



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



## **24th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

28th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

*Washington D.C., 27 September – 7 October 1976*

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### ***RESOLUTION***

***CD24.R33***

### **HEALTH AND YOUTH**

*THE 24<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Bearing in mind Resolution XIV, approved at its XXIII Meeting, concerning the priority which should be assigned to the health care of young people both by the Governments and by the Pan American Health Organization;

Having considered the information on this subject furnished by the Director (Document CD24/10), including the study carried out by an ad hoc working group set up by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in December 1975, and Resolution XXIV of the Executive Committee approved at its 76th Meeting in 1976;

Recognizing that the problems affecting youth and the factors influencing the welfare of young people are so broad and complex that they can not be solved by the traditional psycho-medical approach alone; and

Being aware of the aggressive nature of certain social factors detrimental to the health of young people, especially the powerful interests that promote propaganda for the consumption of drugs, alcohol and cigarettes,

*RESOLVES*

1. To reiterate the need to put into effect the provisions of Resolution XIV approved by the Directing Council at its XXIII Meeting, relating to studies and methodology for the formulation and execution of health programs for youth, within the context of general health services.
2. To request the Director to continue studying these problems and to propose concrete strategies for their control to the Executive Committee at its 78th Meeting, and to the Directing Council at its XXV Meeting.
3. To suggest to the Director that the Organization provide advisory services with a view to obtaining the best possible knowledge of the present situation and training the manpower required for a multidisciplinary approach to the health problems of youth.
4. To urge the Member Governments to adopt strategies and launch multisectoral programs specially adapted to meet the needs of youth, coordinated and directed by health institutions, and with youth representatives also participating in their planning and management, measures being taken to regulate the use of the mass media so as to prevent the promotion of consumption habits and practices inimical to the health of young people.
5. To recommend to the Director that he persevere in his intention to promote the cooperation of national institutions and international agencies concerned with achieving satisfactory health conditions for the young.

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