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23rd DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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NURSING GOALS FOR THE DECADE

THE 23rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Taking into account the report submitted by the Director (Document CD23/27) on the situation in 17 countries in regard to nursing personnel resources, estimates of future needs, their training and absorption into the health services, and the inadequacy of the present situation in most countries;

Bearing in mind that, in order to make available in the health services the type and quantity of nursing personnel resources needed to achieve health program goals, it is necessary to have effective coordination between the health, education, and economic sectors as well as between institutions within the health sector itself; and

Recognizing that, in order to plan effectively for the provision of the required nursing personnel resources, it is essential to have information on the major aspects that influence the situation,

RESOLVES

1. To recommend to the Governments that they take direct action to ensure that more adequate estimates are made of the nursing personnel resources required, and that more effective planning for the provision of these resources and their absorption into the services is carried out through:

- a) the establishment of mechanisms that will result in effective coordination of the aforementioned activities between the health, education, and economic sectors as well as between the major institutions within the health sector;
 - b) the creation of an appropriate information system which will provide data on the main factors affecting the availability in the health services of the type and quantity of nursing personnel resources needed to achieve health program goals, and will facilitate continual monitoring and adjustment of the situation;
 - c) the modification and strengthening of the nursing education system in order to prepare personnel who will, in turn, train the type and quantity of nursing manpower that is required; and
 - d) the adoption of measures to create the positions needed in order to utilize the graduates of all programs.
2. To request the Director to provide the assistance needed by countries to achieve the foregoing objectives.
 3. To request the Governments to provide the Director in 1977 with information on the measures they have taken and progress made so that he may submit a consolidated report to the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council.

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