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27th DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

CD27.R16

**NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES PREVENTION AND CONTROL
PROGRAM**

THE 27th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind Resolution XXIV of the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council and Resolution XVIII of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council;

Having considered the report of the Director on the Non-communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Program (Document CD27.R17);

Recognizing that the problem of chronic noncommunicable diseases is becoming increasingly important in the countries of the Region and is thus causing major changes in the morbidity and mortality structure and in the demand for services;

Considering the growth of the aged population and of its special health problems, and the scarcity of adequate geriatric care services; and

Noting that the program presented emphasizes disease prevention and health promotion in the context of the general health services and identifies priority areas on the basis of the magnitude of the problem and the availability of effective control methods,

RESOLVES

1. To urge the Member Countries to identify in their national health plans programs and strategies for achieving health for all by the year 2000, measures for the prevention of chronic noncommunicable diseases, and action on the risk factors that are causing an increase in morbidity and mortality related to these diseases.
2. To urge the Governments to study the health problems of the aged and to establish specific geriatric programs for them.
3. To recommend to the countries that, in accordance with their priorities, they promote activities for the prevention and control of these diseases integrated into those of the general health services, with special attention to diseases for which there are effective methods of control, such as hypertension, rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease, diabetes mellitus, and cancer of the cervix.
4. To request the Director to support programs for improved care of the aged and to report to the Executive Committee on progress in this field.
5. To commend the Director for the strategy he is developing to orient and support the programs for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the countries of the Region.
6. To request the Director to continue to support the programs for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the Member Countries, as well as cooperative activities among the countries, in order to encourage an exchange of knowledge and technology.
7. To request the Director to continue his efforts to obtain extrabudgetary resources for supporting these programs.

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