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21st DIRECTING COUNCIL

24th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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FINANCING OF THE REGULAR BUDGET OF THE PAHO

THE 21st DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that at present approximately 99 per cent of the funds for the regular budget of the Pan American Health Organization are derived from the quota contributions of Member Governments and Participating Governments, i.e., that income from other financial sources represents only just over 1 per cent of the total regular budget;

Bearing in mind that, among other factors, the high rate of natural population increase in the Hemisphere, the commitment entered into by the Governments at the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas to attain realistic but ambitious goals, and the continuous increase in the production costs of health services due to scientific and technological development, are sufficient reasons for considering the problem of the necessary increase in the PAHO budget a matter of the utmost seriousness and urgency;

Recognizing that it is not possible for the burden of that increase to continue to fall almost exclusively upon the quota contributions of the Member Governments and Participating Governments, from which it can be deduced that the most advisable and feasible course is to look for means of achieving a rapid and substantial expansion in the sources of financing in addition to quota contributions, so that the major part of the budgetary increase would be derived from those

new sources, apart from the historical process of growth in quota contributions that has been taking place and will continue to occur; and

Considering that in this regard the efforts which the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has been making toward establishing a financial institution to promote the raising of supplementary financial resources for the Organization's budget are commendable,

RESOLVES

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to establish a special group of experts to study the problem of obtaining financial resources to supplement the quota contributions of Member Governments and Participating Governments, and that the group propose concrete alternative solutions, feasible and capable of immediate application, to the 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee.
2. To request the 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee consider the report of the special group of experts and on the basis thereof present suitable recommendations to the Directing Council at its XXII Meeting so that the most appropriate alternative solution may be implemented as rapidly and effectively as possible.

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