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466(XX) STRENGTHENING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN
DEMOGRAPHIC CENTRE (CELADE)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind the conclusions and recommendations of the regional meetings on population, and especially those designed to implement the principles and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action,

Also bearing in mind the fact that the recommendations mentioned above highlight the need to approach population problems as an inseparable part of development strategies, the planning process and general policies,

Considering the Latin American Regional Population Programme's objectives of collaborating with the countries of the region in providing information on their demographic situation and in formulating and appraising development plans and programmes in the field of population, the implementation of which was entrusted by the Secretariat to the Latin American Demographic Centre,

Recognizing how important it is for the member countries of the Commission to continue to enjoy the services of a suitable regional body endowed with appropriate resources for meeting needs as regards technical co-operation, diversified training, the development and adaptation of analysis techniques suited to the conditions of the region, the generation, processing and retrieval of information on population, and the incorporation of demographic variables into development plans and strategies,

Aware that the decentralization of population activities from the central bodies of the United Nations Secretariat towards the regional commissions and in particular towards the Economic Commission for Latin America, as recommended by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/197 and 37/214, has not yet achieved significant progress which would make it possible to strengthen regional action in this area,

Concerned by the fact that in recent years the Latin American Demographic Centre has suffered a reduction in the funds granted to it by financing bodies,

Bearing in mind that the Latin American Regional Preparatory Meeting for the International Conference on Population, held within the seventh session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (Havana, November 1983) recommended that at the twentieth session of ECLA the member countries should study the advisability of adopting forms of financial co-operation designed to strengthen the activities of CELADE,

1. Recommends that the member countries of the Commission which were able and willing to do so, inspired by the spirit of technical co-operation among developing countries, should make direct contributions to ECLA which would primarily be used to finance technical co-operation missions and training programmes carried out by CELADE in the countries;

2. Instructs the Executive Secretary to study and adopt appropriate measures for the timely implementation of such contributions, in consultation with the countries prepared to make them.

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