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21st DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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**ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE OF MEDICAL CARE
SERVICES AND OTHER HEALTH SERVICES**

THE 21st DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report presented by the Director on engineering and maintenance of hospitals and other health services (Document CD21/10),¹ as well as Resolution XIV of the 68th Meeting of the Executive Committee;

Recognizing the importance of hospital maintenance services to ensure good quality of health care delivery; and

Bearing in mind that, to keep pace with the increasing demands for an effective health care delivery system measures must be taken to upgrade maintenance and engineering in all areas of health,

RESOLVES

1. To commend the Director for the effective support extended to the Hospital Maintenance and Engineering Center in Caracas, Venezuela, the activities of which have been essential for promoting interest in this field throughout the Region.

2. To urge ministries of health of all the countries of the Region to establish a maintenance unit at the national level and to request financial assistance from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), whenever necessary; to assign qualified personnel and an adequate budget to each health maintenance activity; and to train personnel to effectively handle and operate the maintenance program within the health service.

3. To recommend to the Director that he continue to promote a regional maintenance and engineering program for medical care services and other health services and that he explore possible national or international sources of financing to help interested countries in the expansion of these services.

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