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RESOLUTION

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**PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES TO THE RURAL AND
UNDER-SERVED POPULATION OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN**

THE 23rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that previous resolutions of the World Health Assembly (in particular Resolutions WHA20.53, WHA23.61, WHA25.17, WHA26.35, WHA26.43, and WHA27.44)¹ stress the need to encourage the provision and expansion of integrated health services to meet the needs of all the peoples and give recognition to their fundamental rights;

Having noted the renewed emphasis and the priority given by the Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly to the promotion of primary health care (Resolution WHA28.88);² and

Being mindful of the need to attain the goals of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas,

RESOLVES

1. To request the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to give the highest priority to the expansion of health services designed to provide total coverage, in keeping with the life patterns and needs of the

communities served, and at the same time promoting direct community involvement in local health activities.

2. To urge the Governments to make explicit in their health programs the decision to expand and improve rural health services and use all the possible manpower resources of the community served through continuous efforts to train professional, technical, and auxiliary personnel in accordance with local needs.

3. To encourage the Governments which have already initiated programs to share with other countries information and experience on the progress made or alternative procedures used, in collaboration with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, with a view to proposing general standards for planning.

4. To request the Governments to promote effective coordination with those other components of socioeconomic development that are intimately related with the well-being of the rural population.

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