without prejudice to such changes as experience may show to be advisable, constitutes the most suitable method for ensuring the proper operation and development of the international public health programs.

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