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Note: The Summary of Debates adopted by the delegations at the last plenary meeting of the eighteenth session did not include an account of the statements made at it; this appears in paragraphs 548 to 563 of this report, and could not therefore be made available to the representatives. In keeping with established practice, any observations it is desired to make on the subject should be submitted within 30 days of the date of this report.

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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind that the ECLA secretariat, in the course of its regular activities, produces studies and reports in the economic and social field which are of particular interest to governmental, technical and academic circles in the countries of the region,

Reaffirming the need for these publications to be made available to Spanish, English, French and Portuguese-speaking States members of the Commission,

Emphasizing the great importance attached to technical co-operation among developing countries and regions following the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries: 36/ a fact which renders even more necessary the wide distribution of the publications of the ECLA system in its four official languages,

Reiterating its resolution 380 (XVII) of 5 May 1977, and particularly the section concerning the desirability that publications and documents should be prepared and distributed at the lowest possible cost,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Commission on the publications programme 38/ and the list of the principal ECLA/ILPES/CELADE publications issued between April 1977 and March 1979; 39/
2. Also takes note with satisfaction of the efforts of the secretariat to increase the number of publications in English and French, to distribute the principal works of the secretariat in a more efficient and timely manner, using electronic systems, and to bring them to the public at prices which are within the means of broader sectors of users;
3. Reiterates its desire that the secretariat should continue to publish and distribute the results of its intellectual work as widely as possible in the Commission's four official languages;
4. Expresses renewed concern over the limited resources, which prevent the secretariat from issuing many of its publications in English, French and Portuguese;
5. Requests the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the importance of distributing the publications of the Commission within and outside Latin America in the official languages of the Commission in an extensive and timely manner and at prices within the means of the users, to consider what measures might be taken

37/ See paras. 585, 586 and 587 in vol. I of this report.

38/ E/CEPAL/1070.

39/ E/CEPAL/1080.

to ensure that adequate resources are available to enable the publications programme of the ECLA system to continue developing at a suitable rate;

6. Urges the member Governments of the Commission to provide assistance, in the form of either financial aid or technical co-operation, so that the studies and reports of the ECLA system reach the Spanish, French, English and Portuguese-speaking member countries as well as the countries in other regions to which they may be of interest.