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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

ON

INTER-REGIONAL TRADE CO-OPERATION

The Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America wishes to draw the attention of member governments to resolution 535 B (XVIII) of the Economic and Social Council requesting the Secretary-General of the United Nations

"to prepare a technical report on the practical conditions under which effect might usefully be given to resolution 5 (IX) of the Economic Commission for Europe"

and further

"to communicate this report to the three regional economic commissions, so that they may give their opinion on the whole question at their next session".

Resolution 5 (IX) of the Economic Commission for Europe, with which the report (E/2674) is thus concerned, expresses the belief that, in view of the positive experience gained from intra-European trade consultations organized under the auspices of ECE, the two other regional commissions might organize similar consultations of trade experts on an inter-regional basis, in order to strengthen inter-regional trade relations and contribute to the expansion of world trade.

In compliance with resolution 535 B (XVIII), the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America therefore requests the Committee of the Whole to give its opinion on inter-regional trade co-operation, in order that this may be communicated to the Economic and Social Council for its twentieth session in July of the present year. For this reason, document E/2674 is distributed as an annex to this note.