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RESOLUTION

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**REPORT OF THE IV INTER-AMERICAN MEETING, AT THE
MINISTERIAL LEVEL, ON ANIMAL HEALTH**

THE 31st DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the resolutions approved in the IV Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Animal Health (RIMSA IV), held in Brazil from 1 to 3 May 1985 (Document CD31/28);

Aware that the technical cooperation of the Pan American Zoonoses (CEPANZO) and Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PANAFTOSA) Centers has been meeting the growing demands of the Ministers of Agriculture of the Region;

Cognizant of the effort made by the Government of Argentina in contributing new installations to CEPANZO for the benefit of the Member Governments of PAHO, thereby expanding its physical capacity to provide technical cooperation in the different areas of veterinary public health and animal health;

Cognizant of the benefit that the countries of the Region have derived from PAHO support to the holding of technical meetings prior to the meetings of the Regional Coordinating Committee of the Codex Alimentarius for Latin America and the Caribbean; and

Aware of the need to integrate and coordinate the efforts of the health and agricultural sectors so as to pool efforts in areas of mutual interest, and that both sectors have infrastructures and human

resources engaged in activities and programs that bear on the protection of foods and control of zoonoses,

RESOLVES

1. To thank the Government of Argentina for its support in the acquisition and outfitting of CEPANZO's new headquarters.
2. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture for their financial support in strengthening the technical cooperation provided by CEPANZO to the agricultural sector.
3. To support the Director's initiative in the efforts in progress to facilitate and formalize the mobilization of contributions from the agricultural sector to CEPANZO
4. To recommend to the Bureau that it draw up as soon as possible a regional plan of action for the protection of foods, based on the approaches that emerged from the Technical Discussions¹ of the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO (1981), to support the organization, coordination, and improvement of national food protection services.
5. To request the Director to continue holding meetings, workshops, short courses, and seminars as an adjunct to the meetings of the Regional Coordinating Committee of the Codex Alimentarius for Latin America and the Caribbean.
6. To recommend to Member Governments that have not yet done so that they establish veterinary public health programs in their Ministries of Health, and to the Bureau that it collaborate with them in the organization and development of those programs in order to pool efforts and integrate the joint resources of the health and agricultural sectors.
7. To request the Director to devise, under the regional technical cooperation program, mechanisms and methodologies for implementing and strengthening the linkages between the health and agricultural sectors for the improvement of health, socioeconomic development, and human welfare.

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