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RESOLUTION

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TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE TOPIC "COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT"

THE 22nd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having studied the Final Report¹ of the Technical Discussions on "Community Health Services and Community Involvement" held during the present meeting;

Recognizing the increasing demand of the communities for active participation in matters concerning their well-being;

Being aware of the pressing need for support and participation of the community in the planning and implementation of health programs for improvement of the delivery of health care;

Recognizing the goals set in the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas; and

Considering the need for active community participation in order to utilize fully available resources,

RESOLVES

1. To recommend that the Member Governments assign a high priority to the formulation and implementation of programs designed to develop in individuals a sense of responsibility for their

own health and that of the community and also the ability to participate responsibly and constructively in programs aimed at the well-being of the population.

2. To request that the countries that have already formulated plans for stimulating and encouraging community participation in the delivery of health services receive all possible support in the execution of their programs.

3. To urge other countries to formulate plans and take the necessary action for their execution with a view toward achieving the greatest possible community involvement.

4. To request the Director of the Bureau to give high priority to the training of health and related personnel in health education and provide as soon as possible the necessary facilities for the implementation of training programs to meet the needs of the community.

5. To recommend to the Director that urgent and substantial support be given to the countries in order to achieve the foregoing objectives.

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