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***RESOLUTION***

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**FINAL REPORT OF THE SEMINAR ON USES AND PERSPECTIVES  
IN EPIDEMIOLOGY**

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

Having seen the Final Report of the Seminar on Uses and Perspectives in Epidemiology, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 7–10 November 1983 (Document CD30/11) and considering that the document points to important prospects for the development of epidemiology as a strategic discipline for improving knowledge of the health problems of the population and guiding the search for ways and means of preventing and controlling them; and

Recognizing that changes in health profiles and service demands require more appropriate use of the principles and methods of epidemiology in evaluating the health situation and its trends, redefining priorities, evaluating the effectiveness of technologies and the impact of health services, and improving knowledge of the occurrence, distribution, and causation of diseases and health problems,

***RESOLVES***

1. To accept the recommendations of the Seminar on Uses and Perspectives in Epidemiology (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 7–10 November 1983).
2. To urge the Member Governments to:

- a) Reinforce, at all levels, the practice of epidemiology, expanding its scope application to all areas of the sector, including disease control, health planning, and evaluation;
  - b) Mobilize and promote the coordination of epidemiological services, research, and teaching, in accordance with the needs of their countries.
3. To request the Director to develop, within the Organization's regular budget, a program of activities to assist the Member Countries in implementing the recommendations of the report.
  4. To request the Director to seek extrabudgetary funds to enhance assistance in epidemiological activities in the Region.

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