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19th DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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PAHO REGIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

THE 19th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report on the status of the PAHO Regional Library of Medicine (Document CD19/8)1 and the report of the second meeting of its Scientific Advisory Committee (Document RD8/16);

Having noted the rapid progress made by the Regional Library in the first eight months of its regional services to Brazil;

Noting with concern that the demand for the Library's services is already such that it is becoming difficult to satisfy it efficiently; and

Considering that there are bibliographic centers and libraries in the Member Countries of the Organization that could be used for a program of this kind,

RESOLVES

1. To congratulate the Director and his staff on the progress attained, which has enabled the Regional Library of Medicine to become an active center for biomedical communications.

2. To thank the Government of Brazil, the United States National Library of Medicine, the Commonwealth Fund, and the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools for the excellent cooperation they have extended to the Regional Library.
3. To instruct the Director to give the highest priority in the further development of the Regional Library to planning its activities, establishing a sound internal organization staffed by a sufficient number of well-trained personnel, and improving the basic collection, in accordance with recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Library (Document RD8/16).
4. To instruct the Director to submit each year to the Executive Committee the program and budget of the Regional Library for the following year.
5. To instruct the Director to explore all possibilities of supplementing the financing of the Regional Library with international, national, and private funds, and to make a study of partial self-financing based on specific payment by the countries for the use of certain services offered by the Library.
6. To emphasize the need to begin the program for training the staff in modern procedures for the collection, classification, and use of bibliographic information in the biomedical sciences, for which provision is made in the plans of the Regional Library of Medicine.
7. To recommend to the Director that he study the possibility of increasing the resources of the Regional Library by incorporating into the program other bibliographic centers and libraries in other Member Countries of the Organization.

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