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## **42nd DIRECTING COUNCIL**

52nd SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***CD42.R6***

### **REGIONAL PROGRAM ON BIOETHICS**

*THE 42nd DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having reviewed the evaluation of the Regional Program on Bioethics (Document CD42/9), carried out in compliance with Resolution CD37.R9 (1993);

Expressing appreciation for the considerable technical and financial support provided by the Government of Chile and the University of Chile toward the establishment and continued operation of the Bioethics Program since its inception, as well as for their commitment to continue support for the Program; and

Emphasizing that bioethical analysis should become an integral part of policy formulation and decision-making in the health sector, particularly in processes involving improving quality of health care and research and increasing equity in access to health care services,

#### ***RESOLVES***

1. To encourage Member States to incorporate the development of the capacity for bioethical analysis within the normative and steering role functions of the ministries of health and to formulate public policies in health informed by bioethical principles, particularly with regard to research with human subjects.
2. To request that the Director:

- (a) continue support of the Program, promoting the inclusion of bioethical analysis in technical cooperation activities and stimulating capacity building in bioethics in the Member States;
- (b) assist the Member States in strengthening ethics oversight bodies-ethics commissions and committees of government or scientific institutions and civil society-especially through the formulation of training proposals for their members;
- (c) unite efforts of the Member States for the common definition of international standards of ethics in research involving human subjects that will ensure the protection of vulnerable populations, especially in developing countries.

*(Final Report, CD42, 13-14)*