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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;

That a scientific determination of such ways and methods may be achieved only by means of systematic technical research;

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

That to transfer the technological methods appropriate to the highly industrialized countries directly to the less developed countries, in which the factors of production are quite different,

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often leads the latter towards erroneous solutions for their problems;
That the limited resources available to the Latin American countries make it imperative that technological research should take into account the factors which determine their particular stage of development;

RECOMMENDS to the Executive Secretary that he should gather the necessary material preparatory to bringing together a group of experts, who would prepare a report and make recommendations for the improvement and establishment of applied technical research centres, having in mind the training of research workers and the need for material facilities for the carrying out of technical research programmes of national interest.

RECOMMENDS to the Executive Secretary that he should consult with TAA of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies with a view to the provision of necessary technical assistance at the appropriate stage.

RECOMMENDS to the Member Governments concerned to consult with the Executive Secretary to present to the Secretary General proper requests concerning the bringing together of the above experts.
