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RESOLUTION

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**OPERATIONAL CAPACITY OF THE HEALTH SERVICES
TOWARD THE GOAL OF HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000**

THE 30th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Report on the Technical Discussions on increasing the operational capacity of the health services for the attainment of the goal of health for all by the year 2000 (Document CD30/DT/2);¹

Cognizant that both the regional strategies for health for all by the year 2000, approved by the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council,² and the Plan of Action for the implementation of regional strategies, approved by the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council,³ attach critical importance to strengthening the operational capacity of health services;

Aware of the restricted economic conditions and the growing challenges to the Member Governments to provide quality services equitably to all the population; and

Concerned about the political implications of the widening gap between the growing needs and expectations of the population and the financial resources available for health care,

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the Report on the Technical Discussions and to express its appreciation to the participants.
2. To recommend to the Member Governments that:
 - a) In formulating health policy, they assign priority to aspects aimed at achieving equitable conditions for the population, especially the high-risk groups;
 - b) They take steps to revise the financing structure of the services and to establish the actual composition of health expenditure and to increase the productivity of the sector;
 - c) They promote research on the functions assigned to the various categories of health personnel, in order to revise and adjust the policies for the training and use of such personnel in health programs and institutions;
 - d) They take steps to introduce managerial and technological innovations designed to make the health services more effective;
 - e) They provide opportunities for the communities and the political structures that represent them to participate effectively in decisions relating to health.
3. To recommend to the Director that he:
 - a) Take the necessary steps to promote and support the actions recommended above to the Member Governments;
 - b) Foster and support an exchange of views and promote the development of operating arrangements for effective technical cooperation among the countries of the Region for increasing the operational capacity of health services.

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