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19th DIRECTING COUNCIL

21st SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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MULTINATIONAL CENTERS

THE 19th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Resolution XII approved by the Executive Committee at its 61st Meeting and the information provided by the Director on the present status of multinational centers (Document CD19/21, Addendum);

Bearing in mind the extent of health problems in the Americas as compared with the limited funds available to the Organization for dealing with them;

Bearing in mind the importance of the efforts of the countries as a basic contribution to the solution of their problems, through programs in which the fundamental purpose of the Organization's participation is to promote and coordinate these efforts; and

Bearing in mind also the possibilities that the countries have of assuming more responsibility in this regard,

RESOLVES

1. To declare that multinational centers are needed and useful, provided their policy continues to be designed to benefit all the countries; to support the steps taken by the Organization to develop and improve existing centers, which constitute an effective means whereby PAHO exercises its

functions of stimulating and coordinating multinational programs for the improvement of health; [and to recommend that], in the future, multinational centers be established in accordance with the pertinent guidelines to be approved by the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of this resolution.

2. To request the Director to appoint a study group to draw up a set of general guidelines [laying] down the basic conditions for the establishment and operation of multinational centers in the light of the observations contained in Resolution XII adopted by the Executive Committee at its 61st Meeting and in this resolution.

3. To recommend to the Member Countries that are the seat of multinational centers receiving funds from the PAHO budget that they study the possibility of assuming a progressively larger share of the operating budget of these centers, while maintaining their multinational character, within the ambit of the set of guidelines [that ultimately] will be approved by the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference pursuant to operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of this resolution.

4. To recommend to the Member Governments that they consider the possibility of national centers of recognized standing extending their services to the countries of the Continent, in the first place to other countries in the Zone, without necessarily using the funds of the Pan American Health Organization.

5. To recommend to the Director that the funds made available as a result of the implementation of the recommendations set forth in operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of this resolution be primarily used for aiding those Member Countries that request more assistance, bearing in mind the funds available to them, the program for which assistance is requested, and the effort that has been or will be made by the requesting country.

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