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## **23rd DIRECTING COUNCIL**

27th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

*Washington D.C., 29 September – 8 October 1975*

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### ***RESOLUTION***

***CD23.R32***

### **BASIC DRUGS PROGRAM**

*THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Considering that a large sector of the population has difficulty in procuring drugs because the production and marketing system utilized results in high costs which make them inaccessible to the majority;

Taking into account the experience of the Government of Peru over the past four years in the implementation of the Basic Drugs Program, which has aroused the evident interest of several countries;

Recognizing the urgent need to bring about a reduction in the price of high-quality drugs, in order to put them within the reach of the socially and economically less privileged population; and

Considering the existence of local factors that must be taken into account with a view to reducing the cost of drugs,

#### ***RESOLVES***

1. To take note of the statement made by the Representative of Peru.
2. To draw the attention of Member Governments to the desirability of carrying out an analysis of local factors that might contribute to reducing the cost of drugs without sacrificing quality.
3. To request the Director to afford the necessary cooperation in conducting the relevant studies.

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