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RESOLUTION

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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS

THE 33rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Reaffirming and reiterating the concepts and mandates contained in Resolution VIII of the XXX Meeting of the Directing Council (1984) and Resolution XVIII of the XXXI Meeting of the Directing Council (1985);

Recognizing the advances achieved by the joint work of the Organization, the Member Countries, and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in executing the mandates contained in the aforementioned resolutions;

Taking note of the constraints that prevent a faster pace of execution; and

Reaffirming the statements contained in Document CD33/13, "Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning Programs," which the Director has presented as a second progress report on the status of execution of the Organization's policy for action in population matters,

RESOLVES

1. To urge Member Governments:

- a) To continue efforts to implement the mandates contained and unanimously adopted in Resolutions VIII and XVIII, so that faster progress can be made in the strengthening of maternal and child health and family planning programs, stressing activities among groups at greatest risk, particularly adolescents, to reduce differences between and within the countries;
- b) To make a special effort to study information on population, health, and existing services so as to update and maintain the situational diagnosis needed to program the measures to be taken in the last decade of the century;
- c) To design specific proposals for the participation of other development sectors in coordinated actions to benefit the health of mothers, children, and the population at large;
- d) To take the necessary action to coordinate technical and financial cooperation in the area of population, health, and development, and especially in maternal and child health and family planning programs;
- e) To emphasize not only the extension of coverage but also the quality of maternal and child health, family planning services, and the prevention, detection and treatment of cervical cancer as part of the strategy for the development and strengthening of local health systems;
- f) To set, before the end of 1990, national goals for the reduction of maternal mortality by the year 2000, and to design plans of action to this end so that maternal mortality may be reduced significantly—by at least 50% in countries whose index for this mortality is higher than 5 per 10,000 recorded live births;
- g) To initiate intersectoral and sectoral actions directed toward the community, teachers, and parents, with a view to helping adolescents develop healthy lifestyles and avoid risk-associated behaviors that lead to drug addiction, accidents, sexually transmitted diseases, and unwanted pregnancies.

2. To request the Director:

- a) To continue the support of activities required for implementation of the collective mandates in this field, especially the mobilization of national and international technical and financial resources for a more appropriate response to existing needs;
- b) To propose to the Governing Bodies in 1990 a regional plan of action for the reduction of maternal mortality in the Americas;
- c) To report on the progress made in this area to the Directing Council at its meeting in 1991.

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