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RESOLUTION

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EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION IN THE AMERICAS

THE 31st DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the Director's report on the Expanded Program on Immunization in the Americas (EPI) and the report of the 95th Meeting of the Executive Committee;

Noting the overall improvement made at the national level in the implementation of this program and the impact already achieved in reducing morbidity by poliomyelitis;

Believing that an attempt to eradicate poliomyelitis presents a challenge and a stimulus to the world to mobilize the resources to achieve the objective, and that the support required is available nationally and internationally; and

Recognizing that the realization of this objective will enhance the overall success of the EPI,

RESOLVES

1. To congratulate the Director on the report presented.
2. To reaffirm its full commitment to reach the overall goals of the EPI by 1990.
3. To accept the Proposal for Action for the eradication of indigenous transmission of wild poliovirus from the Americas by 1990 and declare the goals established in the Proposal for Action as one of the major objectives of the Organization.

4. To urge Member Governments:

- a) To take the necessary steps to accelerate their EPI programs to assure the achievement of the overall objectives of the EPI and of the eradication of indigenous transmission of wild poliovirus from the Americas by 1990;
- b) To make the needed commitment and allocate the necessary resources for program implementation;
- c) To promote support towards these goals within those technical and financial multilateral agencies of which they are also members.

5. To draw the attention of the Member Governments to the necessity that:

- a) Immunization programs not be implemented at the expense of efforts to develop the infrastructure of health services and their overall promotion, prevention, and care activities;
- b) The strategy of campaigns and the tactic of national vaccination days be viewed as ad hoc measures, to be gradually replaced by regular immunization services performed routinely by health services.

6. To request the Director:

- a) To seek the additional political and material support needed for the realization of these goals from multilateral, bilateral, and nongovernmental agencies;
- b) To initiate immediate action as outlined in the Proposal for Action to assure the necessary technical and financial support for the eradication of indigenous transmission of wild poliovirus from the Americas by 1990;
- c) To submit a progress report to the 97th Meeting of the Executive Committee and the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1986.

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