Washington D.C., 2 – 12 October 1967

## RESOLUTION

## CD17.R31

## **CHAGAS' DISEASE**

# THE 17<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL.

Bearing in mind the importance of Chagas' disease as a health problem in the Hemisphere and the extent of the area affected;

Considering its prevalence and its impact on health and economic and social conditions, as well as its scope; and

Mindful that knowledge of epidemiological characteristics, preventive measures, disease mechanisms, and therapeutic possibilities is incomplete, which consequently hampers control activities.

#### **RESOLVES**

- 1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to submit to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO a report1 on the present status of the problem of Chagas' disease in the Americas, based on available information and such other information as may be obtained from particular studies that are undertaken subject to the availability of budgetary funds.
- 2. To recommend to the Director that current research on the biology and control of the vector, as well as on laboratory diagnostic methods and therapeutic products, be continued and strengthened.

Oct. 1967 OD 82, 88