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25th DIRECTING COUNCIL

29th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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NURSING GOALS FOR THE DECADE

THE 25th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering the priority given by the countries to the extension of health services to all people, using strategies of primary health care and community participation;

Bearing in mind the limited resources available and consequently the need for effective and efficient use of health manpower, of which nursing personnel constitute the largest group;

Bearing in mind also the present under-utilization of the nurse in relation to her potential in the delivery of care;

Recognizing that carefully planned changes must be introduced into the health services to ensure the delivery of adequate nursing and health care; and

Taking into account the report submitted by the Director (Document CD25/27, Rev. 1),

RESOLVES

1. To recommend to the Governments that they take measures and intensify efforts in order that:
 - a) the roles of nurses and nursing auxiliaries are realigned in accordance with the levels of care and technology to be used in the extension of health services;

- b) nursing personnel estimates are based on health services needs, taking into consideration the new patterns for utilization of nursing personnel;
 - c) the necessary posts are created to absorb into the services the graduates of all types of nursing education programs;
 - d) nursing education programs are made to focus on primary care and community health, with a view to preparing sufficient nursing personnel to meet the health needs of each country;
 - e) the most up-to-date educational technology is utilized in nursing education programs in order to provide adequate training for the increasing number of nursing students.
2. To request the Director to provide the assistance needed by the countries to achieve the foregoing objectives.
 3. To request the Governments to provide the Director in 1979 with information on the measures they have taken and the progress made so that he may submit a consolidated report to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council in 1980.

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