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20th DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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DRUG ABUSE

THE 20th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined Resolution WHA24.571 of the Twenty-fourth World-Health Assembly;
Recognizing that the problem of drug abuse is one of steadily increasing importance in the Region;
and

Considering that the extent of the problem is not fully known, that the circumstances that give rise to, cause the spread of and perpetuate the habit are not known either, and that this information is necessary in order to carry out prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs more effectively,

RESOLVES

1. To commend Resolution WHA24.57 of the Twenty-fourth World Health Assembly.
2. To recommend to the Director of the Bureau that he continue his efforts to carry out an epidemiological investigation designed to ascertain the extent of the problem of drug abuse in the countries of the Americas and the circumstances which permit the spread of the habit.
3. To request the Director-General of WHO to approach the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control with a view to obtaining the funds for carrying out this important program.

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