Washington D.C., 21 September – 1 October 1981

RESOLUTION

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CARIBBEAN EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTRE

THE 28th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the evaluation and mid-term review of the Caribbean Epidemiology Center (CAREC) (Document CD28/33);

Acknowledging that the CAREC Council and the Seventh Conference of Ministers Responsible for Health in the Caribbean recognize the achievements of the Center in the first five years of the Multilateral Agreement;

Taking note of the policies and guidelines for the future of CAREC beyond 1984, prepared by the VII Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting and approved by the CAREC Council, in compliance with Resolution XXIX of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO;

Acknowledging receipt of the independent evaluation of CAREC by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago commending the Center's technical performance, expressing views on its management and future role, and indicating its intention to adhere to the terms of the Multilateral Agreement of 1974;

Mindful of Resolution 29 of the Seventh Conference of Ministers Responsible for Health in the Caribbean, which gives a clear commitment by the Governments of the Caribbean region for the continuing of CAREC as a regional institution up to and beyond 1985 and requests the Director of

PASB, in association with the Secretary-General of CARICOM, to begin negotiations with the Participating Governments for the development of a new agreement for CAREC beyond 1984; and Taking note of the budgetary problems of the Center as a result of the United Kingdom Government's revision of its contributions to CAREC,

RESOLVES

- 1. To thank the participating Governments and institutions that expressed their views on the evaluation of the Center.
- 2. To thank the Director for making available the evaluation report and the recommendations of the CAREC Council.
- 3. To take note of CAREC's budgetary level for 1982–1983 (US\$793,400), as set out in the proposed program and budget (Official Document 169), and the budget projection for 1980–1985, approved by the CAREC Council and the Seventh Conference of Ministers Responsible for Health in the Caribbean.
- 4. To request the Government of the United Kingdom to adhere to the spirit of the 10-year commitment of the Multilateral Agreement for CAREC.
- 5. To request the Director, in association with the Secretary-General of CARICOM and the CAREC Council, and taking into consideration the report of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, to initiate negotiations with all signatories of the present Multilateral Agreement and other interested Governments and donor agencies, for the development of a new agreement for CAREC beyond 1984.

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