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Recalling that concern with population problems has always been a feature of the activities of the United Nations, as witness the fact that the Population Commission of the Economic and Social Council was set up as long ago as 1948,

Likewise recalling that such activities have contributed significantly to the progressive awareness of the nature of population dynamics in the world of today and the discussion of the determinants and consequences of such dynamics as regards the achievement of development objectives,

Stressing that the World Population Plan of Action adopted at the United Nations World Population Conference held in Bucharest represents a basic consensus of the international community on the importance of population trends for economic and social development and the crucial role played by development in influencing such trends,

Reaffirming that the harmonization of population trends with economic and social development presupposes the existence of integral development, which cannot be achieved through partial efforts in particular sectors of the economy or the social system, but only through concerted progress in all aspects, as stated in the First Regional Appraisal of the International Development Strategy, adopted in resolution 320 (XV) of the Commission,

Considering that the Second Regional Appraisal of the International Development Strategy, adopted in resolution 347 (XVI) of the Commission, links population growth trends, population settlement patterns and internal and international migration with various aspects of economic and social development viewed from the standpoint of integral development,

Bearing in mind resolution 346 (AC.68), paragraph 12, adopted at the Tenth Extraordinary Session of the Committee of the Whole of CEPAL in March 1975, which requests the Executive Secretary of CEPAL to hold the necessary consultations with a view to the incorporation into the regular budget of that organization of a certain number of

key CELADE directorial and administrative posts, in order to ensure the continuity of CELADE's work,

Taking note of the report on the activities of CELADE and of the contents of the regional population programme for the biennium 1977-1978,

Bearing in mind that the Executive Secretary of CEPAL is to convene a special meeting of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts in order to comply with the provisions of CEPAL resolutions 357 (XVI) and 360 (XVI),

1. Decides to incorporate the basic infrastructure of CELADE into the Secretariat of CEPAL in order to ensure the continuous conduct of its activities in population matters, and to request the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures, as described in resolution 346 (AC.68), to ensure that this infrastructure comes under the regular budget of the CEPAL Secretariat as from 1978;
2. Recommends to the Committee of High-Level Government Experts that, at the specialized meeting to be convened by the Executive Secretary of CEPAL, it should consider matters relating to population in the region within the framework of the International Development Strategy as it applies to Latin America and in conformity with the proposals for the New International Economic Order and the recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action, paying due regard to national policies;
3. Expresses its gratitude to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to the Government of the Netherlands, to the Government of Canada, and to other organizations which are supporting the activities of CELADE;
4. Urges the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to expand its financial assistance to the Secretariat's population activities, in keeping with the new and wider responsibilities of the secretariat in this field resulting from the decisions and instructions of the Governments of the region.

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