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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



9th DIRECTING COUNCIL
9th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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**FUTURE STUDIES ON REGIONALIZATION BY THE WHO
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

THE 9th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Recalling that the Sixth World Health Assembly in 1953 expressed its "satisfaction with the development of the organizational structure and functioning of the regional offices";

Believing that the subsequent experience with the form of decentralization provided for in the Constitution of the World Health Organization has proved satisfactory;

Believing that the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization, whereby the Pan American Sanitary Conference, through the Directing Council, and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau serve respectively as the Regional Committee and the Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, continues to be adequate to ensure effective cooperation between the two organizations; and

Being of the opinion that improvements in the functioning of the regional offices can be achieved within the present framework of regional organizations provided for in the World Health Organization Constitution and the existing Agreement,

RESOLVES

1. To reaffirm the principle of regionalization.
2. To recommend that the existing pattern of regional organization provided for in the Constitution of the World Health Organization be continued without modification.
3. To recommend that the Executive Board, in its study on regionalization, direct its attention to the day-to-day operation and administration of WHO programs, with a view to improving the functioning of both Headquarters and Regional offices in order to increase the effectiveness of international health programs.

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