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RESOLUTION

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STATUS OF MALARIA ERADICATION IN THE AMERICAS

THE 17th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the XV Report of the Director of the Bureau on the status of malaria eradication in the Americas (Document CD17/12);¹

Mindful of the progress achieved in 1966 in shifting further areas into the maintenance and consolidation phases;

Recognizing that in other countries the program has made no headway and that areas in the consolidation phase have to be put back into the attack phase;

Bearing in mind that the extent and nature of the so-called "problem areas" are known and that technical difficulties have hampered the progress of the eradication programs;

Recognizing that some of the technical problems besetting those areas have been solved through research;

Considering that malaria eradication programs are still plagued by serious administrative and financing difficulties, but that some countries have solved their financing problem by means of external loans;

Bearing in mind that some progress has been made in coordinating the malaria eradication program and the general health services; and

Considering that the Twentieth World Health Assembly decided by Resolution WHA20.14 to carry out a re-examination of the global strategy of malaria eradication,

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the XV Report on the status of malaria eradication in the Americas (Document CD17/12).
2. To re-emphasize the need to redouble efforts to eradicate malaria in the Americas by giving particular attention to adequate and timely financing, efficient program administration, and improved coordination of the malaria eradication and the general health services.
3. To request the Director to intensify his collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization in carrying out the re-examination of the global strategy for malaria eradication.
4. To express its satisfaction to the Governments that further areas have been shifted into the maintenance and consolidation phases.
5. To recommend to the Governments that they pay special attention to the eradication of malaria in "problem areas," in collaboration with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
6. To again draw to the attention of the Governments the need to strengthen the training of health personnel so as to facilitate coordination with malaria eradication activities, particularly in the consolidation and maintenance phases.
7. To reiterate the importance of speeding up the coordination of the general health services with the malaria eradication programs by strengthening the network of basic health services in rural areas and by giving priority to the extension of these rural services to the originally malarious areas, and to request the participation of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and PASB.
8. To recommend to PASB that it continue to collaborate in operational and other research aimed at finding solutions to the various problems involved in malaria transmission, bearing in mind the importance of coordinating intra- and interzone activities.
9. To recommend to the Governments that they coordinate their malaria eradication activities, especially in border areas where the epidemiological situations exercise considerable reciprocal influences on one another.
10. To request that international lending agencies, [in] making loans designed to speed up eradication programs, avoid requirements that might weaken the prime purpose of such programs.

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