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RESOLUTION

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**EVALUATION OF THE PAN AMERICAN CENTER FOR HUMAN
ECOLOGY AND HEALTH**

THE 29th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the report on the evaluation of the Pan American Center for Human Ecology and Health (ECO) (Document CD29/25);

Considering the provisions of Resolution XXXI of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference (1978); and

Aware of the growing importance of evaluating and dealing with the health problems deriving from environmental pollution, particularly from industrial and agricultural sources,

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the external evaluation report on the Pan American Center for Human Ecology and Health (ECO) and to thank the Member Governments that participated in the evaluation process.
2. To thank the Government of Mexico for the constant support it has given to ECO in generous aid and readiness to enable the Center to perform its functions, and to request that this support continue.

3. To commend and thank the Government of Mexico for its decision to provide the physical facilities needed to relocate ECO in the metropolitan area of Mexico City.
4. To request the Member Governments to identify and support the development of national institutions to form with ECO a network of collaborating centers in the Region for the promotion of training, exchange of information, and programs of applied research in the area of human ecology and health.
5. To thank the Director for communicating the report and recommendations of the Evaluation Group to the Directing Council.
6. To request that the Director implement, as the available resources allow, the first option recommended by the Evaluation Group, which is to consolidate ECO as a center capable of meeting the needs presented by the Organization's Member Countries, and that ECO's technical program be focused on the epidemiological and toxicological aspects of the effects on health of the principal chemical pollutants of industrial and agricultural origin.
7. To request the Director to intensify the Organization's efforts to coordinate and complement the work of this Center with that of the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS) in order to avoid possible duplications of effort between them.

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