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## **28th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

33rd SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***CD28.R34***

## **COORDINATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTIONS**

*THE 28<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having examined the report of the Director on coordination of social security and public health institutions (Document CD28/34);

Mindful that the national and regional strategies and Plan of Action adopted for attaining the goal of health for all by the year 2000 give priority to the analysis and recasting of the structure of the health sector so as to improve the participation of its institutions in the decision- and policy-making processes and to maximize their efficiency and effectiveness;

Considering the importance of strengthening institutional relations within the health sector by, among other means, seeking fresh approaches to coordination;

Cognizant of the urgency of devising and implementing new health service financing strategies that will give the sector a reliably distributive role and assure the provision of the funds needed to extend the coverage of health services to the entire population and attain the goal of health for all by the year 2000; and

Aware that in several countries of the Region, institutional responsibility for the delivery of personal health services to substantial segments of the population is vested in social security

institutions, and that they are expected to participate to a steadily increasing degree in such programs,

*RESOLVES*

1. To take note of the report of the Director on progress and trends in the coordination of social security and public health institutions in the countries and on the Organization's technical cooperation with social security agencies.
2. To reiterate to the Governments the advisability of implementing the recommendations made in Resolution WHA33.171 of the Thirty-third World Health Assembly in reviewing the functions of their Ministries of Health and in designing institutional coordination machinery.
3. To recommend that the Governments establish or restructure the bodies for interinstitutional representation in the health field in order to define areas of responsibility and give these institutions a role in decision-making, so as to maximize the efficiency of their services.
4. To recommend that the Governments include representatives of social security agencies and other health sector institutions in delegations to the meetings of the Organization's Governing Bodies.
5. To request the Governments to direct institutional coordination efforts toward priority problems whose solution will help universalize health services coverage at maximum effectiveness
6. To urge the Governments to make sectoral studies of the financing of health services, including the analysis of alternative means of raising and channeling funds.
7. To request that the Director take the necessary action to promote and support the measures referred to above, including the formulation and implementation of specific programs for cooperation with national and international social security agencies.
8. To request that the Director report to the XXX Meeting of the Directing Council on the work done and progress made in this matter

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