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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

CONSIDERING that each member country has its own characteristic ways and methods of exploiting its natural resources for purposes of industrial development;

CONSIDERING that a scientific determination of such ways and methods may be achieved only by means of systematic technical research;

CONSIDERING that most of the member countries do not have adequate resources for applied technical research as regards either the training of technicians or the carrying out of basic research in applied technology;

CONSIDERING that to transfer the technological methods appropriate to the highly industrialized countries directly to the less developed countries, in which the relative availability of the

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various factors of production is quite different, often leads the latter towards erroneous solutions for their problems;

CONSIDERING that it is imperative, in view of the limited resources available to the Latin American countries, that technological research take into account the factors which determine the particular stage of development of those countries;

RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary, after having gathered the necessary preparatory material, should convene a group of experts with responsibility for preparing reports and making recommendations for the establishment or improvement of centres of applied technical research, having in mind the need to train research workers and to provide facilities for carrying out technical research programmes of national interest;

RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary should consult with the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations and with the specialized agencies with a view to obtaining necessary technical assistance at the appropriate stage;

RECOMMENDS to the member governments concerned that they consult with the Executive Secretary regarding the appropriate methods of submitting requests to the Secretary General for convening the above-mentioned experts.
