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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



31st DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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POLICY GUIDELINES REGARDING THE PAN AMERICAN CENTERS

THE 31st DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Noting that the XVIII1 and XX2 Pan American Sanitary Conferences drew up general guidelines for the establishment and operation of multinational centers;

Recognizing that the Pan American Centers are integral components of the respective PAHO programs and constitute an effective mechanism for combining the functions of advisory services, teaching, research, and dissemination of information in accordance with the needs of the countries;

Considering that the Pan American Centers are justified for fulfilling specific activities until such time as the countries and/or national institutions acquire the technical and institutional capacity for carrying out the corresponding functions whereby the Centers would no longer be needed;

Considering the need to improve efficiency and obtain maximum use of resources; and

Noting the contents of the Director's report and the progress made to date on these matters, especially in the Pan American Zoonoses Center (Document CD31/10),

RESOLVES

1. To request the Director to continue to take appropriate actions to improve the cost effectiveness and efficiency of Centers in the use of available resources, including the establishment of new administrative and personnel systems at the Pan American Centers.
2. To confirm the Organization's long-term goal of working towards the transfer of the administration of the Centers to host countries, if and when national institutions are able to maintain the quality and quantity of services provided to Member Countries under existing administrative arrangements.
3. To ask the Director to report to the next meeting of the Directing Council on actions taken and progress made on this matter.

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