



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



40th DIRECTING COUNCIL
49th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

THE 40th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the report (Document CD40/23) on the analysis of the Program on Health and Environment,

RESOLVES

1. To call upon Member States to continue efforts to assume a strong leadership role in the management of environment-based health problems.
2. To accept the Director's proposal for refocusing the operational approach of the Program on Health and Environment.
3. To request the Director to:
 - (a) continue negotiations with the Government of Mexico in order to proceed with the legal and administrative measures that may be required to formalize the disestablishment of the Pan American Center for Human Ecology and Health (ECO) by 31 December 1997;
 - (b) support the Government of Mexico in the establishment of a national center of environmental health;

(c) in view of the disestablishment of ECO, to make appropriate modifications in the program of work of the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS), with special reference to training, particularly in the area of environmental epidemiology, in consultation with the Government of Peru;

(d) ensure, in the respective measures, that the countries have easy access to the services of CEPIS and that the services be comprehensive and meet the countries' needs in environmental health.

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