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**15th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
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***RESOLUTION***

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**INTER-AMERICAN INVESTIGATION OF MORTALITY**

*THE 15<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having examined the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the progress of the Inter-American Investigation of Mortality (Document CD15/28);

Considering that this investigation has revealed variations in death rates for malignant neoplasms according to site, for cardiovascular diseases, as well as for other causes, which warrant further investigation; and

Considering that additional information is being obtained through interviews with physicians and from laboratory and autopsy findings in order to arrive at a more precise assignment of the underlying cause of death,

***RESOLVES***

1. To recommend that the Governments and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau make full use of the results of the Inter-American Investigation of Mortality in order to develop studies to determine the factors responsible for the differences revealed by this investigation.

2.To recommend that the Governments take the necessary steps to improve mortality statistics and medical certification so that such data may be better utilized in both research and health programs.

3.To recommend that the Governments make full use of the results of the Inter-American Investigation of Mortality in their specific control programs.

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