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301 (XIV). UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT 40/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2398 (XXIII), 2581 (XXIV) and 2657 (XXV) convening a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, to be held in Stockholm in 1972, and establishing a Preparatory Committee,

Considering that the efforts of Latin American countries to improve the environment should be linked to those being undertaken at the world level and to the development objectives of over-all national policy in each country and that it is in their interest to take an active part in the preparations for and the work of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

Considering that the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment has provided support for the holding of regional seminars in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East prior to the next session of the Preparatory Committee,

Bearing in mind that during the preparatory stage of the Conference, the precise nature, origin and consequences of environmental problems for the countries of the region should be clarified in the context of their respective stages of economic and social development,

1. Recommends that Governments should take the necessary steps to ensure the effective participation of the countries of the region in the Conference;

2. Urges Governments to co-operate, through the Commission's secretariat, in this Conference and, above all, in the Regional Seminar to be held in Mexico in collaboration with the secretariat of the Conference towards the end of August 1971, with a view to exchanging information and making a joint examination of problems affecting the region;

3. Urges Governments to participate actively in the intergovernmental working groups established by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference;

4. Requests the secretariat to continue to co-ordinate at the regional level the activities connected with the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment with the studies on the region's environmental problems that it is carrying out in connexion with development policies and plans.

159th meeting,
5 May 1971.

302 (XIV). NATURAL RESOURCES 41/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that almost ever since it was first established the ECLA secretariat has been doing work, in co-operation with other United Nations agencies, on natural

40/ See para. 445 above.

41/ See para. 512 above.