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316 (AC.64). Regional emergency measures for cases of natural disaster

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1546 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970, and General Assembly resolutions 2435 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972, relating to assistance in cases of natural disaster,

Taking into account that most countries in the region are liable to suffer various kinds of natural disaster, the consequences of which affect large sectors of the population and are extremely detrimental to the national economies,

Recalling its resolution 314 (AC.64) on international co-operation to deal with the disaster which occurred in Nicaragua on 23 December 1972, particularly the reference to preparing a national plan in Nicaragua for cases of mass emergency and other cases, which might serve as a pilot plan for an international model,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the relevant specialized agencies, to take appropriate action to ensure that the countries in the area which have not already done so prepare their national plans to deal with such emergencies, exchange information and take the necessary measures, with a view to drawing up a regional plan for emergencies and mutual assistance in cases of natural disaster;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to make full use of the financial, technical and other resources placed at his disposal for such purposes and to take appropriate steps to ensure the implementation of this resolution, utilizing to that end, in particular, the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator.

166th meeting,
18 January 1973.