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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,
CONSIDERING that each member country has its own
characteristic ways and methods of exploiting its natural
resources for purposes of industrial development;

CONSIDERING that a scientific determination of such ways and
methods may be arrived at only by means of systematic
technological research;

CONSIDERING that most of the member countries do not have
adequate resources for applied technological research as regards
either the training of technicians or the carrying out of basic
research in applied technology;

CONSIDERING that to transfer the technological methods
appropriate to the highly industrialized countries directly to
the less developed countries, in which the relative availability
of the various factors of production is quite different, often

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leads the latter towards inadequate solutions of their problems;

CONSIDERING that it is imperative, in view of the limited resources available to the Latin American countries, that technological research be based upon an understanding of the factors which determine the particular stage of development in each one of these countries;

RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary, after having gathered the necessary preparatory material, convene a group of experts with responsibility for preparing reports and making recommendations regarding the establishment or improvement of centres of applied technological research, having in mind the need to train research workers and to provide facilities for carrying out technological research programmes of national interest;

RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary consult with the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations and with the specialized agencies, with a view to obtaining the necessary technical assistance at the appropriate stage;

RECOMMENDS that member governments concerned consult with the Executive Secretary regarding the appropriate method of submitting requests to the Secretary-General for convening the above-mentioned experts.

