

**608(XXX) PROMOTION OF COORDINATION IN STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES  
CONCERNING SOUTH AMERICA**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Taking into account the important work carried out by the Commission in relation to the South American countries, both in its divisions and in its national offices in the subregion,

Considering the studies and projects to be conducted under subprogrammes 1 to 10 of the Commission's programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007,

Taking into account the interest expressed by the South American countries in strengthening the coherence of studies and projects concerning the subregion, so as to avoid the duplication of efforts and promote complementarity,

1. Recommends that the secretariat encourage the national offices and the various organs of the Commission to carry out joint studies and activities that focus more in depth on the South American subregion in an integrated and complementary manner;

2. Highlights, in this connection, the need to guarantee coordination and unity in the work of the divisions and of the national offices in the subregion, especially in the areas of physical integration, international trade and the analysis of macroeconomic convergence in South America, without prejudice to other relevant issues, such as those relating to the social sphere and sustainable development.