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2. Strongly supports the implementation of the publications programme submitted by the secretariat both as regards the internal printing of the two series of booklets and the external printing of its books by public and private publishers inside and outside Latin America in order to ensure wide dissemination of the results of its work on the International Development Strategy;

3. Requests the competent United Nations authorities to provide the necessary facilities for implementing the publications programme and to devise procedures, within the framework of United Nations practice, which will be sufficiently flexible to enable ECLA to issue its booklets and books at appropriate intervals and to distribute and sell them through the usual publishing channels at prices within the reach of Latin American students and readers;

4. Requests the secretariat to examine urgently the publication requirements of ECLA, to seek extra-budgetary funds for that purpose, if necessary, and to obtain the advice of a Latin American expert in book publishing and distribution from some large publishing house in order that the proposed publications programme may be adapted to the actual conditions of the publishing industry in the Latin American countries.

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325 (XV) LATIN AMERICAN CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the studies called for by General Assembly resolutions 2458 (XXIII) and 2804 (XXVI) and Economic and Social Council resolution 1571 (L) recommend the establishment or strengthening of appropriate centres at the national and regional levels in order to expand activities relating to the application of computer technology to development,

Considering that ECLA resolution 303 (XIV) establishing the Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES) recommends "that the secretariat of the Commission should give the greatest possible emphasis to its documentation and information work in the economic and social spheres and should furnish the Governments of the countries members of the Commission with whatever results may be of interest to them",

Taking into account that ECLA should co-ordinate the various activities designed to systematize information, including data processing as well as documentation and library work, with a view to broadening its scope of action and enhancing its effectiveness,

Taking into consideration the fact that its activities in the fields of statistics, economic projections, socio-economic models, administration and documentation are restricted for lack of adequate operational facilities for the automatic processing of information, a shortcoming which is especially critical in relation to the problem of the multilateral trade negotiations to be held at Geneva beginning in 1973, and for the implementation of other work programmes,

Deeming it necessary that ECLA should be in a position where it will be able to assist the Governments of the region fully and effectively in the field of computer technology both as regards services and as regards the various aspects of development, applied research, documentation and training of specialized higher-level personnel,

1. Requests the ECLA secretariat to intensify its studies and activities in this field, in collaboration with the Director of the Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Office, with a view to the possible establishment of a Latin American Centre for Information Technology (CLADI), which would include the present functions of the Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES) and would serve the activities, studies and research of ECLA, of the Governments and national, regional and sub-regional institutions of Latin America which may so require, and of other agencies of the United Nations system established in the region;

2. Recommends the secretariat, in order to facilitate the necessary arrangements, urgently to prepare a work programme and the operating rules for CLADI, in consultation with Governments, the competent United Nations agencies, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other sources of co-operation, and to work out ways and means of financing its early establishment and operation.

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326 (XV) PREPARATION OF LATIN AMERICA FOR THE 1973
MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind that the developed countries members of GATT have undertaken to carry out a general review of international economic relations and, beginning in 1973, to conduct within the framework of GATT the most ambitious and comprehensive multilateral trade negotiations since the war, which are to cover all aspects of trade in agricultural and industrial products and to devote particular attention to the problems of the developing countries, including the special modalities of their participation,

Bearing also in mind that the developing countries have shown an interest in these initiatives and have indicated that their association in the negotiations will necessarily depend upon the adoption of techniques and modalities devised with their full participation which take account of their interests and aspirations,

Recalling resolution 82 (III) on multilateral trade negotiations adopted without objection at the third session of UNCTAD and resolutions 3040 (XXVII) and 3041 (XXVII) */ adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session,

*/ The delegations of the United States, Canada, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom stated that they had voted against resolution 3040 (XXVII) and the United States and the United Kingdom noted that they had abstained on resolution 3041 (XXVII).