



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



16th DIRECTING COUNCIL

17th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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STATUS OF NATIONAL HEALTH PLANNING

THE 16th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the status of national health planning (Document CD16/15), 1 the Final Report of the Study Group on Health Planning, and the Report of the Technical Discussions on Health Planning at the Eighteenth World Health Assembly annexed to the report of the Director;

Recognizing the importance of systematic planning in the health field within the framework of national plans for economic and social development; and

Recognizing the need, outlined in the Final Report of the Study Group on Health Planning, for a firm institutional base for the assistance that the Organization provides the Governments in the field of national health planning,

RESOLVES

1.To commend the Director for the detailed report, which shows in general terms the progress made in the field of health planning since the XV Meeting of the Directing Council.

2.To recommend to the Director:

- a) That the Organization continue and intensify its assistance to the Governments in the activities that in each particular case are deemed necessary for the prosecution of health planning;
- b) That the Organization continue to promote research for the improvement of planning theory and practice and the international exchange of research findings;
- c) That he study the advantages that would accrue from the establishment of a Pan American Center for Health Planning, which would act as a focal point for health planning activity in the Hemisphere, and that he explore all possible sources of financial assistance for the Center;
- d) That, depending on the situation in each country, he requests the Governments to give full support to national health plans; and
- e) That he report next year to the Pan American Sanitary Conference on the results of his efforts and the progress made in the planning field.

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