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23rd DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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NON-COMMUNICABLE CHRONIC DISEASES

THE 23rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind that, as a result of the control of communicable diseases, the increases recorded in life expectancy at birth, and the environmental changes taking place in some countries of the Region, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus and cancer are among the principal causes of death;

Considering that many countries have not yet formulated definite policies in regard to programs for the control of these diseases; and

Bearing in mind the relevant goals contained in the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas,

RESOLVES

1. To request the Director of PASB to collaborate with the countries in epidemiological studies that will enable them to define the extent of the problem of chronic diseases and to identify the risk factors involved in their pathogenesis, in order to provide guidance for control programs.
2. To recommend to the countries that they establish technical units for noncommunicable diseases at the central level of health administrations with a view to programming and coordinating control activities on a national scale, as part of regionalized national health care systems.

3. To request the Bureau to promote and coordinate intercountry programs in specific communities and on a restricted scale, with a view to demonstrating the feasibility and effectiveness of epidemiological studies and preventive and therapeutic measures, thus facilitating the organization of permanent control programs of broader coverage.

4. To request the Director to consider the establishment of an information system designed to monitor the situation at the regional level and to identify collaboration aspects of epidemiological, basic, and clinical research.

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