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15th DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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STATUS OF THE CONTINENTAL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

THE 15th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the status of the continental water supply and sewerage program for urban areas (Document CD15/16);

Bearing in mind the urgency of providing adequate water supply and sewerage services to urban areas, regardless of their size, in view of the importance of these services to the health and the social and economic progress of the people;

Considering the necessity of providing these services at a rate that will meet the needs of present metropolitan growth, so as to protect the health of these urban concentrations of people;

Noting with satisfaction the progress made in this field since 1961, as reflected by the fact that \$500,000,000 have been committed by the Governments and by international credit institutions for the improvement of water supply and sewerage services;

Mindful, however, of the fact that new projects are not developing in accordance with the work schedules established to meet the needs and objectives set forth in the Charter of Punta del Este, or in pace with the present rate of increase of urban populations;

Recognizing that the support provided by the international credit institutions, especially the Inter-American Development Bank, has contributed greatly to progress in the water supply and sewerage programs; and

Noting that the voluntary contributions to the PAHO Community Water Supply Fund made by the Governments of Colombia the United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela have made it possible to expand the Organization's program of technical assistance in this field,

RESOLVES

1.To urge each of the Governments to expand its program of urban water supply and sewerage services, and to give special attention to the development of sound project proposals supported by well-conceived plans and feasibility studies so as to ensure acceptance of projects by the international lending agencies, which will make it possible to meet existing and projected needs for these services.

2.To recommend that the Director increase the Organization's technical assistance to Governments and continue to collaborate closely with the Inter-American Development Bank and other agencies in order to advance the programs in this field.

3.To recommend that the Director draw up and submit a plan for financing the Organization's work in the field of urban water supply and sewerage services, taking into account the limitations and uncertainties of the Community Water Supply Fund contributions, and that he propose adjustments in the regular budget of the Organization for that purpose.

4.To request that the Director continue the Organization's program of cooperation in research, education, and training and in the strengthening of engineering schools, as a means of fostering progress in the field of water supply and sewerage services.

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