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20th DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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MEETING OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH

THE 20th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Recognizing the need to define a health policy for the Americas for the decade 1971–1980, consistent with the anticipated socioeconomic development during the decade and the many problems posed by that development;

Bearing in mind the desirability of defining the improvement to be achieved in the health sector during the decade and of working out a continental strategy for achieving it;

Bearing in mind Resolution WHA24.49 of the Twenty-fourth World Health Assembly (Strategy for health during the Second United Nations Development Decade), and the PAHO/WHO Program of Work for the period 1973–1977; and

Taking into account the kind invitation extended by the Government of Chile to hold the Meeting in the city of Santiago.

RESOLVES

1. To recommend that a Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas be held immediately before the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO, in Santiago, Chile, in September or October 1972.

2. To suggest that the Meeting of Ministers deal with the following subjects:
 - a) Regional analysis of the progress made in the health sector in attaining the goals for the decade 1961–1970.
 - b) Assessment of prevalent health problems and their continental implications in the light of the anticipated socio-economic development in the new decade.
 - c) Establishment of goals for the period 1971–1980, including the setting of priorities.
 - d) Establishment of the strategy for attaining those goals, including an examination of the financial implications.
3. To request the Director to take the necessary steps to convoke and organize the Meeting of Ministers in accordance with the timetable and recommendations contained in the report of the working party on the item "Meeting of Ministers of Health," including the preparation of the corresponding working documents.
4. To recommend to the Executive Committee that, as soon as the Governments have examined the working documents prepared by the Secretariat, it draw up a proposed agenda for the above-mentioned Meeting which is to be submitted to the countries for consideration at an early date.
5. To urge the Governments to assist and support the Secretariat both in preparing the documentation and in organizing and holding the Meeting
6. To request the Director to submit to the 68th Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on the preparations for the Meeting of Ministers.

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