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RESOLUTION

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DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

THE 33rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the report "Drug Abuse Prevention" (Document CD33/19);

Considering Resolutions XLI of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XXV of the XXI Pan American Sanitary Conference, and XVII of the XXIX Meeting of the Directing Council, in which the Member Governments and the Bureau are requested to collaborate in the strengthening of national and regional activities for the control of drug abuse, in the development of systems to provide information on the size and nature of the problem, and in the study of the causal factors and the impact of drugs on the health of the population in the Region:

Recognizing the importance of the work done by PAHO/WHO in promoting prevention activities and research on drug abuse: and

Considering that the high levels of the traffic in and the production and consumption of illegal drugs are affecting primarily and increasingly the Region's young population, to the detriment of their health and well-being,

RESOLVES

1. To support coordination between PAHO/WHO and the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) of the Organization of American States (OAS), the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC), and other international agencies and bodies doing similar work in the Region.
2. To request the Member Governments to support PAHO/WHO activities in this area by making technical and institutional resources available to the Organization and providing voluntary contributions to the PAHO budget for such purposes.
3. To support, and to encourage cooperation among. Member Governments in their strong enforcement measures against drug traffickers.
4. To request health authorities of the Member Governments to intensify their participation and to provide leadership for groups and commissions that formulate intersectoral policies and programs for drug abuse control in the countries.
5. To promote the participation of the health sector in coordination with other sectors to promote and encourage primary prevention programs for the general population, with emphasis on groups at risk and on adolescents.
6. To request the Director, as available resources permit, including those of the Regional Director's Development Program and from extrabudgetary sources, to increase the attention and resources devoted by the Organization to this problem, and to make every possible effort to undertake the activities recommended in the report and additional ones as they are developed.

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