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(d) The importance of strengthening technical collaboration in the financial field in the region:

(e) The desirability of close co-operation with the central banks of the region and with CEMLA in studies and projects related to financing;

5. Pay special attention to integration and co-operation among Latin American countries along the lines described in the Working Paper No 20/Rev. 2 of Committee I on economic integration and co-operation;

6. Establish the order in which these matters are to be dealt with, in the light of the resources of the secretariat and the progress of international negotiations.

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5 May 1977.

371 (XVII) CREATION OF A SYSTEM OF CO-ORDINATION AND
CO-OPERATION AMONG PLANNING BODIES OF LATIN
AMERICA AND STRENGTHENING OF THE LATIN
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL PLANNING

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), originally proposed by CEPAL resolution 199 (IX) and established by resolution 220 (AC.52) of the Committee of the Whole of CEPAL, has played and continues to play an important role in the development of planning in Latin America, through its basic functions or training, advisory services and research,

Bearing in mind that in view of its effective contribution to the governments of Latin America, it was decided in resolution 340 (AC.66) of the Committee of the Whole that ILPES should become a permanent institution with its own identity within the CEPAL system, directly under the Executive Secretary of CEPAL,

Taking into account that CEPAL resolution 351 (XVI) provided that ILPES should co-operate in "the exchange of experience and

research results on global, sectoral and regional planning between the planning bodies of the member countries, so as to promote collaboration among them",

1. Notes with satisfaction the holding of the First Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning in Caracas, Venezuela from 13 to 16 April 1977, organized jointly by CEPAL, ILPES and the Government of Venezuela, as well as the report of that Conference and of the Technical Committee of ILPES;

2. Notes in particular the agreement of the Ministers and Heads of Planning to establish a System of Co-ordination and Co-operation among Planning Bodies of Latin America, which constitutes a major advance for regional co-operation and integration;

3. Notes further with satisfaction the existence of sub-regional machinery for bringing together those in charge of planning in the Andean area, Central America and Panama, and that recently initiated within the framework of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee;

4. Concurs that an annual Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America constitutes a necessary and appropriate framework for the exchange of experience, the identification and definition of common actions designed to increase regional co-operation, and the achievement of the objectives proposed at the Caracas Conference;

5. Considers that it would be appropriate for future meetings of the ILPES Technical Committee, established under Resolution 340 (AC.66) of the CEPAL Committee of the Whole to orient and evaluate the activities of ILPES, to be held within the framework of the annual Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning proposed by the Caracas Conference;

6. Resolves that, in fulfilment of its specific functions and in particular of the provisions of operative paragraph 4 of CEPAL resolution 351 (XVI), ILPES should assist the Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America in their joint co-operation efforts mentioned in numeral 2, Part Three of the report of the Caracas Conference;

7. Reiterates the recommendation previously addressed to the relevant United Nations bodies and authorities to furnish ILPES with stable and sufficient resources to carry out its duties;
8. Urges ILPES to promote the establishment of training centres in relatively less developed countries;
9. Endorses the recommendation made by the Caracas Conference that the temporary budgetary assistance approved by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session be placed on a permanent basis and increased as from January 1978, so far as is necessary to enable CEPAL to carry out, through ILPES, its basic functions related to planning;
10. Fully supports the recommendation of the Conference relating to the financing of ILPES in the short term, requests the Executive Secretary of CEPAL, together with the Chairman of the ILPES Technical Committee, to negotiate with UNDP a six-month extension of Phase Four of the ILPES Project from 30 June 1977, and also requests the countries of the region to make available for that period the voluntary contributions they have offered, so as not to reduce the level of ILPES activities in the countries in that period;
11. Likewise supports the continuation of the work of ILPES in the future, with the co-operation of the countries of the region, and consequently urges the Executive Secretary, together with the Chairman of the ILPES Technical Committee, to negotiate with UNDP Phase Five for ILPES to begin on 1 January 1978, in which connexion it is recalled that the countries of the region must make a collective effort to contribute to the finance of ILPES, as indicated at the Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America, and also requests that administrative formulas be found whereby part of the UNDP regional funds for planning could be channelled through ILPES;
12. Thanks UNDP for the important financial support which it has given to ILPES hitherto; also expresses its gratitude for the contributions made by countries within the region and outside it, particularly the Governments of Canada and the Netherlands, while asking them to continue giving ILPES the greatest possible support, which it urges other member States and relevant international organizations to give if they have not already done so.

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