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Note: The Summary of Debates adopted by the delegations at the last plenary meeting of the eighteenth session did not include an account of the statements made at it; this appears in paragraphs 548 to 563 of this report, and could not therefore be made available to the representatives. In keeping with established practice, any observations it is desired to make on the subject should be submitted within 30 days of the date of this report.

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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Taking into account the fact that the recent General Assembly resolution 33/193 on preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade lays down that the strategy should:

(a) Include a set of interrelated and concerted measures in all sectors of development, covering the macroeconomic, social and sectoral levels, regional, horizontal and international trade, the real transfer of resources and the monetary system,

(b) For the purpose of achieving the objectives set forth, within the framework of viable quantitative and qualitative objectives - both over-all and sectoral - define agreed commitments of all countries for the adoption and implementation of policy measures and, where appropriate, include such commitments expressed in quantified terms or in a time framework, or in both,

(c) Envisage appropriate arrangements for reviewing the progress in its implementation and its possible adaptation in the light of new needs or developments,

Bearing in mind that the nature of the objectives envisaged by the new strategy and the desire to consider them in a coherent qualitative and quantitative framework, the intention to specify quantitatively the policy commitments, and the decision to establish machinery for the appraisal and adaptation of the strategy in the light of new needs and developments, for the purpose of which ECLA must contribute to the formulation, appraisal and adaptation of the new strategy in the conceptual and methodological framework set out above, will involve broad-ranging and intensive work on the forecasting of scenarios on the future of Latin American development and the preparation of the corresponding quantitative analyses,

Recalling, furthermore, that in its resolution 3508 (XXX) on the examination of long-term trends in the economic development of the regions of the world the General Assembly recommends that the regional commissions should prepare studies on the long-term trends in and forecasts of the economic development of their respective regions, taking into account the national development programmes of individual countries and the particular characteristics and priorities of the regions,

1. Requests the secretariat to continue and heighten its efforts to make progress in the prospective studies and medium- and long-term projections of the economic and social development of the Latin American countries as a whole, also taking into account the particular characteristics of each one of them;

2. Further requests that, in particular, it should advance in and intensify the research and projections required in order to contribute initially to the formulation of the new strategy and subsequently to its appraisal and adaptation to the new circumstances or conditions which may arise in the coming decade;

3. Urges the secretariat, for the purpose of carrying out the above-mentioned studies, to enter into contact with the Governments of the countries of the region in order to gain a better knowledge of the methodological bases, objectives, goals and strategies of their national development plans and policies;

4. Also urges the secretariat to collaborate in methodological matters with the Governments when they specifically so request.