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***RESOLUTION***

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**TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS: "COORDINATION BETWEEN  
SOCIAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS"**

*THE 25<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having examined the Final Report of the Technical Discussions on "Coordination between Social Security and Public Health Systems" (Document CD25/DT/3, Rev. 1), held during the current Meeting on the basis of Document CD25/DT/1;

Recognizing that all the Governments of the countries in the Region aspire to make the best use of national resources so as to facilitate and guarantee equitable and timely access to health services for the entire population;

Recognizing that in this endeavor it is essential that the resources of the health services both of the ministries and of the social security and other institutions be coordinated in order to expand the coverage of the underserved population; and

Bearing in mind the need for further study of the structural, organizational, economic, and political restrictions which hamper this process, some of them going beyond the scope of the institutions themselves,

***RESOLVES***

1. To take note of the Final Report of the Technical Discussions (Document CD25/DT/3, Rev. 1) and to express its satisfaction with them.
2. To thank the International Labor Organization, the Organization of American States, and the representatives of social security institutions for their participation in the Discussions.
3. To call upon the Member Governments, in accordance with the conditions in their countries, to adopt political decisions and establish mechanisms for developing institutional coordination in order to ensure the consolidation of the health sector.
4. To urge the Governments to define and structure their national health systems, within their own political-administrative context, with a view to applying a uniform policy of health benefits for the entire population, and likewise, to foster joint institutional programming of capital investment for the health sector and devise solutions of a technological complexity appropriate to problems that affect the entire population, regardless of whether it is covered by social insurance.
5. To request the Director to extend technical cooperation programs to the social security health systems in support of the related national coordination efforts and to promote and organize research with a view to developing new ways of providing personal health services that will make it easier to coordinate the approaches of ministries of health and social security institutions.
6. To request the Director to arrange for the study and formulation of recommendations on specific aspects of the coordination and collaboration between health care institutions, particularly in relation to capital investment, production, and use of critical inputs, and analysis of the utilization of services in relation to forms of financing.
7. To request the Director to report to the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council on the activities promoted by the Organization in these fields and on the progress made by the Member Governments.

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