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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



33rd DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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**ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE
GILBERT**

THE 33rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Noting with regret the damage caused by Hurricane Gilbert to Jamaica, Haiti, the Cayman Islands, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico, and the United States of America;

Noting, further, the damage suffered by the health sector of Jamaica and the assistance rendered by PAHO to that country;

Recalling that one of PAHO's objectives is to cooperate with Member Countries to combat disease and foster the physical and mental health of the peoples of the Hemisphere;

Bearing in mind that among PAHO's activities is the provision of emergency aid and assistance to Member Countries in times of natural disasters; and

Considering that the United Nations General Assembly has adopted the reduction of disasters as the topic for the forthcoming decade,

RESOLVES

1. To request the Director to convey the sympathy of the Member Countries of PAHO to the Government and people of Jamaica and of the other affected countries.
2. To commend the Director for making available assistance from the Organization.

3. To urge Member Countries to:

a) Render assistance to those countries affected by Hurricane Gilbert;

b) Consider emergency preparedness of the health sector as a development priority for the allocation of national and international resources in the context of the forthcoming Decade on Disaster Reduction.

4. To request the Director to continue to assist Jamaica in assessing the damage to the health sector and in developing and supporting plans for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the health system.

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