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**17th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
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***RESOLUTION***

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**PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE  
SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OF THE MINISTRIES OF HEALTH,  
SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS  
THAT CONDUCT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HEALTH**

*THE 17<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having considered the report of the Director on the progress achieved in the coordination between the services and programs of the ministries of health, social security institutes, and other institutions that conduct activities related to health (Document CD17/18 and Addenda I and II);<sup>1</sup>

Noting that a number of countries in the Americas are taking steps to coordinate medical services with a view to improving their performance and extending their coverage; and

Considering that the measures recommended in the Final Report<sup>2</sup> of the Technical Discussions held at the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference constitute a simple method for reaching this goal in progressive stages,

***RESOLVES***

1. To thank the Director for preparing the report (Document CD17/18 and Addenda I and II).
2. To urge the countries that have already initiated coordination to continue their efforts until it is achieved, and to recommend coordination [to] other countries that have not yet taken steps in that direction.
3. To recommend to the countries that they undertake, as part of economic and social development, broad and coordinated planning of the health sector in which all the agencies concerned participate, especially social security institutes that provide health services, with a view to (a) providing, with the participation of the community, as extensive coverage as possible, in keeping with the main health problems and the capacity of the resources to satisfy the demand for services; (b) drawing up local integrated health programs covering both the preventive and the curative aspects of medicine; (c) organizing the local health service infrastructure on the basis of the decentralization of administration through a regional and coordinated system of hospitals and other health services; and (d) having universities, and especially medical and paramedical schools, participate in order to ensure the joint education and training of the personnel necessary for reaching national health goals.
4. To recommend to the Director that the Bureau continue to provide countries that request them with consultative and advisory services in this field, and that it strengthen assistance to the Governments that require it for training national personnel for this purpose.
5. To recommend to the Director that, in consultation with the Organization of American States, he explore ways of organizing a study group composed of recognized authorities on the administration of the health services of ministries of health, social security institutes, and other institutions conducting activities related to health, whose purpose it will be to advise the Organization, find ways and means of coordinating all available resources, and periodically prepare technical reports for submission to meetings of the Governing Bodies.

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