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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**17th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
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***RESOLUTION***

***CD17.R25***

***FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM***

*THE 17<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having considered the report of the Director of the Bureau on the fellowship program (Document CD17/14),<sup>1</sup> submitted pursuant to Resolution XV of the 56th Meeting of the Executive Committee; Bearing in mind the importance of the fellowship program for the education and training of the professional and auxiliary personnel of the national health services, as well as the faculty of medical and related schools, in order to achieve the short-term and long-term objectives of health and medical education programs;

Considering that the fullest cooperation of the Governments at all stages of the fellowship program is essential to its success;

Believing that it is highly advisable to maintain the existing coordination [between] the fellowship program of the Pan American Health Organization and those of the World Health Organization and other specialized agencies of the United Nations and to follow uniform procedures, since a substantial number of the fellowships are financed with funds from WHO and the United Nations Development Program; and

Bearing in mind that, as a result of the scope acquired by the fellowship program in recent years; it is essential to intensify efforts to evaluate the results obtained,

***RESOLVES:***

1. To commend the Director for the report on the fellowship program (Document CD17/14), and

to approve the report.

2. To recommend to the Governments that they continue to use such procedures as they deem most appropriate to ensure that the best fellowship applicants are selected, including, inter alia, the establishment of special selection committees.
3. To point out to the Governments, where appropriate, that it is necessary to select fellowship applicants in the light of the manpower needed for carrying out national short-term and long-term health and medical education plans.
4. To again emphasize to the Governments the importance of making full use of the services of the fellows of the Organization, when they complete their studies, in their specialized field and in close relationship to national health plans.
5. To reaffirm Resolution XIX of the IX Meeting of the Directing Council, which recommended to the Governments that they continue to pay the salary and safeguard the seniority and other rights of officials pursuing studies abroad in order to facilitate the selection of the best qualified candidates and contribute to the efficient conduct of the fellowship program.
6. To recommend to the Director that, in view of the satisfactory results obtained so far, he maintain the existing coordination of the fellowship program of the Organization and those of the specialized agencies of the United Nations, of the Inter-American System, and other agencies.
7. To recommend to the Director that he continue his efforts, in the way he deems most effective and in cooperation with the Executive Committee and the Governments, to carry out in the next two years an evaluation of the fellowship program, and that he submit a preliminary report on his findings to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council.

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