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CONTINUATION OF THE STUDY
ON THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,
CONSIDERING that the preparation of national economic,
social and financial policies to promote the economic development
of member countries must be based upon individual studies of the
broad factors of economic activity, and that, specifically with
regard to industrial development, such studies must necessarily
comprise, both

(a) the technical analysis of engineering and
administration, and

(b) the general economic analysis of factors outside the
industrial installations;

CONSIDERING that the study on the productivity of the
cotton textile industry in selected Latin American countries
points out to a large extent the principal technical reasons

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for the general backwardness of that industry as far as engineering and administration are concerned;

CONSIDERING that in order to enable member governments to obtain the greatest possible benefit from the results of that study when framing national development programmes in this branch of industry, it should be supplemented by another approach to the problem, paying due attention to the national and international economic factors not connected with the industrial installations themselves, which have influenced the present state of that industry's development as depicted in the technical study;

1. DECIDES that a second study shall be made of the textile industry in the Latin American countries covered by the study of the productivity of labour, and that in it an effort shall be made to assess the national and international economic factors influencing the present stage of development of that industry, in particular those which have impeded its technological progress and a greater satisfaction of the clothing needs of the mass of the population of the countries concerned; and

2. DECIDES that the same dual aspect should be considered in any future industrial studies undertaken by the Secretariat.