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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



21st DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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**REPORT OF THE III SPECIAL MEETING OF MINISTERS OF
HEALTH AND STEPS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE
DECISIONS ADOPTED**

THE 21st DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having heard the statement by the Director of PASB on the III Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas, held in Santiago, Chile. 2 - 9 October 1972; and

Considering that the recommendations¹ made by the Meeting constitute valuable guidelines on the direction to be taken by the programs of the countries during the next decade.

RESOLVES

1. To incorporate into the policy of the Pan American Health Organization the recommendations of the III Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas.
2. To request the Director of PASB to study the implications of those recommendations and the consequent modifications in the objectives and priorities of the program of the Organization, and to report thereon to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council.

3. To recommend to the countries that, within their planning process, they identify the priority health problems and establish objectives for each of them in accordance with the manpower, physical, and financial resources available, taking into account the regional health goals.
4. To request the Director of PASB to convene as soon as possible a working party of personnel responsible for planning and information and of health economists, with a view to designing an evaluation system that can be adapted to the conditions of each country and still be flexible enough to give comparable results and in turn permit a continent-wide evaluation of the achievements of the decade.
5. To recommend to PAHO that, in consultation with experts of the countries, general guidelines be drawn up for determining the present financing of health investments and the changes required to carry out the plans and programs envisaged in the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas, 1971–1980.
6. To suggest to the health authorities of the countries that they initiate cost studies of their health services and, and whenever possible, cost-benefit studies, particularly in areas with the largest investment.
7. To recommend to PAHO that it prepare the necessary designs to ensure comparability of the cost studies.
8. To recommend that PAHO furnish advisory services to countries requesting them, in all matters relating to the financing of the health sector, such as the financial analysis of the sector, analysis of health expenditures, programming of investments, management and financing of specific projects and of external credits, so that the countries will gradually come to know what financial resources are earmarked for health and how they are related to the benefits obtained.

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