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17th DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

THE 17th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the progress made in the continental program of water supply and sewage disposal services during the first half of the Alliance for Progress decade, with projections of needs and proposed actions for the second half (Document CD17/16);¹

Bearing in mind the urgency and the significance of community water supply and sewage disposal services to the health and social and economic well-being of the peoples, and the recognition of these relationships by the Governments of the Organization;

Noting with satisfaction the unprecedented accomplishments of the continental water supply program, especially in urban areas, where eight countries already exceed the Charter of Punta del Este goal of providing water services for at least 70 per cent of the urban population and most of the other countries are on schedule of attaining this goal;

Considering the urgency to strengthen and expand national programs to accelerate the rates of progress in providing water supply services for rural communities;

Acknowledging, with appreciation, the excellent support and assistance of international financing agencies, especially the Inter-American Development Bank; and

Taking into account that the Declaration of the Presidents of America, [signed] at Punta del Este in April 1967, reaffirms the importance of providing community water supply and sewerage services and endorses the objectives of the Pan American Health Organization, including the establishment of national revolving fund mechanisms to ensure program continuity,

RESOLVES

1. To urge the Director of the Bureau to continue giving priority attention to the continent-wide programs of urban and rural water supply, sewerage, and water pollution control, taking all appropriate steps to assist the Governments of the Organization in accelerating action in these matters.
2. To instruct the Director to give special attention to water and sewerage programs for rural communities, including broader assistance in community organization, the development of self-help concepts and systems, and the establishment of national revolving funds.
3. To ask the Director to continue his close collaboration with the national and international organizations that are the sources for grants and/or credits, so that external financial support for national water and sewage proposals [may] be given priority consideration and granted the most favorable terms accorded programs for social progress, keeping in mind the framework of the instructions given by the PAHO Directing Council, the recommendations of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, and the Declaration of the Presidents of America at Punta del Este in April 1967.
4. To recommend to the Governments of the Organization that they re-evaluate their plans for urban and rural water supply and sewerage services and analyze the status and trends of water pollution, with a view to strengthening national structures and accelerating program actions, in order to achieve the goals established in the Charter of Punta del Este.
5. To instruct the Director to draw up and submit to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council a special report of projected community water supply and sewerage needs for the period 1968-1971, including a schedule of work with realistic objectives, together with his recommendations for broadening the Organization's assistance and suggestions for financing.²
6. To urge the Director to expand the Organization's program of cooperation in applied research on engineering education and training, giving appropriate attention to expanding industrialization and urbanization and the changing character of environmental health problems and needs.

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