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24th DIRECTING COUNCIL

28th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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INCREASE IN ASSISTANCE TO GUATEMALA

THE 24th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Taking note of Resolution XVII approved by the Executive Committee at its 76th Meeting in connection with emergency assistance to Guatemala;

Bearing in mind that, in spite of the severe earth movements which have devastated a large part of Guatemala and destroyed over 50 per cent of the physical capacity of its health installations, the Government of Guatemala, acting through the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, is making highly commendable short-term efforts for the purpose not only of restoring the physical capacity destroyed but of increasing that capacity.

Recognizing that such increase in capacity involves a parallel increase in the training of health personnel at all levels, which in turn calls for large-scale technical assistance;

Considering the interest shown by the Government of Guatemala, through its health authorities, in the training of personnel for the health sector, so as to meet the need to increase the country's ability to improve the coverage of the population; and

Taking into account the existing health manpower resources and the increase in demand since the earthquake, due partly to the large number of persons injured and the need for services by the population,

RESOLVES

1. To take note of Resolution XVII adopted by the Executive Committee at its 76th Meeting.
2. To urge the Director to seek further extrabudgetary funds for increasing PAHO/WHO technical assistance to Guatemala.
3. To pay particular attention, in providing this assistance, to training personnel and awarding fellowships, with a view to producing a rapid and effective impact on the problem of shortage of personnel in the health sector.

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