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14th DIRECTING COUNCIL

15th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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STATUS OF THE CONTINENTAL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

THE 14th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the status of the continental plan of community water supply and sewage disposal (Document CD14/14);

Noting with satisfaction the work of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau during the past five years in the promotion and development of community water supply programs in the Americas;

Noting with satisfaction the favorable consideration and the approval of loans for water supply and sewerage by international and bilateral credit organizations, especially the Inter-American Development Bank;

Noting the contributions made in the past four years to the PAHO Community Water Supply Fund by the Governments of Colombia, the United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela;

Noting the proposed pledge of the Government of the United States of America of \$450,000 for 1964, subject to the appropriation of funds, of which a maximum of \$150,000 will be provided to match funds contributed by the other Governments of the Organization;

Recognizing and reaffirming the great importance of the continental water supply and sewage disposal programs to public health and to the economic and social development of the peoples of all the countries of the Americas; and

Mindful of the fact that the ever-increasing responsibilities of all the national agencies involved in the general field of environmental sanitation, specifically in the fields of water supply and sewage disposal, both urban and rural, can be met only by adequately trained professional and auxiliary personnel,

RESOLVES

1. To request the Director of the Bureau to continue to give the highest priority to the community water supply program and to continue the Bureau's efforts to stimulate greater investment of funds from all sources, both local and international.
2. To request the Director to continue and increase the technical assistance given to the Governments in the planning and financing of water supply systems, and to extend this assistance to the subsequent activities of management, construction, operation, and maintenance of the new or the expanded and improved systems.
3. To express its satisfaction and thanks to the Governments of Colombia, the United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela for their contributions to the PAHO Community Water Supply Fund during the past four years, and to request the Director to renew the invitation to all Governments to contribute to the Fund, especially to match the additional \$150,000 pledged by the United States of America for 1964.
4. To request the Director to convey to the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Agency for International Development, and the Export-Import Bank of the United States of America the sincere thanks and satisfaction of the Council for the consideration being given to loans and grants for water supply and sewerage.
5. To again call to the attention of the Governments the need for giving the highest priority to national water supply and sewage disposal programs in urban and rural areas, for incorporating them in long-range national development plans, and for providing the budgets necessary for the financing of these programs by the maximum utilization of local resources and materials, the responsibility for such programs resting with the ministries of health.
6. To request the Director to continue and increase the assistance to the countries in the preparation and training of professional and auxiliary personnel for the implementation and maintenance of water supply programs, and to cooperate with the countries in obtaining international support for the development and strengthening of their schools of engineering.

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