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24th DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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**PAN AMERICAN CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN
LEPROSY AND TROPICAL DISEASES**

THE 24th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that leprosy and tropical diseases, as well as parasitic diseases, continue to be serious causes of morbidity and mortality in the Americas;

Mindful that, because of their great prevalence, these diseases have repercussions on the economic and social development of the countries;

Considering that it is therefore urgently necessary to intensify research work for the prevention and control of these diseases, at the same time providing an opportunity for training the professional and auxiliary personnel required by the countries;

Bearing in mind that the Government of Venezuela has offered to the Governments of the countries of the Americas and to PAHO its Center for Research and Training in Leprosy and Tropical Diseases; and

Taking note of Document CD24/11 and having heard the statement made by the Delegation of Venezuela,

RESOLVES

1. To accept with thanks the generous offer made by the Government of Venezuela to designate the Center as a national institution associated with the PAHO technical cooperation program, administered and supported financially by the Government of Venezuela.
2. To recognize the importance and usefulness of providing direction and coordination for the research activities at present being conducted in the countries on leprosy and tropical diseases.
3. To instruct the Director to include the activities of the Center in planning the Organization's disease control programs, providing the Center with such assistance as may be possible to enable it to expand and to extend its cooperative services and better support the health programs of the Member Countries.

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