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CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR  
LATIN AMERICA AND THE INTER-AMERICAN  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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Ad Hoc Committee on Co-ordination and General Questions

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Commission's responsibility to the  
Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the  
responsibility of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council  
to the Organization of American States;

CONSIDERING that it is necessary to intensify co-operation and  
co-ordination between all the international agencies and bodies  
established in the area, without prejudice to the independence  
and the terms of reference contained in their respective charters  
or constitutions;

CONSIDERING that ECLA's broad terms of reference facilitate  
joint action and a concentration of efforts on problems of

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primary importance by the Commission and other established agencies in the region; and in particular that since its creation ECLA, in accordance with its terms of reference, has developed arrangements for close co-operation and co-ordination with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, and that any unnecessary duplication of work has been avoided, as is demonstrated by statements made by representatives of the agencies concerned at the sessions of the Commission and by the statement of the Executive Secretary (document E/AC.34/6, paragraphs 91-159) which was prepared in consultation and agreement with the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (paragraphs 139-156);

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the Commission already has expressed the need for its continuation, and the desirability that ECLA continue to give its special attention to the work of economic development,

DECLARES that each and every one of its member governments is convinced that co-operation and co-ordination in the work and programmes of ECLA and IAECOSOC should be achieved to the highest necessary and useful degree, and to attain this objective;

RESOLVES that its Executive Secretary continue the work of co-operation and co-ordination which has been initiated between ECLA and IAECOSOC;

DEEMS that both agencies will be able to extend reciprocal and effective collaboration, within the limits of their available resources, by means of agreements between their respective Executive Secretaries, whether on their own initiative or by resolutions

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adopted in annual meetings;

INVITES the IAECOSOC, in accordance with the foregoing, to participate, in the person of its Executive Secretary, with the Executive Secretary of ECLA in a Committee on Co-ordination which should guarantee on a continuing basis the adequate distribution of work or the application of the efforts of both agencies to the study and solution of leading problems;

(a) This Committee should be composed of, in addition to the Executive Secretaries, the officials of both organizations whose presence may be necessary to make co-ordination effective.

(b) This Committee should meet twice a year, or more frequently if the Executive Secretaries of both organizations consider it desirable.

RECOMMENDS to the Governments of member states the adoption of appropriate administrative arrangements, in accordance with their particular circumstances, with a view to achieving better understanding of the studies and resolution of international agencies and also the highest possible degree of co-ordination of policy in the meetings of these international bodies and agencies;

INVITES the IAECOSOC to appoint an official of the OAS who, jointly with the official of the United Nations designated by ECLA, should study the arrangements they consider necessary and adequate to ensure that co-ordination at the government level may be achieved in a practical and positive manner, and submit their conclusions for approval to the subsequent meetings of ECLA and IAECOSOC;

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RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary maintain direct and close contact with the governmental bodies which each government will designate.

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