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RESOLUTION

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**TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE TOPIC "ENVIRONMENTAL
POLLUTION"**

THE 20th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Recognizing the worldwide concern over the effects of widespread and rapid environmental change on the health and well-being of man; and

Having considered the Final Report¹ of the Technical Discussions on "Environmental Pollution" held during the present meeting.

RESOLVES

1. To express its great concern with respect to adverse environmental impacts, the serious gaps in knowledge of their effects on man, and the need for better environmental intelligence and more effective preventive and corrective measures.
2. To recommend to Governments that, in order to meet the critical needs for environmental protection, they consider the possibility of:
 - a) Establishing programs for controlling the quality of the environment.

- b) Promoting activities in order to develop new knowledge in search for new concepts and approaches.
 - c) Fostering the creation of new institutions for environmental protection.
 - d) Training multidisciplinary professionals for those purposes.
3. To urge the Governments to establish or reinforce environmental health activities within the ministries of health, including sanitary engineering and other environmental sciences, to cope with traditional and emerging environmental problems, giving particular attention to the execution of housing programs and those for the provision of water supply, excreta disposal, and air pollution control.
 4. To express its satisfaction with the conduct of the Technical Discussions and its thanks to the officials of the other international agencies and nongovernmental organizations for their participation.
 5. To suggest to the Director that he give the report and background documents wide distribution.

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