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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA:

CONSIDERING:

- a) that the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance has successfully completed its fifth year and that it has led to appreciable results in the countries of Latin America;
- b) that the present world situation provides favourable prospects for the continuation and further development of this Programme;
- c) that the Latin American countries, through the experience they have obtained in utilizing technical assistance services, are convinced that such programmes should be more closely linked with their plans for economic and social development;
- d) that Latin America's experience also shows that technical assistance projects of a regional character have made it possible to achieve extremely valuable objectives through the joint efforts of governments and of organizations which participate in multi-national activities; and
- e) that the same experience further suggests that the

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possibility should be studied of satisfying more effectively the need for technical assistance which arises from the processes of economic development in the Latin American countries, and of giving greater flexibility to the system of allocation and application of technical assistance resources;

RESOLVES:

1. To take note with satisfaction of:
  - a) the reports submitted by the Secretariat of the Technical Assistance Board and by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration on their activities in Latin America (document E/CN.12/371, 372 and 372/Add.1);
  - b) the report on the programme of training in problems of economic development carried out jointly by the ECLA secretariat and the Technical Assistance Administration (document E/CN.12/376);
  - c) the support given by the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to
    - i) the economic integration project for Central America sponsored by ECLA's Central American Economic Cooperation Committee;
    - ii) the study of the pulp and paper industry carried out jointly by ECLA, FAO and TAA, and the corresponding meeting of experts; and
    - iii) the preparation of the study of the iron and steel fabricating industry now being carried out jointly by ECLA and TAA, and the corresponding meeting of experts;
2. To reaffirm its interest in the activities of the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and to express its satisfaction

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- at the efforts they have made to give an increasingly effective response to requests received from governments;
3. To recommend to the secretariat and to the appropriate technical assistance authorities that they take the necessary measures to make available to individual countries the benefits of the economic development training programme, referred to in paragraph 1 b) above, through seminars, selected readings and special courses, using as far as possible graduates of that programme;
  4. To recommend to the Latin American Governments that in formulating their technical assistance programmes they bear in mind the conclusions which may be derived from the analyses and projections of economic development which have been or may be carried out by economic programming organizations either in the countries themselves, or by the ECLA secretariat;
  5. To recommend to organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance that they likewise bear in mind the said conclusions in their negotiations on the national technical assistance programmes formulated by Latin American countries;
  6. To recommend to Latin American Governments that they bear in mind resolution 542 (XVIII) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and to suggest to them that, in formulating their national programmes, and in order to intensify the use of national and international technical assistance, and to co-ordinate requests for such assistance, they should consider, with due regard to their own circumstances, the possibility of creating, if they have not already done so, a specific national technical assistance organization or service which would have among its  
  
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objectives, the following:

- a) to integrate technical assistance at the national level in terms of the country's objectives in the field of economic and social development;
  - b) to determine the number and type of experts as well as the other forms of technical assistance, which a general or specific plan of economic and social development may require for its complete formulation and execution;
  - c) to evaluate those national technical resources which can be used for the economic development of other countries of the region.
7. To recommend to member governments that they take steps to carry out resolution 584 B-III (XX) of the Economic and Social Council which urges States participating in the Expanded Programme to give their support to the Programme, financially and otherwise, on an expanding basis;
8. To suggest to the appropriate authorities of the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme:
- a) that they take into account those technical assistance projects of a continuing character which countries request within the framework of their general economic development plans, in accordance with the established system for drawing up national technical assistance programmes;
  - b) that they also take into account those regional projects of a continuing character which are of fundamental importance to the Latin American countries as a whole, or to specific groups of countries;
  - c) that they give due consideration to the types of projects mentioned in a) and b) above in the  
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distribution of funds available under the Expanded Programme;

- d) that they study the possibility of satisfying still more effectively the need for technical assistance which arises from the processes of economic development in the Latin American countries and of giving greater flexibility to the system of allocation and application of technical assistance resources.