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FINAL REPORT

The XXXIII Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, XL Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, was held at the Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C., from 26 to 30 September 1988, as convened by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in accordance with Resolution I adopted by the Executive Committee in its 101st Meeting.

PARTICIPANTS

The following Member Governments of the Pan American Health Organization were represented in the Meeting: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela. The Governments of Portugal and Spain were represented by observers.

The Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was represented by its Chairman, Dr. Norman Gay (Bahamas), and by Dr. Rodolfo Rodríguez (Argentina).

Also present was Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima, Director General of the World Health Organization.

Observers were present at the Meeting from the following intergovernmental organizations: Caribbean Community, Hipólito Unanue Agreement, Inter-American Development Bank, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, International Committee of Military Medicine and Pharmacy, Organization of American States, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Program, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and World Bank. Also present were observers from 44 nongovernmental organizations.

OFFICERS

Pursuant to Rules 18 and 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, Dr. Guillermo Soberón Acevedo (Mexico) conducted the proceedings in his capacity as outgoing President until the President was elected. Thereupon, the two Vice Presidents and the Rapporteur were elected. The officers were as follows:

OFFICERS (cont.)

<u>President:</u>	Dr. Raúl Ugarte Artola	URUGUAY
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>	Dr. Edgar Mohs Dr. Francisco Montbrun	COSTA RICA VENEZUELA
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mrs. Jennifer Astaphan	DOMINICA
<u>Secretary ex officio:</u>	Dr. Carlyle Guerra de Macedo	DIRECTOR, PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Pursuant to Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, the Directing Council appointed a Committee on Credentials consisting of the following members:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Luis Carlos Borges Da Silveira	BRAZIL
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Branford Taitt	BARBADOS
<u>Member:</u>	Dr. Plutarco Naranjo	ECUADOR

GENERAL COMMITTEE

In accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, Bolivia, Mexico and the United States of America were elected to the the General Committee, giving it the following composition:

Dr. Raúl Ugarte Artola President of the Council	URUGUAY
Dr. Edgar Mohs Vice President of the Council	COSTA RICA
Dr. Francisco Montbrun Vice President of the Council	VENEZUELA
Mrs. Jennifer Astaphan Rapporteur of the Council	DOMINICA
Dr. Alberto Suárez Representative	BOLIVIA

GENERAL COMMITTEE (cont.)

Dr. Guillermo Soberón Acevedo
Representative

MEXICO

Mr. Neil Boyer
Representative

UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

AGENDA

In accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure, in its first plenary session the Council adopted the provisional agenda (Document CD33/1, Rev. 1) submitted by the Director.

DECISIONS

In its fifth plenary session the Directing Council elected Cuba to membership for three years on the Policy and Coordination Advisory Committee of the Special Program of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction.

Also in its fifth plenary session, the Directing Council elected Brazil to designate a person to serve for three years on the Joint Coordinating Board of the UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR).

WORKING PARTIES

In the first plenary session a working party was established, consisting of the Representatives of Bahamas, Canada and Colombia, to study the application of Article 6.B of the PAHO Constitution. The party prepared a report which was presented in the third plenary session, and the Rapporteur drew up a proposed resolution which was considered by the Directing Council in its fifth plenary session.

In the seventh plenary session a working party was formed, consisting of the Representatives of Brazil, Peru and the United States of America, to collaborate with the Rapporteur in drafting a proposed resolution on maternal and child health and family planning programs, which was presented in the tenth plenary session.

In the eighth plenary session a working party was formed, consisting of the Representatives of Barbados, Canada and the United States of America, to harmonize views and draft amendments to a proposed resolution on the development and strengthening of local health systems in the transformation of national health systems.

SESSIONS

The Directing Council held a preliminary session and 11 plenary sessions.

The Committee on Credentials held four sessions and the General Committee, two sessions.

RESOLUTIONS

During the Meeting, the Directing Council adopted the following 22 resolutions:

RESOLUTION I

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND REPORT OF THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE PERIOD 1986-1987

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the Period 1986-1987 on the accounts of the Organization;

Noting the comments and concerns expressed by the External Auditor on the bank and imprest accounts, the new Headquarters office building, monitoring and evaluation, and control of manpower; and

Expressing satisfaction that the Organization has continued to maintain a balanced financial condition,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director for 1986-1987.

2. To thank the External Auditor for presenting a clear and comprehensive report for the biennium 1986-1987 and to request the Director to encourage careful attention to the matters of concern expressed by the External Auditor.

3. To express concern over the low rate of quota payments to the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI) and the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP), and to urge the Governments that are members of CFNI and INCAP to make every effort to pay their outstanding quota contributions as early as possible, so that the work of these Centers can continue and the financial burden of their programs be shared fairly among all participants in the Centers.

4. To request the Director to monitor carefully the financial situation of CFNI and INCAP, and to devise alternative policies should the quota situation fail to improve over the current 1988-1989 biennium.

5. To request the Director to review and evaluate thoroughly the relationship between the Organization and the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF) and to report his findings through the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming for consideration by the Executive Committee in June 1989.

6. To endorse the Director's proposal to credit the surplus of \$859,500 from operations in 1986-1987 to the Miscellaneous Income Account to help assure adequate funding of the 1988-1989 Regular budget.

7. To congratulate the Director on his efforts to maintain a balanced financial condition for the Organization.

(Adopted at the third plenary session,
27 September 1988)

RESOLUTION II

PROVISIONAL DRAFT OF THE PROGRAM BUDGET PROPOSAL OF THE WORLD
HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS
FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Document CD33/3 and the tentative request for US\$65,027,000 from the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for the biennium 1990-1991, which includes cost increases of \$4,866,000 or 8.1% over the revised 1988-1989 allocation; and

Noting the recommendation of the 101st Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

To request the Director to transmit to the Director-General of WHO the request for \$65,027,000 for the Region of the Americas for the biennium 1990-1991, for consideration by the WHO Executive Board and the World Health Assembly in 1989.

(Adopted at the third plenary session,
27 September 1988)

RESOLUTION III

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Document CD33/8) on the work of the Committee from September 1987 to date, the period during which the 100th and 101st Meetings were held; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 9.C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Document CD33/8).

2. To congratulate the Chairman and the other members of the Committee on their excellent work.

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session,
27 September 1988)

RESOLUTION IV

ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE GILBERT

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Noting with regret the damage done by hurricane Gilbert to Member Countries Jamaica, Haiti, the Cayman Islands, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico, and the United States of America;

Noting, further, the damage suffered by the health sector of Jamaica and the assistance rendered by PAHO to Jamaica;

Recalling that one of the objectives of PAHO is to cooperate with Member Countries to combat disease and promote the physical and mental health of the peoples of the Hemisphere;

Bearing in mind that, included in PAHO's activities, is the provision of emergency aid and assistance to Member Countries in times of natural disasters; and

Considering that the United Nations General Assembly has adopted the reduction of disasters as the topic for the forthcoming decade,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to convey the sympathy of the Member Countries of PAHO to the Government and people of Jamaica and of the other affected countries.

2. To commend the Director for making available assistance from the Organization.

3. To urge Member Countries to:

- a) Render assistance to those countries affected by hurricane Gilbert;
- b) Consider emergency preparedness of the health sector as a development priority for allocation of national and international resources in the context of the forthcoming Decade on Disaster Reduction.

4. To request the Director to continue to assist Jamaica in the assessment of the damage done to the health sector and in developing and supporting plans for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the health system.

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session,
27 September 1988)

RESOLUTION V

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1987 (Official Document 221); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 9.C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1987.

2. To commend the Director for his continued efforts to transform his Report into a dynamic working tool, to provide a better understanding of the work accomplished by PAHO during the period covered, and to assist in the evaluation of the programming of the activities of PAHO.

3. To thank the Director for his leadership and for his support to the Member Governments in the technical cooperation activities conducted by PAHO during 1987.

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session,
27 September 1988)

RESOLUTION VI

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON WOMEN, HEALTH, AND DEVELOPMENT

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the report of the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development (Document CD33/28);

Bearing in mind the previous resolutions adopted by the Governing Bodies of PAHO on women, health, and development, in particular Resolution CSP22.R12 of the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

Taking into account Resolution WHA40.9 adopted by the Fortieth World Health Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member Countries:
 - a) To fulfill the provisions of point 2, paragraph 3, of Resolution CSP22.R12 of the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference, with regard to strengthening of the national focal points in the Woman, Health, and Development Program;
 - b) To develop training programs for all health personnel at the different levels of the Women, Health, and Development Program on its objectives, content, and strategies, so that they will be able to attend to the comprehensive health needs of women;
 - c) To increase significantly the participation of women at the directing and decision-making levels within the institutions of the health sector;
 - d) To continue to carry out the research necessary for the design of policies and the implementation of programs that will substantially improve the current living conditions and the health of women, giving priority to the subject areas recommended in the report of the Subcommittee.
2. To request the Director:
 - a) To intensify efforts so that all the technical programs of the Organization will develop activities aimed at fulfillment of the eight strategies on women, health, and development approved by the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference;

- b) To continue promoting interaction with other international agencies, institutionalizing it through agreements and accords for the coordination of activities and the mobilization of resources for the Women, Health, and Development Program;
- c) To incorporate the priority subject areas recommended by the Subcommittee into the research grant program of the Organization;
- d) To continue efforts aimed at increasing the participation of women in PAHO with a view to attaining the goal of 30% for professional and higher-level positions, as approved by Resolution CSP22.R12 of the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference, and at the same time increasing the participation of women as temporary and short-term consultants, working with the national focal points on the identification of candidates;
- e) To step up mobilization of the resources required for implementation of the approved Regional strategies and for the promotion, execution, and dissemination of specific activities under the Women, Health, and Development Program at the country and regional levels;
- f) To report every two years to the Directing Council on the progress achieved in the eight strategies of the Women, Health, and Development Program.

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session,
27 September 1988)

RESOLUTION VII

REPORT ON THE COLLECTION OF QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CD33/15 and ADD. I) and the concerns expressed by the 101st Meeting of the Executive Committee with respect to the status of the collection of quota contributions;

Noting the report of the Working Party on the application of Article 6.B of the PAHO Constitution relating to the suspension of voting privileges of Member Governments that fail to meet their financial obligations to the Organization (Document CD33/15, ADD. II); and

Recognizing that, in the case of the three Member Governments subject to Article 6.B, the Government of Bolivia, the Dominican Republic and Suriname either had made payments towards their outstanding quota commitments or had formally indicated their intent to make such payments during the remainder of 1988,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CD33/15 and ADD. I).
2. To express appreciation to Member Governments that have already made payments in 1988, and to urge all Member Governments in arrears to promptly meet their financial obligations to the Organization.
3. To congratulate the Government of Haiti, and in particular the Government of Paraguay, for continuing to successfully reduce the amounts of their outstanding quota assessments.
4. To permit the Governments of Bolivia and Suriname to vote at this meeting in view of their initial payment efforts and commitment to make additional payments.
5. To permit the Government of the Dominican Republic to vote at this meeting and to encourage it to make every possible effort to meet its full payment commitment for 1988.
6. To request the Director to:
 - a) Continue to monitor the implementation of special payment agreements made by Member Countries in arrears for the payment of prior years' quota assessments;

- b) Advise the Executive Committee of Member Countries' compliance with their quota payment commitments;
- c) Report to the XXXIV Meeting of the Directing Council on the status of the collection of quota contributions for 1989 and prior years.

(Adopted at the fifth plenary session,
28 September 1988)

RESOLUTION VIII

ELECTION OF THREE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ON THE TERMINATION OF THE PERIODS OF OFFICE OF
ARGENTINA, BAHAMAS, AND MEXICO

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 9.B and 15.A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization; and

Considering that the Governments of Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela were elected to serve on the Executive Committee upon the termination of the periods of office of Argentina, Bahamas, and Mexico,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare the Governments of Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela elected to membership of the Executive Committee for a period of three years.

2. To thank the Governments of Argentina, Bahamas, and Mexico for the services rendered to the Organization during the past three years by their representatives on the Executive Committee.

(Adopted at the fifth plenary session,
28 September 1988)

RESOLUTION IX

ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) IN THE AMERICAS

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas (Document CD33/21);

Recalling Resolution CD32.R12, adopted by the XXXII Meeting of the Directing Council (1987), dealing with AIDS in the Americas, and Resolutions WHA40.26 and WHA41.24 dealing, respectively, with the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS and the avoidance of discrimination in relation to HIV-infected people and those with AIDS;

Considering that the AIDS pandemic continues to grow throughout the Region of the Americas, requiring a sustained commitment by every country to control the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and to mitigate the magnitude of the future impact of this disease on health services and national economies;

Recognizing the continued need for joint, coordinated international efforts to prevent and control this disease;

Cognizant of the need for WHO's global coordinating and promoting role through the Global Program on AIDS and the joint work carried out in the Region of the Americas by the Pan American Health Organization; and

Considering the profound impact the care of AIDS patients has on the already stretched national health services and health resources and the need for national AIDS programs and activities articulated with national plans for strengthening health systems and services,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the objectives, strategies and targets for the Global Program on AIDS in the Americas, as presented in Document CD33/21.

2. To urge Member Countries to:

- a) Make special voluntary contributions for the carrying out of catalytic research and cooperative activities in relation to AIDS in this Hemisphere;
- b) Make available to PAHO human and institutional resources to enable the Organization to fulfill better its mandates in this regard.

3. To request the Director of the PASB to:
 - a) Continue to search for funds, in addition to those already approved in the PAHO/WHO Regular program budget for the biennium 1988-1989, in support of the efforts of the Member Countries to carry out their short- and medium-term programs for AIDS prevention and control;
 - b) Study the feasibility of establishing a revolving fund for the procurement of reagents, equipment, and other critical materials in support of the Member Countries for the implementation of their plans of action against AIDS.

(Adopted at the sixth plenary session,
28 September 1988)

RESOLUTION X

JOINT PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ANDEAN SUBREGION

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the report on Andean cooperation in health (Document CD33/17), which summarizes the guidelines and strategies in the priority areas for joint action by the countries of the Andean Subregion;

Taking note of Resolution CSP22.R22 of the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference, which supports the formulation of a joint plan of action for the Andean area; and

Recognizing the efforts made by the countries of the Subregion, the Secretariat of the Hipólito Unanue Agreement and PAHO for the joint framing and implementation of health measures,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate the Governments of the Andean countries on the preparation of the Joint Plan of Action and the commitment that this represents, especially in terms of the effort that the Andean countries will have to make to mobilize local resources and obtain support from external sources.

2. To forward this Plan to WHO and to the Andean Parliament in order to promote active consideration and support for it.

3. To request the Director:

- a) To orient PASB technical cooperation to the Andean area in keeping with the objectives and strategies of the Plan of Action;
- b) To seek, jointly with the Governments of the Andean countries, the support of other agencies and governments in and outside the Region for the execution of this Plan;
- c) To endeavor, jointly with the Governments of the Andean countries, to accelerate implementation of the Plan of Action.

(Adopted at the eighth plenary session,
29 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XI

PROGRAM BUDGET SITUATION

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined Document CD33/26 on the 1988-1989 program budget situation;

Recognizing that Resolution VI of the XXXII Meeting of the Directing Council (1987) urged the Director to advise the Directing Council on the status of the collection of quota contributions for 1988 and prior years;

Noting Resolution II adopted at the XXXII Meeting of the Directing Council, in which the Member Countries approved the appropriations for the Pan American Health Organization for 1988-1989; and

Considering Resolution III of the same meeting, in which the Member Countries approved assessments for the 1988-1989 biennial budget,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge all Member Countries to pay their full quota assessment to avoid a worsening of the budget situation and the consequent damage to the Organization's ability to fulfill its technical cooperation responsibilities.

2. To request the Director to take a flexible approach in effecting cuts in the program budget for 1988-1989 in the event that the payments of Member Countries fail to provide adequate resources to execute it fully, drawing upon the priorities established by PAHO Governing Bodies and the views of Member Countries in relation to evolving health problems and needs.

3. To request that the Director continue to consult with the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming of the Executive Committee in order to assess the impact on the Organization's programs of any budgetary shortfalls that may occur throughout the current biennium.

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XII

REPORT ON THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION

THE XXXIIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having taken note of Document CD33/29 on the World Conference on Medical Education and its "Declaration of Edinburgh" on the reform of medical education; and

Bearing in mind the proposed plan of action for implementing the respective recommendations at institutional and national level,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools and, through it, the World Federation of Medical Education, for the report presented, underscoring the reorientation of medical education towards the goal of Health for All by the Year 2000.

2. To urge Member Countries to give special consideration and support to the recommendations and concepts embodied in the "Declaration of Edinburgh."

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XIII

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Reaffirming and reiterating the concepts and mandates contained in Resolutions CD30.R8 and CD31.R18 of 1984 and 1985, respectively;

Recognizing the advances achieved by the joint work of the Organization, the Member Countries, and the United Nations Population Fund in execution of the mandates contained in the aforementioned resolutions;

Taking note of the constraints that prevent a faster pace of execution; and

Reaffirming the statements contained in Document CD33/13, "Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning Programs," which the Director has presented as a second progress report on the status of execution of the Organization's policy for action in population matters,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge that Member Governments:
 - a) Continue efforts to implement the mandates contained and unanimously adopted in Resolutions CD30.R8 and CD31.R18, so that faster progress can be made in the strengthening of maternal and child health and family planning programs and of actions among groups at greatest risk and adolescents in particular, to reduce differences between and within the countries;
 - b) Make a special effort to study information on population, health and existing services so as to keep current the situational diagnosis needed to program the measures to be taken in the last decade of the century;
 - c) Design specific proposals for the participation of other development sectors in coordinated actions to benefit the health of mothers, children, and the population at large;
 - d) Take the necessary action to coordinate technical and financial cooperation in the area of population, health, and development, and especially in maternal and child health and family planning programs;

- e) Emphasize not only the extension of coverage but also the quality of maternal and child health, family planning services, and the prevention, detection and treatment of cervical cancer as part of the strategy for the development and strengthening of local health systems;
 - f) Set, before the end of 1990, national goals for the reduction of maternal mortality by the year 2000, and to design plans of action to this end so that maternal mortality may be reduced significantly--by at least 50% in countries whose index for this mortality is higher than 5 per 10,000 recorded live births;
 - g) Initiate intersectoral and sectoral actions directed toward the community, teachers, and parents, with a view to helping adolescents to develop healthy life styles and avoid risk-associated behaviors that lead to drug addiction, accidents, sexually transmitted diseases, and unwanted pregnancies.
2. To request the Director to:
- a) Continue the support of activities required for implementation of the collective mandates in this field, especially the mobilization of national and international technical and financial resources for a more appropriate response to existing needs;
 - b) Propose to the Governing Bodies in 1990 a regional plan of action for the reduction of maternal mortality in the Americas;
 - c) Report on the progress made in this area to the Directing Council at its meeting in 1991.

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XIV

PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ERADICATION OF THE INDIGENOUS
TRANSMISSION OF WILD POLIOVIRUS

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined and reviewed the progress report presented by the Director on the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Eradication of Wild Poliovirus from the Americas by 1990;

Noting with satisfaction that most countries have prepared 5-year plans outlining the activities to be carried out and the costing of the program, with identification of the national and international funding sources;

Concerned that many countries have not made enough progress towards implementation of the strategies outlined in the Plan of Action and others have not maintained the strategies over time, and that immunization coverage remains critically low in several of them;

Cognizant that less than three years are left before the target date for eradication of the wild poliovirus from the Americas and much remains to be done; and

Considering Resolution WHA41.28 (Global Eradication of Poliomyelitis by the Year 2000),

RESOLVES:

1. To thank USAID, IDB, UNICEF, Rotary International and CIDA/CPHA for the level of cooperation and coordination achieved among themselves and with the PAHO Member Countries in carrying out the campaign to eradicate poliomyelitis from the Americas by 1990.

2. To urge all Member Countries to make every effort to carry out their adopted national plans of action in accordance with the general guidelines of the Regional Plan of Action and the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

3. To urge the acceleration and reinforcement of the work of the network of laboratories capable of performing virological tests, in support of diagnostic, surveillance and control activities in programs of the Member Countries.

4. Emphasis is placed on the following critical actions requiring the immediate and continuing attention of the Member Countries for attainment of the goal of polio eradication:

4.1 Countries still endemic for polio should:

- a) Hold at least two regular national mass vaccination days per year as part of their national vaccination programs;
- b) Utilize these national vaccination days to deliver TOPV as well as other EPI antigens so that the overall EPI coverage will be increased;
- c) Continue these measures until eradication of the indigenous transmission of wild poliovirus is achieved and certified.

4.2 Countries not endemic for polio should ensure that high levels of immunization are maintained throughout the country and offer their technical knowledge, resources and support to countries that may require them.

4.3 All Member Countries should:

- a) Monitor immunization coverage at the level of the smallest political administrative units;
- b) Take special measures to improve immunization rates in children under one year of age in areas where TOPV coverage is below 90% in that age group, and use this indicator as a measure of the functioning of the health infrastructure and as a basis for the reallocation of resources.

4.4 Surveillance systems should be strengthened to detect all cases of acute flaccid paralysis:

- a) All cases of acute flaccid paralysis occurring in persons less than 15 years old should be considered a national emergency and investigated immediately to determine if they represent poliomyelitis;
- b) Special control measures should be instituted immediately for all cases classified as probable polio;
- c) All cases classified as probable polio cases should be reported as soon as possible to the international level, and specimens immediately sent to designated reference laboratories for prompt and accurate testing.

5. To request that the Director present a progress report to the XXXIV Meeting of the Directing Council in 1989, just one year before the target date for achievement of the goal of polio eradication.

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XV

DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEMS IN THE
TRANSFORMATION OF NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen Document CD33/14, "Development and Strengthening of Local Health Systems in the Transformation of National Health Systems," Resolution WHA41.34 of the World Health Assembly, and the observations of the 101st Meeting of the Executive Committee;

Taking into account Resolution CSP22.R21 of the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference, which defined the orientation and programming priorities of PAHO for the quadrennium 1987-1990;

Recognizing the urgent need to accelerate the transformation of the national health systems in order to promote application of the primary health care strategy and to attain the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Concerned about the constraints on the proper development of health care imposed by the present economic crisis and by limitations within the health sector itself;

Convinced that the challenge of improving the health of the neediest populations should be met, despite the crisis, with innovative measures for the structuring and administration of available resources;

Cognizant of the exercises already under way in most of the countries for transformation of the national health systems based on the development of local health systems as part of national decentralization and deconcentration processes; and

Agreeing that it is at the local level that policies and strategies for social development and health care can be implemented on the basis of social participation, intersectoral action, coordination of financial sources, and integration of programs,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director for Document CD33/14, "Development and Strengthening of Local Health Systems in the Transformation of National Health Systems."

2. To urge Member Governments:

- a) To continue and strengthen their work of defining policies, strategies, programs, and activities for the transformation of national health systems through the development of local health systems;
- b) To ensure coordinated participation in the strengthening of local health systems by all government institutions responsible for the delivery of services, especially the social security administrations, and the international cooperation agencies;
- c) In accordance with their institutional realities, to promote the notion of a program-level partnership between the public sector, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector;
- d) To place special emphasis on the provision of resources and decentralization to strengthen the operating capacity of local health systems, and on specific programs for dealing with priority health problems;
- e) To give special attention to the aspects cited in Section IV of Document CD33/14 as a response by the sector for the attainment of greater equity, efficiency, effectiveness, and participation;
- f) To define and apply suitable indicators and processes for evaluating the development of local health systems and the progress made;
- g) To promote research on health system services at the local level.

3. To request the Director:

- a) To strengthen technical cooperation to the Member Countries so that resources will be mobilized for activities to transform national health systems and support priority programs through the development of local health systems and, particularly, to develop the planning process and information systems, administration, community participation, the leadership of the sector, and personnel training;
- b) To encourage exchanges of experiences between countries and groups of countries as a form of technical cooperation among countries, and to disseminate among governments and local organizations the available information on advances in the development of local health systems and the transformation of national health systems;

- c) To promote the coordinated participation of all health-related agencies, including those providing services, training human resources and pursuing research, and those for international cooperation;
- d) To disseminate to the governments and their ministries and agencies the information available on methodological aspects and advances in the development of local health systems and the transformation of national health systems;
- e) To support the monitoring of the evaluation of progress in the countries, and to include this topic in his annual reports during the present quadrennium (1987-1990).

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XVI

PROGRAM POLICIES IN FOOD AND NUTRITION

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen Document CD33/23 on the Organization's food and nutrition policy;

Considering the persistence of serious food and nutrition problems in the Region, largely because of the marginal social and economic conditions of important population groups and the severe economic situation in the countries;

Aware that the problem is of a nature to require coordinated multisectoral action, in which the Ministries of Health carry out specific measures in the national health systems and provide leadership in the technical aspects of their interaction with the other sectors involved;

Concerned that the stabilization and structural adjustment measures being adopted by the countries may aggravate existing deficits in the availability and consumption of food in low-income groups and increase the prevalence of undernutrition;

Recognizing that, in addition to protein-energy malnutrition, there are specific deficiencies of iodine, iron, and vitamin A, as well as malnutrition from excesses and deficiencies of nutrients in the diets of many population groups; and

Taking into account the important role of the Organization in the food and nutrition area, both directly and in coordination with other technical cooperation agencies,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member Governments:
 - a) To strengthen their multisectoral policies and strategies for increasing purchasing power and improving the availability and consumption of food, particularly in low-income populations and groups at high biological risk, in order to improve their nutritional status;
 - b) To carry out measures for improving the food habits of the population that will result in a nutritionally balanced diet;

- c) To step up food and nutrition work in national health systems and under the primary health care strategy, with broad social participation, through the effective mobilization of local and external resources, and taking account of the important part played by women in this work.
2. To request the Director, in working with Member Countries, to emphasize technical cooperation in the following aspects:
- a) The planning, execution, and evaluation of food and nutrition strategies directed at low-income populations and priority groups;
 - b) Food and nutrition surveillance;
 - c) Distribution of food to priority groups, especially mothers and children and other groups at the poverty level;
 - d) Education and social communication in food and nutrition, including warning against the effects of malnutrition caused by insufficiencies and excesses;
 - e) Control of specific nutritional deficiencies: iodine, iron, and vitamin A;
 - f) Preventive nutrition in the management of chronic diseases associated with food and nutrition;
 - g) Research into balanced diets using basic foods which, to the extent possible, are locally produced.

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XVII

MONITORING OF THE STRATEGIES OF HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen Document CD33/22, which constitutes the chapter for the Region of the Americas on Monitoring of the Strategies of Health for All by the Year 2000;

Recognizing that the presentation corresponding to the Region of the Americas has been prepared in compliance with the provisions contained in Resolution WHA39.7 of the Thirty-ninth World Health Assembly;

Aware of the difficulties faced by the countries in the implementation and utilization of this instrument-guideline; and

Bearing in mind that the report for this Region will be presented to the WHO Executive Board for consideration by the World Health Assembly along with the reports from the other WHO Regions,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director for the report which has been prepared and presented by the Secretariat in cooperation with the countries of the Region of the Americas.
2. To recommend to the Governments of the Member Countries that they:
 - a) Adopt appropriate measures to strengthen both the process of Health for All and implementation of the primary health care strategy;
 - b) Strengthen their health sector information, analysis and evaluation systems in order to improve program planning and program execution.
3. To request that the Director:
 - a) Forward the report to WHO Headquarters, together with the comments of the Regional Committee for the Americas;
 - b) Request WHO to prepare guidelines that are more specific and operational than those used in the past, which have posed serious difficulties in their utilization;

- c) Inform the members of the WHO Executive Board designated by Member Countries in the Region of the Americas about the report, the comments of the Regional Committee, and the need to improve the guidelines to be used in the future for monitoring of the Health for All strategies;
- d) Continue cooperating with the Member Governments to assist them as necessary in preparing any reports and evaluations that may be needed in the future.

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XVIII

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the report "Drug Abuse Prevention" (Document CD33/19);

Considering Resolutions XLI of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XXV of the XXI Pan American Sanitary Conference, and XVII of the XXIX Meeting of the Directing Council, in which the Member Governments and the Bureau are requested to collaborate in the strengthening of national and regional activities for the control of drug abuse, the development of systems to provide information on the size and nature of the problem, and the study of the causal factors and the impact of drugs on the health of the population in the Region;

Recognizing the importance of the work done by PAHO/WHO in the promotion of research in and the prevention of drug abuse; and

Considering that the high levels of the traffic in and the production and consumption of illegal drugs are affecting primarily and increasingly the Region's young population, to the detriment of their health and well-being,

RESOLVES:

1. To support coordination between PAHO/WHO and the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) of the Organization of American States (OAS), the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC), and other international agencies and bodies doing similar work in the Region.

2. To request the Member Governments to support PAHO/WHO activities in this area by making technical and institutional resources available to the Organization and providing voluntary contributions to the PAHO budget for such purposes.

3. To support, and to encourage cooperation among, Member Governments in their strong enforcement measures against drug traffickers.

4. To request the health authorities of the Member Governments to intensify their participation and provide leadership for the groups and commissions that formulate intersectoral policies and programs for drug abuse control in the countries.

5. To promote the participation of the health sector in coordination with other sectors to promote and encourage primary prevention programs for the general population, with emphasis on groups at risk and adolescents.

6. To request the Director, as available resources permit, including those of the Regional Director's Development Program and from extrabudgetary sources, to increase the attention and resources devoted by the Organization to this problem, and make every possible effort to undertake the activities that are recommended in the report and additional ones as they are developed.

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XIX

AEDES ALBOPICTUS

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the report on Aedes albopictus (Document CD33/6), which proposes a role for action by PAHO in this matter;

Taking note of Resolution XXVI of the XXXI Meeting of the Directing Council (1985) that urges the Governments of the countries to take appropriate actions to overcome barriers that may be hindering progress in their programs to control or eradicate Aedes aegypti, giving the necessary attention to the allocation of funds, personnel and materials for these programs, and to implement measures for preventing exportation of the vector to other countries; and

Reaffirming Resolution CSP22.R25 of the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference (1986) which, inter alia, recommended to the Member Countries that they initiate or continue the necessary actions for effective surveillance of Aedes albopictus and measures to prevent its further dissemination or to eradicate it, if possible,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Governments of countries and territories infested with Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus to implement the resolutions mentioned above.

2. To reaffirm statements contained in the approved Plan of Action for Aedes albopictus control (Document CE99/15).

3. To urge all Member Countries:

- a) To take note of the need for adequate legislation and to take the necessary steps to implement regulations regarding importation and exportation of used tire casings;
- b) To prepare and implement national plans of action for the control of Aedes albopictus with strategies and activities similar to those existing in Aedes aegypti control programs.

4. To request Member Countries to report immediately to the Director on any infestations with Aedes albopictus.

5. To request the Director to continue to support Member Countries in their surveillance and control activities, with particular reference to dissemination of scientific and technical information which they may use in establishing the necessary legislative and operational steps to prevent the spread of Aedes albopictus.

(Adopted at the eleventh plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XX

SALARY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering the revision made to the schedule of salaries of the professional and higher categories of staff in graded posts, effective 1 April 1988;

Taking into account the decision by the Executive Committee at its 101st Meeting to adjust the salaries of the Deputy Director and the Assistant Director (Resolution CE101.R12);

Having noted the recommendation of the Executive Committee concerning the salary of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Resolution CE101.R12); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 330.3,

RESOLVES:

To establish the net salary of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau at US\$58,892 (single rate) per annum, effective 1 April 1988.

(Adopted at the eleventh plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XXI

PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION FLAG

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Document CD33/4 and Resolution XIII of the 101st Meeting of the Executive Committee; and

Believing it desirable to adopt an official flag of the Pan American Health Organization, to be flown on the premises of the Organization and to be displayed elsewhere on ceremonial and other appropriate occasions,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt and approve as the official flag of the Pan American Health Organization the design as described in Document CD33/4.

2. To request the Director to adopt a flag code and to draw up regulations concerning the use of the flag and the protection of its dignity, and taking into account the relationship between the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization.

(Adopted at the eleventh plenary session,
30 September 1988)

RESOLUTION XXII

FIGHT AGAINST THE USE OF TOBACCO

THE XXXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen Document CD33/24 on the "Fight Against the Use of Tobacco";

Deeply concerned by the avoidable disease, disability, diminished quality of life, suffering, and premature deaths that occur each year in the Region as the unquestionable consequence of the use of tobacco;

Recognizing that passive smoking may endanger the health and lives of nonsmokers; and

Bearing in mind that there is sufficient evidence to indicate the addictive nature of the use of tobacco,

RESOLVES:

1. To promote the adoption of public health measures at the regional and national levels to prevent and control the use of tobacco as well as to protect the health of nonsmokers.
2. To urge Member Governments to:
 - a) Adopt legal measures aimed at protecting the health of nonsmokers;
 - b) Adopt measures to control the direct or indirect advertising of all types of tobacco;
 - c) Restrict the consumption of tobacco in any form whatsoever in public places;
 - d) Establish education programs on the dangers of smoking for students in all schools and at all educational levels;
 - e) Make systematic and effective efforts to inform the public through all means, including the mass media, as to the dangers of smoking.
3. To request that the Director:
 - a) Present to the XXXIV Meeting of the Directing Council a regional plan of action for prevention and control of the use of tobacco;

- b) Explore the possibility of obtaining extrabudgetary funds from nongovernmental, bilateral, and multilateral organizations, from foundations and professional associations, and from all those sources which may be able to facilitate necessary assistance for the execution of a regional plan of action for prevention and control of the use of tobacco.

(Adopted at the eleventh plenary session,
30 September 1988)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of the Directing Council and the Secretary ex officio, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, the two texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Washington, D.C., United States of America, on this thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the Archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Governments of the Organization.

Raúl Ugarte Artola
President of the
XXXIII Meeting of the Directing Council
Representative of Uruguay

Carlyle Guerra de Macedo
Secretary ex officio of the Directing Council
Director of the
Pan American Sanitary Bureau