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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING:

- a) that an adequate supply of energy is an important factor for economic development;
- b) that deficiencies in this supply have represented a serious obstacle to the economic growth of the Latin American countries and that the need thus exists for efficient, integrated and multiple utilization of energy resources and of the installations for their use;
- c) that, to this end, information and statistics are required on the availability and utilization of energy resources, including the capacity of existing installations;
- d) that, in drawing up economic development policies and programmes, it is indispensable to create and perfect institutions devoted to experimentation, technical and economic measurement, evaluation, integrated development, efficient use and protection of energy resources;
- e) that, specialized technical co-operation, of sufficient magnitude, between Latin American countries, between their institutions dealing with energy resources and between such institutions and those of more industrialized countries, may contribute to a solution of the problem of meeting the energy needs of this region through an increase in technical knowledge and skills; and
- f) bearing in mind resolution 38 (AC.16), the Report of the Secretary-General entitled Development and Utilization of Water Resources (doc. E/2603) and resolution 533 (XVIII) of the Economic and Social Council,
/in particular

in particular paragraph 4, which, inter alia, invites the regional economic commissions "to take, in co-operation with governments, all practical steps" "calculated to help strengthen international technical co-operation in regard to water resource development and utilization";

RESOLVES:

1. To take note with approval of the preliminary report on the Production and Utilization of Energy in Latin America. Possibilities and Problems (docs. E/CN.12/373/Rev.1, E/CN.12/384 and Add. 1 and 2).
2. To recommend to the governments of the Latin American countries that:
 - a) as far as possible within the general lines of their economic policy and with the aim of balanced, integrated and multiple development and of an optimum use of their energy resources, the advisability be borne in mind of creating and perfecting both institutions to formulate policy in this sphere and organizations responsible for compiling information and statistics and for evaluating the potential mineral and water resources, as well as other resources, and their final utilization;
 - b) they co-operate with the secretariat in drawing up a uniform energy nomenclature as well as in improving studies and direct activities of the secretariat relating to the promotion of the supply and utilization of energy;
 - c) they assign, as far as possible, in their requests for technical assistance, the required priority to energy development.
3. To recommend that the secretariat, to the extent of its resources and in co-operation with the Technical Assistance Administration, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the other regional economic commissions of the United Nations and with other agencies and institutions concerned:
 - a) Pursue the study of the traditional and new sources of energy, particularly the present and future availability, utilization and needs of the different energy sources in Latin America and proceed with research on the efficiency with which energy resources are being used, to this end convening study groups on the subject, whenever advisable;
 - b) investigate the capacity obtained in the production, generation, /transport, distribution