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RESOLUTION

CD34.15

**HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT: IMPACT OF THE ECONOMIC
CRISIS**

THE 34th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the study entitled "Health and Development: Repercussions of the Economic Crisis" (Document CD34/21);

Recalling Resolutions CD26.R34 and CD30.R2 on analysis of the relation between economic development and health, as well as Resolutions WHA40.30,1 WHA42.3,2 and WHA42.43 concerning monitoring the impact of economic trends and policies on health, support for countries facing economic constraints, and the rationalization of health care financing;

Recognizing the relationship of this study to previous studies by the Secretariat concerning the negative impact of the current economic crisis on the health sector; and

Expressing satisfaction with the advance of understanding of these repercussions embodied in this study, and observing the challenges for the Member Countries and the Organization which the study brings to light,.

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the study.

2. To urge Member Countries to address the challenges described in the study, strengthen their information systems, and gather and analyze the pertinent data together with the Organization.
3. To request through the Director that the Organization continue to study with the Member Countries the relationship between health and development; the impact of the economic crisis on health and health services; financing and organization of health care and the administration of health services; and that he provide regular progress reports to the Directing Council.
4. To request the Director to continue to strengthen technical cooperation with Member Countries in order to better characterize and resolve the problems of the economic crisis and health, including more research projects, preferably multidisciplinary ones.
5. To thank the Director for his efforts to focus attention on the relationship between health and economic development through his support and encouragement of research in this area.

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