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RESOLUTION

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS

THE 28th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report presented by the Director on the International Year of Disabled Persons (Document CD28/29);

Considering Resolution 31/123 of the United Nations General Assembly proclaiming the year 1981 as the "International Year of Disabled Persons"; and

Recalling Resolutions WHA31.39 and WHA34.301 of the World Health Assembly recommending that Member States increase their efforts to ensure the success of the Year and develop permanent programs for the disabled as part of the goal of health for all by the year 2000, and requesting the Director-General of WHO to collaborate in programs of disability prevention and rehabilitation within the primary health care context and to enhance cooperation with United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of such programs,

RESOLVES

1. To thank the Director for the information provided on the International Year of Disabled Persons.

2. To urge Member Governments to continue to increase their efforts to ensure the success of the International Year of Disabled Persons and, on the basis of those efforts, to establish permanent programs for disabled persons as an integral part of the health services.
3. To urge Member Governments to promote the provision of primary rehabilitation services at the community level.
4. To request the Director to continue to cooperate with Member Governments in assessing the problems produced by disability and adopting policies for their solution.
5. To recommend that the subject be re-examined at the XXX Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, to be held in 1984, with a view to evaluating the progress made.

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