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RESOLUTION

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HEALTH OF ADULTS

THE 31st DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the Health of Adults Program (Document CD31/21);

Recognizing that changes in their population structures and health profiles have prompted many countries in the Region to take note of the growing priority of the health of adults and the elderly;

Noting that the program presented gives particular emphasis to the prevention of harm and promotion of health, and to the importance of the area of health services and the integration approach in the setting of primary health care; and

Considering that some Governments have already launched programs with this comprehensive approach to the design of measures for the promotion of health and the control of risk and injury factors,

RESOLVES

1. To urge the Member Governments, in their health programs, to incorporate activities for the health care of adults, geared to the primary health care approach, into their general health services at all levels of care.

2. To recommend to the Member Governments that they publicize the decision to emphasize primary prevention and early detection work in this field, particularly activities relating to lifestyles, harmful habits, and exposure to environmental pollutants.
3. To encourage Member Governments that have already launched programs to share their knowledge of and experience in successful efforts with other countries, with the collaboration of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
4. To convey to the Director its satisfaction with the strategies and basic approaches of technical cooperation under the Health of Adults Program in general, and its subprograms in particular.
5. To request the Director to give due attention to the epidemiological component and the strategy of prevention and health promotion under the Program, and particularly to its comprehensive intra- and intersectoral approach.
6. To request the Director to impart new dynamism to the Organization's programs and activities in this program area as budgetary limitations permit, and to continue the efforts needed to obtain extrabudgetary funds.

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