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## 594(XXIX) WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

### The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering that the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be convened in the near future for the purpose of examining the sustainable development problems still faced by the peoples of the world 10 years after the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992), as well as the progress made in this regard,

Considering also that, despite the efforts made by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, the progress attained thus far is insufficient, given the persistence of economic, social and environmental problems that impede the achievement of sustainable development,

Taking into account the preparatory activities for the Summit carried out in Latin America and the Caribbean and those being conducted by the Preparatory Committee for the Johannesburg Summit,

Recognizing that, since 1992, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has supported and coordinated regional and subregional activities implemented in pursuance of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and Agenda 21, as well as the preparatory work for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, within its areas of competence,

1. Takes note of the report of the Regional Preparatory Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 23 and 24 October 2001;<sup>1</sup>

2. Appreciates the commitments made by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg, 2002;

3. Expresses the hope that the viewpoints of the Latin American and Caribbean countries set out in the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg, 2002, will be duly taken into account at the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

4. Takes note with satisfaction of the initiative by the ECLAC secretariat to organize, in coordination with the United Nations Development Programme and the Andean Development Corporation, a parallel event on financing and investment for sustainable development within the framework of the Johannesburg Summit, since this will be one of the central issues to be addressed at the Summit;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to support and coordinate, in line with a comprehensive approach to development, regional and subregional activities in preparation for and follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, together with the specific activities assigned to the commission in its programme of work.

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<sup>1</sup> See the Report of the Regional Preparatory Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa, 2002).