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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recalling ECLA resolution 316 (XV) of 29 March 1973 on co-operation among developing countries of different geographical areas,

Drawing attention to General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) on the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and particularly section VII on the promotion of co-operation among developing countries,

Drawing attention also to the report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries submitted to the eighteenth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the report of the Administrator of UNDP submitted to the nineteenth session of the Governing Council of UNDP on the same subject,

Bearing in mind the recommendations contained in the final report of the Working Group and in particular those mentioning the role of the regional economic commissions in the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries,

Bearing in mind also General Assembly resolution 3251 (XXIX) on technical co-operation among developing countries, and especially the operative part, in which the regional economic commissions are requested to study measures aimed at applying the recommendations made to them in the report of the Working Group,

Considering that technical co-operation among developing countries constitutes a new and important dimension of international technical co-operation, in the promotion and co-ordination of which the above-mentioned General Assembly resolution assigns a central role to UNDP,

Believing it is important that the secretariat of the Commission should promote greater co-operation among the developing countries of Latin America and make suitable institutional arrangements for this purpose,

1. Notes with satisfaction the establishment of a co-ordination centre in the secretariat, to be responsible for co-ordinating the Commission's activities connected with the promotion of technical co-operation among the developing countries of the region;

2. Urges the Governments of developing countries members of the Commission:

- (a) To increase technical co-operation among themselves;
- (b) To draw up, adopt and put into practice specific programmes for technical co-operation among the developing countries of the region;
- (c) To set up institutional machinery to programme and co-ordinate activities connected with technical co-operation with other developing countries in the region;

3. Recommends the Executive Secretary of ECLA:

(a) To provide maximum support to the Governments of the developing countries of the region and to UNDP in order to set in motion activities aimed at promoting technical co-operation among such countries, with emphasis on the organization and operation of a system for providing information on the existing capacities and needs of the developing countries of the region;

(b) To co-sponsor with UNDP the Latin American intergovernmental meeting to be held prior to the world intergovernmental symposium on technical co-operation among developing countries, pursuant to the recommendation of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (DP/69, paragraph 35) which was endorsed by the General Assembly (resolution 3251 (XXIX), operative paragraph 4);

4. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, under the terms of General Assembly resolution 3251 (XXIX), to consider the need to assign one or more regional advisers to ECLA secretariat headquarters in order to strength mutual co-operation efforts among the developing countries of the region.

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