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24th DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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CREATION OF NATIONAL SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH SCIENCES DOCUMENTATION IN LATIN AMERICA

THE 24th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering the recommendations contained in the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas in relation to national documentation systems for the health sciences;

Bearing in mind the work of the PAHO/WHO Regional Library of Medicine and the Health Sciences (RLM); and

Being aware that a number of countries in Latin America have not been able as yet to organize such national information systems,

RESOLVES

1. To reemphasize the recommendation to the countries to hasten the creation of national systems for health sciences documentation before the end of the decade.
2. To request the countries which have already established systems to consolidate and expand their capacity to disseminate scientific and technical information to health professionals by extending the services to hospitals and, through them, creating regional systems of biomedical documentation

designed to provide up-to-date scientific information to health professionals, whatever their place of work, and especially to services concerned with primary care and the coverage of the rural areas most remote from large centers.

3. To request the Director to continue to give financial support for the establishment of such programs and to seek the assistance of other international or private agencies for projects set up by the countries to this end.

4. To request the Director to encourage fellowships to provide advanced training for librarians of hospitals and other health centers.

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