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RESOLUTION

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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROGRAM OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND WELL-BEING

THE 15th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the progress report of the Director on the establishment of the continent-wide program of rural water supply and well-being (Document CD15/10);

Bearing in mind the urgency of providing rural community water supplies, in view of their importance to health and to the social and economic progress envisioned by the Alliance for Progress;

Considering the strong endorsement given to rural water supply activities by the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (Resolution XX) and by the Second Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Ministerial Level (Resolution 19-M/63);

Recognizing the increased interest and concern of the Governments in connection with community water supplies, and the world-wide interest reflected by the action taken at the Seventeenth World Health Assembly (Resolution WHA17.40); and

Viewing with satisfaction the demonstrated interest in and support of the PAHO proposal for a program of rural water supply and well-being,

RESOLVES

1. To urge the Director to take all necessary steps [promptly] to begin the continent-wide program of rural environmental health and well-being along the guidelines set forth in Document ES/RW-1,3 which calls for the participation of the communities, for the establishment of national revolving funds, and for contributions from outside sources, so as to achieve the objectives contained in Resolution A.2 appended to the Charter of Punta del Este.
2. To ask the Director to continue his close collaboration with national and international organizations that are sources for grants or credits, especially the Inter-American Development Bank and the Agency for International Development of the United States of America, with a view to stimulating greater investments in community water supply systems.
3. To instruct the Director to assign high priority to community water supply programs and to expand and redeploy present advisory services [so as] to enable the Pan American Health Organization to provide technical services and assist Governments with community organization and with the integration of the rural water program with related community development, and to work out with lending and borrowing agencies methods of assuring the financing of technical assistance by the Organization.
4. To recommend that the Governments take appropriate action to establish in their countries adequate and competent organizations supported by the legal and financial provisions necessary for administering rural water supply programs at the national level, keeping in mind the need to integrate into the programs related improvements for rural well-being and for the social development of rural communities.
5. To recommend that loans for water supply revolving funds made to the Governments or their independent agencies by international credit institutions be at the lowest possible rate of interest, [with] the longest possible repayment period, so as to ensure that these programs will be self-sustaining in the future, including repayment through appropriate water rates.
6. To recommend that the Director continue to search for ways and means to secure appropriate international financing, within the framework of the instructions given by the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization and the recommendations of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, which will provide the most effective instrumentality of this program.

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