



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
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## **30th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

36th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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### ***RESOLUTION***

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## **HEALTH PRIORITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMÁ**

*THE 30<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having been informed of the initiative of the Governments of Central America and Panama, endorsed in the plan known as "Priority Health Needs in Central America and Panama," which they have drawn up in concert and are jointly and severally committed to executing;

Bearing in mind the Declaration of the Ministers of Health of Central America and Panama (San José, Costa Rica, 16 March 1984), in which they pledged to keep in place the arrangements for integrating and coordinating institutional resources for the benefit of the health and welfare of Central American families;

Considering that the Foreign Ministers of the Contadora Group and of the Central American countries, meeting in Panama (30 April 1984), decided to support the plan without reservation;

Aware that the Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly (9 May 1984) acknowledged<sup>1</sup> that the initiative has special importance for social development, for the solution of health problems, and as a bond to foster understanding, solidarity, and peace among the peoples of Central America and Panama at a particularly difficult juncture in their history:

Noting that the Meeting of Ministers of Health and Directors of Social Security (Medellín, Colombia, 14 July 1984), which was attended by representatives from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Spain,

and Venezuela, declared it necessary to encourage mutual support among the Central American countries and other countries pledged to integrating efforts for backing the Central American initiative; and

Considering that Belize likewise is geographically, culturally, socially, and ecologically a Central American country desirous of being associated with the plan known as "Priority Health Needs in Central America and Panama"; and

In the conviction, reaffirmed by the Ministers of Health of Central America and Panama at their XXIX Meeting (Guatemala, 23 August 1984) and at this Council, that the successful execution of the plan known as "Priority Health Needs in Central America and Panama" is a prerequisite for the attainment of the goal of health for all by the year 2000 in the Central American Isthmus,

#### *RESOLVES*

1. To express its full support for the plan known as "Priority Health Needs in Central America and Panama."
2. To recommend to PAHO and to the Member Governments that Belize be included in the plan known as "Priority Health Needs in Central America and Panama," and to request the Director to take the necessary steps to that end.
3. To recommend to the countries of the Region of the Americas that they jointly and severally support the efforts of the countries of Central America and Panama to satisfy their priority health needs in the context of the above-mentioned plan.
4. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that he continue to provide the plan with special support out of the resources available and take steps to obtain additional extrabudgetary funds.
5. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to continue, in coordination with UNICEF and other interested international cooperation agencies, to support the efforts of the countries of Central America and Panama to prepare and execute specific projects under the plan.
6. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to inform all the Member Countries of specific projects under the plan and to promote and administer any contributions that may be offered in support of the initiative of Central America and Panama.

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