



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**7th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
5th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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***RESOLUTION***

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**UNIFICATION OF ACTION IN PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS IN  
THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS**

*THE 7<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Considering that various international organizations prepare plans for public health programs for the Americas, and [that] the Pan American Sanitary Bureau assists in the execution of many such programs at the request of some of these organizations;

Considering that the cooperation of the Bureau, which is preeminently technical, with agencies engaged in many different activities, creates certain internal difficulties for it, as was pointed out by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in his annual report to the VII Meeting of the Directing Council (Document CD7/3);

Considering that the various Member Governments, which contribute to a number of international organizations, find it difficult to keep constantly in touch with the many matters to be considered with all the organizations, and [that] the negotiations relating to any program that must be carried out with their cooperation are prolonged; and

[Bearing in mind that] it is considered advantageous for the public health programs for the Americas to be concentrated in the American agency created especially for this purpose, namely, the Pan American Sanitary Organization, which also acts as the regional organ of the World Health Organization,

*RESOLVES*

To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to make a study of this matter, in consultation with the Member Governments and the appropriate international organizations, with a view to finding practical solutions to the problem, and to present them to the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference for reference and study.

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