



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



17th DIRECTING COUNCIL
19th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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**INTENSIFICATION OF HEALTH PROGRAMS: DECISIONS TAKEN
AT THE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN HEADS OF STATE**

THE 17th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director... (Document CD17/26), which contains a summary of his statement to the Fifth Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council on the health aspects of the Declaration of the Presidents of America;²

Bearing in mind the background information contained in the annexes to Document CE56/19;

Mindful that the Declaration of the Presidents of America reaffirmed the policy followed by the Organizations in the last ten years, which is based on the principle that health activities are a social service and a component of development;

Considering that in the Action Program approved at Punta del Este the Pan American Health Organization was called upon to cooperate with the Governments in the preparation of specific programs aimed at reaching the objective set forth in the Declaration, namely to improve health conditions in Latin America; and

Bearing in mind Resolution XX of the 56th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES

1. To commend the Ministers of Health and the Director for the steps taken to comply with the instructions given them by the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference (Resolution XXX).
2. To express its satisfaction with the full recognition given to the health sector in the Declaration of the Presidents of America and in the Action Program approved by them at Punta del Este on 14 April 1967, and to incorporate into the policy of the Organization the proposals in that document that are directly or indirectly related to health.
3. To accept with deep gratitude the task entrusted to the Pan American Health Organization of collaborating with the Governments in preparing specific programs relating to the health objectives set forth in point C of the Action Program approved by the American Chiefs of State.
4. To express its thanks to the Government of Argentina for its offer to be host to a special meeting of Ministers of Health of the Hemisphere to be convened immediately prior to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council for the purpose of discussing and drawing up a plan of operations for implementing the decisions adopted by the American Chiefs of State.
5. To recommend to the Ministers of Health that they invite representatives of other health institutions in their countries to attend the aforementioned meeting.
6. To authorize the Director to take the pertinent steps to convene and organize the aforementioned special meeting of Ministers of Health and to keep the Minister of Public Health of Argentina duly informed.

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