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25th DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, 1979

THE 25th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the celebration in 1979 of an International Year of the Child, the basic purpose of which would be to emphasize at the decision-making levels of the Governments of the countries the need to give urgent attention to comprehensive child protection activities as part of national economic and social development plans;

Having examined the information provided by the Director on this matter, particularly in regard to the specific cooperation requested by the United Nations General Assembly of the pertinent international agencies (Document CD25/13); and

Considering Resolution XV adopted by the Executive Committee at its 78th Meeting,

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the information on the International Year of the Child, 1979, to thank the Director for providing it, and to instruct him to promote the participation of the Pan American Health Organization in the preparation and implementation of plans underway in the Region to this end, in

coordination with other international agencies, and particularly with the United Nations Children's Fund.

2. To urge the Member Governments to participate in the activities to be carried out in the countries of the Region in connection with the International Year of the Child, taking timely action to identify the most urgent national problems of children and going on to strengthen and expand the appropriate programs, placing special emphasis on aspects such as health education, nutrition, vaccination, the control of infectious diseases and those caused by intestinal agents in particular, development of the infrastructure, and personnel training. The end product of these activities must be the enjoyment of general well-being by all children, and particularly the most disadvantaged, bearing in mind the relevant humanitarian implications and those of overall national development.

3. To request the Director to arrange that, in accordance with the decisions of the United Nations, and particularly of the Organizing Committee of the International Year of the Child, the Organization contribute, subject to its budgetary availabilities and in coordination with other international agencies, to the implementation of the aforementioned cooperation, and to report on what has been done to the Governing Bodies in 1980.

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