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RESOLUTION

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SIXTH GENERAL PROGRAM OF WORK OF WHO FOR THE PERIOD 1978-83: CONTRIBUTION OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS

THE 23rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the contribution of the Region of the Americas to the Sixth General Program of Work of WHO for the period 1978–1983 (Document CD23/14);

Bearing in mind that the recommendations contained in Resolution EB55.R251 of the WHO Executive Board and the guidelines established by the working party appointed by the WHO Executive Board for that purpose were followed in preparing the document;

Considering that, although the continental health policy embodied in the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas² only relates to the period 1971–1980, it is believed, in view of the characteristics and seriousness of the existing problems that the essential elements of that policy will continue to be valid in the early years of the following decade;

Bearing in mind that the contribution of the Americas to the Sixth General Program of Work is based on the content and priorities of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas and that the indicators are identical with those being used by the countries for evaluating that plan;

Considering that the "Principal and Detailed Objectives" identified by the working party of the WHO Secretariat are identical with the program areas of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas;

Considering that, at their III Special Meeting, the Ministers of Health of the Americas recognized that 40 per cent of the population lack health services and decided to establish as a fundamental objective the extension of the coverage of those services, giving priority to the control of communicable diseases, maternal and child health, nutrition, and environmental improvement, and emphasizing that for that purpose it was necessary to plan and strengthen the health systems and to develop the necessary human, physical, and financial resources; and

Bearing in mind that in analyzing their health policies in the light of the Ten-Year Plan, most of the Latin American countries have confirmed those priorities.

RESOLVES

1. To approve Document CD23/14 (Contribution of the Americas to the Sixth General Program of Work of WHO), and to request the Director to transmit it to the Director-General of WHO so that he may take it into account when preparing the above-mentioned Sixth General Program of Work.
2. To confirm that the priority objectives proposed by the Region of the Americas for the Sixth General Program of Work of WHO are identical with the priority areas of the Ten-Year Health Plan.
3. To recommend to the Member Governments that, in accordance with the conditions in each country, they increase their efforts and make use of the most efficient means of programming and developing service coverage, giving priority to the areas agreed upon in the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas.
4. To urge the Member Governments to ensure that, in this endeavor, maximum use is made of the available and potential resources through programming, evaluation and information, internal coordination of the components of the health sector, the use of multisectoral approaches, linkage of the health sector to economic and social development, and analysis of internal or external financing based on national priorities.
5. To request the Director to continue to provide such assistance as the countries require in achieving the priority objectives embodied in the Ten-Year Health Plan.