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23rd DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

THE 23rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Final Report of the Technical Discussions on "Methodologies for the Formulation of National Food and Nutrition Policies and their Intersectoral Implementation" held during the current meeting (Document CD23/DT/3);

Recognizing that there has been no substantial improvement in regard to the problems of food and nutrition in the Region despite the efforts of the Governments, and that they may even grow worse as a result of the instability of world economy, which affects the prices of inputs essential to the production of basic foodstuffs;

Reaffirming that the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas recognizes as a priority area for action by the Governments the reduction of nutritional diseases and the achievement of an optimum nutritional status for the entire population;

Realizing that the problem is bound up with many causal factors directly related to the production, consumption, and biologic use of foods; and

Acknowledging that, in this context, ministries of health bear a heavy responsibility as catalysts and guides to assist the other development sectors in achieving appropriate levels of health and nutrition for the entire population.

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the Final Report of the Technical Discussions and to express its satisfaction with the deliberations.
2. To recommend to the Member Governments that they intensify their efforts for the formulation and implementation of national food and nutrition policies and plans through multidisciplinary and intersectoral action as an integral part of each country's development plans.
3. To recommend to the ministries of health that they strengthen technical nutrition services at the central level and increase nutrition services at the intermediate and local level, as an integral part of general health activities.
4. To request the Director to continue the technical assistance to the countries for:
 - a) The strengthening of the nutrition infrastructure in the primary health services as a part of the extension of that coverage.
 - b) The establishment of nutritional surveillance systems, and the encouragement of evaluation of nutrition programs at all levels.
 - c) The education and training of personnel in nutrition.
5. To thank the consultants and the Secretariat for their valuable contribution in the preparation and development of the Discussions.

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