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16th DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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PLANNING OF HOSPITALS AND HEALTH FACILITIES

THE 16th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the Final Report of the Advisory Committee on Planning of Hospitals and Other Health Facilities (Document CD16/24), 1 prepared pursuant to Resolution XXV of the XV Meeting of the Directing Council;

Bearing in mind that one of the basic health services is the provision of medical care and that, because of its importance and the financial burden it represents for the economic development of the countries, measures will have to be taken on a continental scale to strengthen medical care services in the countries and to coordinate their activities for the sake of timely provision of services, reduction of costs, and efficiency; and

Considering that the construction of new health facilities and the remodeling of existing ones, including hospitals, and the improvement of their organization and administration, are an indispensable part of any continental, national, or local policy,

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the Final Report of the Advisory Committee on Planning of Hospitals and Other Health Facilities (Document CD16/24), and to thank the Director of the Bureau and the members of the Committee for the work accomplished.

2.To recommend that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, within the limitations of existing program priorities, expand its present resources for this purpose so that it can cooperate in studies and provide countries and international agencies with advisory services in the following fields:

- a) The planning and organization of national health services, which should be based on appropriate regional systems, with a view to achieving optimum utilization of resources by establishing costs and priorities in expenditures and investments;
- b) The administration of hospitals and other health services with a view to increasing their efficiency and performance;
- c) The assessment of the need for various types of personnel and for facilities for their education and training;
- d) The incorporation of the foregoing subjects into the teaching programs of medical schools and the encouragement of research on these subjects by universities and other educational centers;
- e) The costing and financing of various medical care systems, including independent and semi-independent services, and of the construction and equipping of hospitals; and
- f) The utilization of international resources so that, in addition to meeting the purposes for which they are intended, they stimulate the increase of national resources for the same purposes, as well as the better use of these resources.

3.To request the Director of the Bureau to establish suitable machinery for putting these objectives into practice, and to [make use], for this purpose, of the currently available resources connected with this type of activity.

4.To recommend that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau strengthen its working relations with public and private international agencies active in this field, with a view to ensuring that the planning of hospitals and other health facilities occupies its appropriate place in medical care programs and, consequently, in national health programs.

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