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## 526(XXIV) LATIN AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHIC CENTRE (CELADE)

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Mindful of the conclusions and recommendations of the most recent intergovernmental meetings held to consider the characteristics, problems and prospects of the population of the region, particularly those aspects designed to put into practice the principles and purposes of the World Population Plan of Action,

Mindful also that those recommendations stress the need to tackle population problems as an integral part of the economic and social realities of each country, development strategies, planning processes and policies in general,

Considering the objective of the Latin American Regional Population Programme<sup>1</sup> to work with the countries of the region in ascertaining their demographic situation, formulating and evaluating development policies and programmes and exchanging information in the field of population, all of which tasks have been assigned to the Latin American Demographic Centre,

Considering also that the ECLAC studies reflected in the documents Social Equity and Changing Production Patterns: An Integrated Approach<sup>2</sup> and Education and Knowledge: Basic Pillars of Changing Production Patterns with Social Equity,<sup>3</sup> submitted to the twenty-fourth session of ECLAC, stress the importance of the objective of equity and of the role of population in development,

Emphasizing the importance attached by the countries members of the Commission to continued reliance on the services of an appropriate regional body whose work in the field of population has been recognized by the Governments of the region for its significance to development policies and programmes and to the efforts they have undertaken to achieve social equity,

Aware that the decline in extrabudgetary contributions to the Commission from the United Nations Population Fund is widening the gap between the resources needed for effective implementation of recommendations and mandates relating to population activities on the one hand, and available financing on the other,

Considering further that this decline will result in a substantial reduction of country support activities supplied by technical staff of CELADE, that these activities cannot be fully absorbed by the regional multidisciplinary team to be established by the United Nations Population Fund to support its national population projects and that this team requires solid substantive support and close coordination with the Commission in the areas of demography and population, development and planning,

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<sup>1</sup> See Latin American Regional Population Programme. Note by the secretariat (E/CEPAL/1002).

<sup>2</sup> LC/G.1701(SES.24/3).

<sup>3</sup> LC/G.1702(SES.24/4).

1. Notes with satisfaction the discussion on population in the report of the activities of the Commission since May 1990 <sup>4</sup> and the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 1994-1995;<sup>5</sup>
2. Expresses its recognition and appreciation to the United Nations Population Fund and to the Governments of Canada, France and the Netherlands for their contributions to the financing of the Latin American Regional Population Programme being executed by CELADE;
3. Notes that although the ongoing implementation of the population activities of the Commission which has been identified as a priority could require and increase in the number of professional posts and general service staff of CELADE within the budget of the Commission, beginning in 1994, any financial implications in that regard would be subject to the review and approval of the relevant United Nations bodies.

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<sup>4</sup> LC/G.1706(SES.24/5).

<sup>5</sup> LC/G.1707(SES.24/6)/Rev.1.