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13rd DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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**FINANCIAL OUTLAY REQUIRED TO FORMULATE A
CONTINENTAL PLAN OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE
DISPOSAL**

THE 13rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Noting with great satisfaction the work of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau during the past year in the stimulation and development of the community water program throughout the Americas and the assistance being rendered to the Member Governments;

Noting the contributions to the Special Community Water Supply Fund made by the Governments of the United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela;

Considering the contents of the Charter of Punta del Este, which establishes that at least 70 per cent of urban and 50 per cent of rural populations should be served by water supply and sewage disposal systems in the next ten years;

Believing that, whenever water supplies are planned, sewage disposal must also be considered;

Recognizing that the success of urban water supply and sewage disposal programs rests in large measure on the development of projects that reflect sound organization, administration, financial planning, and execution;

Acknowledging that the ministries of health have a major role to play in national water supply and sewage disposal programs, not only in the public health supervision of all such systems but also in the initiation and coordination of efforts to solve the national health problem, both urban and rural; and

Believing that the ministries of health, national water agencies, municipalities, and other government agencies dealing with water supply and sewage disposal systems are faced with an acute shortage of trained sanitary engineers, related professional groups, and auxiliaries,

RESOLVES

1. To request the Director to continue to give major emphasis to the community water supply program and to continue his efforts in the stimulation of investment in sound water projects from all possible sources of funds.
2. To express its appreciation to the Governments of the United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela for their contributions to the Special Community Water Supply Fund, and to request the Director to again invite the Member Governments to contribute to the Fund.
3. To call to the attention of the Member Governments the urgent need to include within national long-range plans estimates of the number of sanitary engineers and other auxiliary personnel required to carry out such plans, and to encourage them to make provision for the recruitment and training of such personnel.
4. To encourage the Governments, when planning for water supplies, to simultaneously develop master plans for sewage disposal that can be implemented in part or in total as financing becomes available and/or specific problems develop.
5. To request the Director to continue to lend all possible assistance to the Member Governments in the planning, development, financing, and operation of water supply and sewage disposal systems, including the training of personnel for such programs.
6. To stress to the Governments the need for placing high priority on water supply and sewage disposal programs and the necessity for making suitable provision for the financing of such programs through the mobilization of all possible resources, both national and local.
7. To reaffirm the basic responsibility of the ministries of health for the public health supervision of water supply and sewage disposal systems, extending from planning and design to the operation of such systems, and to express the conviction that the health ministries must be represented on the governing boards of national water agencies.

8. To emphasize to the Governments the great importance of good organization and administration to the success of water supply and sewage disposal systems, the need for close supervision in the continuing operation of such systems, and the important role that the ministries of health must play in such supervision.

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