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20th DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

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EXPANSION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

THE 20th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the report of the Director on the expansion of occupational health services (Document CD20/8);¹

Recognizing that occupational hazards constitute a serious threat to the health of employees and that some industries create both a threat and a nuisance to the community; and

Appreciating that a sound occupational health program in individual industries, integrated with national programs, contributes to the increase of individual productivity and to a country's economic development,

RESOLVES

1. To urge that Governments establish national occupational health programs and that countries with existing programs expand them through projects carried out in individual industries with government collaboration.
2. To request the Director, within budgetary priorities, to broaden the Organization's assistance to Governments to strengthen national occupational health programs consistent with industrial

development, giving particular attention to the preparation of technical manpower, systematic surveys and control of industrial hazards, and periodic evaluation of ongoing programs.

3. To urge Governments to encourage financing institutions and other sponsors of industrial development to provide funds for occupational health requirements in the design, construction, and operation of projects financed by them, as well as for the treatment of industrial wastes.

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