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Commission, in accordance with ECLA resolution 220 (AC.52), thus providing a valuable precedent and a proof of the effectiveness of this type of legal status,

Taking note of the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to extend supplementary assistance to CELADE for a further period of three years as from 1 May 1971 and of the decision of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) to give financial support to CELADE's activities, which means that CELADE's activities will be financed without additional cost to the United Nations regular budget,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme and to the governmental and non-governmental organizations whose generous contributions have enabled CELADE to continue its operations up to now;
2. Also expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for the financial support they have decided to give CELADE from 1971 onwards;
3. Considers that CELADE's continued activities in the region are a most valuable complement to the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America;
4. Recognizes CELADE as an autonomous agency under the aegis of the Commission and requests it to continue to extend and improve its teaching, research and advisory activities in the field of population;
5. Suggests to the United Nations Development Programme and to the Governments members of CELADE that, in the Plan of Operations for the supplementary phase, the structure of CELADE and its financial and administrative arrangements should be adapted to its new legal status.

160th meeting,
6 May 1971.

305 (XIV). CARIBBEAN REGIONAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMME 44/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the countries of the Caribbean subregion have made a major effort towards regional economic integration,

Bearing in mind that the establishment and growth of the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) has contributed to an expansion of trade and co-operation among these countries,

Taking into account the assistance and co-operation given to member Governments of CARIFTA by the ECLA Office for the Caribbean,

Aware of the increasing importance of the evaluation of economic and social development for the implementation of national and subregional plans and programmes,

44/ See para. 513 above.

Requests the ECLA secretariat to continue its active co-operation with the Governments of the Caribbean Free Trade Association, and with the CARIFTA secretariat, especially in matters pertaining to the integration process;

Requests the ECLA secretariat to give due emphasis to the requirements of the countries of the Caribbean subregion when providing documentation and information and planning and carrying out studies and programmes of research, particularly in connexion with the implementation of the Strategy for the Second Development Decade.

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306 (XIV). PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STATISTICAL SERVICES 45/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the formulation and appraisal of economic and social development plans and policies requires extensive, detailed and accurate statistical information, which entails growing responsibilities for national statistical offices,

Recognizing that the statistics available in many countries of the region do not at present satisfy these requirements, and that it is urgently necessary to redouble efforts to improve them at the national and international levels,

Recalling that General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) on the International Development Strategy refers to the intention of the developing countries to strengthen their planning mechanism, including statistical services,

1. Requests the Government of the Latin American countries to make every effort to improve the coverage, quality and up-to-dateness of their statistics, so as to satisfy the ever-increasing demands for information;

2. Recommends that the secretariat should:

(a) Intensify its efforts to assist the countries of the region to meet the statistical requirements which are considered of priority importance in the task of appraising the progress of the Strategy for the Second Development Decade, with special reference to the need to co-ordinate work on the compilation of basic data and the statistics derived therefrom, and to this end giving consideration to the more frequent use of such modern methods as sampling;

(b) Organize, if it deems it necessary, after consulting the Governments and in co-operation with the other competent organizations of the region, a meeting of national officials concerned with the production and utilization of statistics to consider ways of improving and standardizing, to the extent possible, the production of the statistical services, bearing in mind the views and priorities of the major users;

45/ See para. 514 above.