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Rural Health

Resolution of June 13, 1949

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING that the Agenda of the Second Session of the Economic Commission for Latin America did not provide for the consideration of the problem of rural health which is of utmost importance because of its close relationship with the economic development of Latin America;

CONSIDERING that the economic development of the Latin American countries is closely connected with the improvement of the health standards of their peoples;

CONSIDERING the work at present being done by the World Health Organization and the Panamerican Sanitary Bureau;

CONSIDERING that marked progress in the economic conditions of some Latin American countries would result from the eradication of the endemic diseases which hamper the productivity of their peoples;

RESOLVES first, to recommend Governments to encourage the improvement of standards of health in the rural areas, principally those where endemic diseases are known;

second, to recommend the World Health Organization and the Panamerican Sanitary Bureau that they intensify their efforts to improve health in rural areas, in accordance with the recommendation set forth in the first paragraph of this resolution.