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RESOLUTION

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**REGIONAL STRATEGIES OF HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR
2000**

THE 27th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind that the Ministers of Health of the Region of the Americas, at their III Special Meeting in 1972, established as the main objective the extension of health services coverage to all underserved populations and to those completely lacking such services and that at their IV Special Meeting in 1977 they ratified and recognized "primary health care" as the main strategy to achieve total coverage in the sectoral context of national socioeconomic development,

Having reviewed Resolution WHA30.432 in which the World Health Assembly resolved that the main social goal of the Governments and WHO should be "the attainment by all the people of the world by the year 2000 of a level of health that will permit them to lead a socially and economically productive life";

Considering that the World Health Assembly in Resolution WHA32.303 endorsed the Declaration of Alma-Ata, which recognizes that primary health care is the key to the attainment of health for all by the year 2000 as part of general development, in the spirit of social justice, and urged Member States to define and to put into practice national, regional, and global strategies to attain that goal;

Recognizing that, according to Resolution XXVIII of the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, the final evaluation of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas should take place in 1980, and that given the commitment of the Governments of the Region to comply with Resolution WHA32.30 of the World Health Assembly on the formulation of regional strategies, the Executive Committee of PAHO at its 82nd Meeting approved a plan of work, contained in Resolution XIX, which joined in a single process the evaluation of the Ten-Year Health Plan and the formulation of national and regional strategies;

Taking into consideration that attaining the goal for the year 2000 constitutes a dynamic process which creates new situations, and that therefore it is necessary to establish its evaluation and systematic monitoring in order to identify new problems and courses of action, and to adjust the strategies as part of this ongoing process;

Recognizing that there are problems which demand joint and synergic action among several countries to ensure an efficient solution in the most effective manner, and that the key to ensure the success of these initiatives lies in the evaluation by each country of its capacity to provide and utilize assistance, and in the national analysis and programming of external cooperation;

Considering that, in agreement with Resolution VII of the 84th Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Subcommittee on Long-Term Planning and Programming revised the reference document prepared by the Secretariat: "Developments in the Health Sector in the 1971–1980 Decade, and Strategies for Attaining the Goal of Health for All by the Year 2000," incorporating modifications, elaborations, and constructive criticisms made of its content in order to give the document greater consistency and coherence; and

In view of the fact that during the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council several countries have made additional contributions for inclusion in the regional strategies, which must be taken into account,

RESOLVES

1. To approve Document CD27/34.A: "Developments in the Health Sector in the 1971–1980 Decade, and Strategies for Attaining the Goal of Health for All by the Year 2000," for transmittal to WHO with a preface announcing that a complementary document prepared by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the basis of the additional contributions and criticisms made in the discussions will be sent by 15 November 1980.
2. To stress that primary health care and its components constitute the basic strategies for attaining the goal of health for all by the year 2000 in the Region of the Americas, which include: the extension of health services coverage and environmental improvement; community organization

and participation; improvement of mechanisms for intersectoral linkages; the development of research and appropriate technologies, and of human resources; the availability and production of critical inputs; the establishment of national systems for financing the health sector; and the reorientation of international cooperation.

3. To consider the regional strategies contained in Document CD27.34.A and the additional contributions and criticisms brought out in the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council, as noted in the preface, as constituting the basis for the Pan American Health Organization's policy and programming, and as representing the contribution of the Region of the Americas to the global strategies of the World Health Organization.

4. To recommend to the Governments that they;

a) Adjust their health policies and plans and make them compatible with national development policies and strategies, taking into consideration the implications of the national strategies adopted by them, and the regional strategies which they have agreed upon to attain the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

b) Reorganize the health sector to include community participation and to improve the links between the different components of the sector, relating them to other development sectors;

c) Develop the operative capacity of each of the levels of care of the health sector so as to maximize its efficiency and the effectiveness of its activities, and revise and redefine its financing systems;

d) Analyze and program the human, physical, and financial resources needed to comply with national programs, thus ensuring the maximum efficiency and social relevance in their utilization;

e) Orient the development of research and appropriate technologies in accordance with the needs of the national development process;

f) Improve the programming and coordination of international cooperation in the intersectoral context of each country;

g) Define within their external cooperation plans the areas in which technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC) may be applied, and analyze and develop national capacity in order to utilize and to provide cooperation, and identify those problems whose solution might be facilitated by the joint action of the countries, avoiding duplication;

h) Develop their national planning, programming, information, control, and evaluation systems;

i) Review and evaluate their strategies periodically and introduce the necessary adjustments within the context of national development;

j) Assure the continuity of all activities which acquire special significance during the celebrations promoted in the United Nations System in connection with health, such as the activities generated by the International Year of the Child.

5. To request the Director:

a) To prepare a plan of action for the development of all strategies agreed upon, including technical and administrative support measures, promotion of the identification and mobilization of resources, research promotion, development of appropriate technologies and information exchange, and promotion of intrasectoral and intersectoral coordination within a monitoring and evaluation system for the above strategies; this plan of action to be submitted to the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, following its approval by the Executive Committee;

b) To promote the use of TCDC, including its information systems;

c) To develop the necessary instruments and take the appropriate initiatives to strengthen the technical cooperation and international coordination functions of the Organization:

d) To adopt the necessary measures for improving the programming, information, control, and evaluation system in relation to the Organization's short-term and medium-term program of technical cooperation.

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