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15th DIRECTING COUNCIL

16th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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PLANNING OF HOSPITALS AND HEALTH FACILITIES

THE 15th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that the health planning process within national administrations includes defining the relative role of hospitals and other health facilities in orderly national health development;

Considering that national plans are already demonstrating the urgent need for additional hospitals and other health facilities, and for the reorganization of some existing units;

Bearing in mind that hospital construction and operations already account for a substantial percentage of national health expenditures from whatever source;

Considering that there is costly overlapping of medical care facilities in some countries, and that the magnitude of costs of this part of national health development deserves special attention; and

Bearing in mind that the Second Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Ministerial Level 1 made recommendations to the Governments on health matters, including the planning for a more effective utilization of health care facilities,

RESOLVES

1. To request that the Director of the Bureau, through an advisory committee, study the planning aspects of hospitals and health facilities within the national health planning process, and that he

report to the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council on how the Bureau can best participate in the planning for the construction, staffing, and operation of integrated hospitals and related health facilities designed to serve the community needs in the various countries.

2.To urge that the recommendations on this subject made by the Second Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Ministerial Level be taken into account.

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