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RESOLUTION

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NURSING GOALS

THE 27th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that development of the extended coverage programs and application of the idea of primary care as the principal strategy for achieving the goal of health for all by the year 2000 necessitate changes in the structure, education, and utilization of health personnel;

Recognizing that nursing staff represent the greatest human resource potential in the delivery of primary care;

Recognizing the need to expand the function of nurses so that they can take on greater responsibility in the prevention of disease and the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health; and

Bearing in mind the report submitted by the Director (Document CD27/32),

RESOLVES

1. To recommend to the Governments that they make greater efforts:

a) To define the expanded function of nurses and make it official so that nurses can assume greater responsibilities in the delivery of primary care, including as part of their work the identification and evaluation of the health and socioeconomic problems and needs of the community, the planning of priority action on the basis of high-risk groups, treatment of the most common diseases whose

course can be predicted, and support to the community to enable it to reach a desirable level of self-direction in terms of health,

b) To increase the number of nurses and auxiliaries in the health services by creating new posts and/or redistributing existing posts so that nurses can carry out their new responsibilities at all levels, but particularly at the primary level of supervision and systematic, continuous support for primary care agents;

c) To train nurses and auxiliaries to perform their new role efficiently by means of basic, post-basic, and continuing education programs; and

d) To make and/or consolidate changes in the basic and post-basic nursing and auxiliaries' training programs with a view to emphasizing and/or reinforcing the teaching of epidemiology, social sciences, community health, primary care, evaluation, and research.

2. To request the Director to provide the Governments with the cooperation they need to achieve the objectives indicated, and to develop a sound data base for predicting nursing needs and resources (including auxiliaries) for the years 1985, 1990, and 2000.

3. To request the Governments to cooperate with the Director in developing the required data base.

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