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RESOLUTION

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MALARIA ERADICATION

THE 19th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the XVII Report of the Director of the Bureau on the status of malaria eradication in the Americas (Document CD19/2);1

Bearing in mind Resolution WHA22.39 of the Twenty-second World Health Assembly on the revision of the strategy of malaria eradication;

Cognizant of the progress made in 1968 in shifting new areas into the consolidation and maintenance phases and in protecting all the malarious areas for the first time, even though administrative and financial difficulties persist;

Taking into account that there are areas with technical problems the extent and origin of which are in large measure known, and that investigations have shown that there are effective methods for solving some of these problems;

Aware of the importance of the work of the general health services, especially in areas in the maintenance and consolidation phases;

Considering that some countries have or are preparing overall economic development plans that provide for activities in malarious areas;

Bearing in mind that if malaria eradication programs are to be given appropriate priority in the assignment of funds their economic value must be demonstrated; and

Considering that the Governments have received valuable assistance from some international agencies,

RESOLVES

- 1. To take note of the XVII Report on the status of malaria eradication in the Americas (Document CD19/2).
- 2. To request the Director to assist the Director-General of the World Health Organization in applying the new world-wide strategy for malaria eradication.
- 3. To express to the Governments its satisfaction with the progress made by the malaria eradication programs and to urge them to continue to take the necessary steps to ensure that these programs are properly financed and efficiently administered and that the most effective methods are promptly used.
- 4. To recommend to the Governments and to international agencies that they continue to undertake and encourage research designed to identify, study, and solve present and potential technical problems.
- 5. To request the Governments to strengthen the coordination of the malaria eradication services and general health services and to ensure that the transfer to the general health services of the responsibility for malaria surveillance activities is carefully planned so as to avoid unfavorable repercussions.
- 6. To remind the Governments of the importance of malaria eradication programs, as part of the health sector, in their over-all economic development plan[s] and to request them, as well as international agencies, to continue research on the economic and social effects of malaria and malaria eradication.
- 7. To thank PASB, WHO, UNICEF, and the United States Agency for International Development for their assistance to the Governments in their 1968 campaigns.
- 8. To express at the same time its concern over the tendency of voluntary cooperation, and of the cooperation of some international agencies in financing malaria eradication program activities, to decline, and to request the authorities concerned to reconsider their policy of regional and world collaboration for this program.