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17th DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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NUTRITION PROGRAM IN THE AMERICAS

THE 17th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the nutrition program in the Americas and the proposals for expanding the existing program (Document CD17/23);¹

Bearing in mind the Declaration of the Presidents of America (Chapter V, Section C., paragraph c)² and the Charter of Punta del Este;

Considering that as long as current trends in food supply and population persist malnutrition is likely to continue to be a major public health problem in the Hemisphere;

Recognizing that radical steps will be required to bring about gradual improvements in the production of protective and energizing foodstuffs to meet the needs of the countries of the Americas; and

Accepting that past activities in nutrition form a sound basis for the expansion of the current program,

RESOLVES

1. To express its satisfaction with the results of the nutrition program during the past decade, in particular in professional training and basic epidemiological research.

2. To instruct the Director of the Bureau to continue to develop all aspects of the nutrition program in progressive steps consonant with the development of the over-all program of PASB and in accord with items in the program and budget that have received specific prior approval of the Executive Committee and the Directing Council, special emphasis being given to: (a) assistance to Governments in drawing up national nutrition policies; (b) the establishment of a data collection and analysis system for nutrition in the Americas; and (c) an increase in epidemiological and operational research, in order to produce a significant reduction in the prevalence of malnutrition in the Hemisphere within the next ten years.
3. To recommend that this expanded program be developed in close collaboration with other international and bilateral agencies, and [that], in this context, collaboration [be intensified] with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the study of possibilities for, and stimulation of, increased food production in the countries in a manner both desirable from the nutrition point of view and economically feasible.
4. To emphasize the importance, for nutrition program planning, of the close collaboration of all national institutions in the agriculture, industry, education, and health fields.
5. To request the Director to seek grants from the Governments and from private sources to supplement the regular PAHO/WHO budget in order to implement the proposed expansion of the nutrition program.
6. To recommend to the Director that he organize an intensified program of research covering all the contributing factors that relate to the problem of preschool mortality.

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