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15th DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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RESEARCH POLICY AND PROGRAM OF THE PAHO

THE 15th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the research policy and program of the Pan American Health Organization (Document CD15/19) 1 and the report of the Third Meeting of the PAHO Advisory Committee on Medical Research;

Bearing in mind Resolution XXVI of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference, which expressed satisfaction with the research policy and program as presented and requested the Director to submit an annual report to the Directing Council, which has been examined at the present meeting;

Recalling that the Task Force on Health at the Ministerial Level took note of the importance of research and suggested that the Governments assess their research and research training resources and accelerate their activities in these fields with a view to the solution of social problems that have been given priority under national plans and in the Charter of Punta del Este;

Considering that the study of the multiple and complex factors affecting campaigns for the control and eradication of communicable diseases, improvement of nutrition, management of chronic and degenerative diseases, environmental sanitation, and community development, as well as basic administrative aspects of planning, among others, cannot have a solid foundation unless programs of research are simultaneously developed in order to give the necessary support to those activities and permit periodic evaluations;

Believing that national development planning for health is an integral part of over-all national development, that the health and well-being of populations and of individuals are essential to progress generally, and that studies on population dynamics are necessary elements in the process of planning for health programs; and

Noting with satisfaction that the PAHO Advisory Committee on Medical Research has focused attention, from the scientific point of view, on the environmental determinants of community well-being in relation to urban and rural development,

RESOLVES

- 1.To approve the program of research that is now under way, with respect to both the scope and depth and the balance of the programmed activities.
- 2.To recommend that the Organization undertake studies on population dynamics and population growth, including medical demography, epidemiology, and human reproduction as related to socioeconomic development, with the participation, when necessary, of schools of medicine and public health and other research centers in such studies as may be immediately related to the improvement of health in the various countries.
- 3.To recommend that the Organization give all possible advisory services and collaboration for the development in the various countries of research in the field of public health, as a necessary support to the health activities that are being conducted by the countries.
- 4.To recommend to the Governments that they make every effort to improve the training and research institutions for the development of health manpower and research activities, giving maximum financial and other support to ensure the necessary cooperation and coordination on a national and international basis.
- 5.To urge that the individual Governments, insofar as their resources permit, consider the possibility of establishing a permanent national fund for research on public health problems, assigning it the technical and administrative autonomy necessary for accomplishing its purposes.

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