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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA:

CONSIDERING that although Latin America's forests represent one fourth of the world's forest resources their present contribution to the economics of the region and the world is negligible;

CONSIDERING further that the development of such resources based on modern industrial techniques and on the application of scientific forest management and systematic reforestation could substantially contribute to the welfare of the Latin American Nations, facilitate the nationalization and expansion of agricultural production and constitute an important step toward the settlement of new lands and the creation of industrial employment in rural areas;

TAKES NOTE of the establishment by FAO of a Latin American Commission for Forestry and Forest Products serviced by a regional office with headquarters at Rio de Janeiro; and,

1) RECOMMENDS governments to include in their economic programmes the development of forest industries and the conservation of forest resources;

2) INVITES the Executive Secretary a) to make arrangements with the Director General of FAO in order to

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promote the development of the forest industries of Latin America through the combined efforts of both organizations; and, b) to explore, through the studies on international trade which he is to undertake, practical measures for developing and fostering exports of forest products of Latin America to other parts of the world.

3) URGES the international organizations concerned to carry out studies for the determination of suitable sites for the establishment of modern forest industries. Such studies should have the prior approval of the governments concerned and should take into consideration the domestic and foreign possibilities for financing.

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