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Topic 14: RESOLUTION CONCERNING MEDICAL CARE ADOPTED BY THE FIFTH CONFERENCE  
OF AMERICAN STATES MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION

The Director wishes to advise the Executive Committee that, at the request of the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the resolution concerning medical care adopted by the Fifth Conference of American States Members of the International Labor Organization (ANNEX I) will be brought to the attention of the WHO Regional Committee (Directing Council) at its next meeting in October 1953.

The Director-General has communicated to the International Labor Organization that "the interest of the ILO in the extension of both preventive and curative aspects of health services is very much appreciated, and WHO agrees in principle with the resolution under reference. No mention is, however, made of methods of administration: it is hoped that close integration between the administration of such medical services and public health programmes may be encouraged."

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OF AMERICAN STATES MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION \*

The Fifth Conference of American States Members of the International Labour Organization, having met at Petropolis from 17 to 29 April 1952,

Considering the great importance attributed in recent international conferences to the problem of the extension of the scope of medical services by social security systems and other methods;

Considering that this extension is required not only for relevant reasons of a human and social character, but also as an imperative measure for the prevention of the risks covered by social security and other methods; and

Considering the need of giving a greater protection to insured persons who have become invalids through sicknesses harmful to society, among which tuberculosis is outstanding, in view of the greater social repercussion that it produces in these cases.

Adopts this twenty-ninth day of April 1952 the following resolution:

The Conference resolves to recommend to American countries--

1. To try to extend, as soon as possible, to the greatest number of persons, within the possibilities of each country, social security medical services, or other appropriate methods, including provision for medicines, dental treatment, examinations by specialists and hospital treatment in clinical and in maternity cases.

2. To try to intensify the measures of prevention against diseases harmful to society and to increase the measures of protection to insured persons affected by such diseases, especially to persons affected by tuberculosis--

- (a) by guaranteeing to these persons a specialized medical treatment and, whenever necessary, in a sanatorium for a period of time sufficient to procure them a clinical cure;
- (b) by increasing the number of beds available for such cases in hospitals and sanatoria;

- (c) by endeavouring, in the measure of the economic possibilities of the respective social insurance plans, to guarantee such persons a compensation for inactivity approaching, as far as possible, the salary received when active and reaching, if possible, the full salary, within such provisions relating to the maximum amount of compensation as may be established by national legislation; and

Resolves to request the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to communicate this resolution to the World Health Organization.