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496 (XXII) REPORT OF THE WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Welcoming the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, entitled "Our Common Future",

Recalling General Assembly resolution 42/187 of 11 December 1987, which transmits to all governments and to the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system the report of the World Commission and invites them to take account of the analyses and recommendations contained in the report in determining their policies and programmes,

Recalling further that, in the same resolution, the General Assembly called upon the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to review their policies, programmes, budgets and activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development,

Bearing in mind that the World Commission in its report sets out as a main goal, to ensure that all economic and social development is environmentally sound and sustainable, which implies meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 42/186 on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, which took account of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the World Commission, while acknowledging that different views exist on some aspects of the Environmental Perspective,

Considering that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has been making an important contribution to the promotion of sustainable development and should intensify and broaden its efforts in the future,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to undertake a review of ECLAC's programmes and activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development, including all the cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary aspects thereof, taking account of the Report of the World Commission and the Environmental Perspective;
2. Further requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a progress report on the contribution of ECLAC to the international efforts towards sustainable development, for submission through the Economic and Social Council to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 42/186 and paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 42/187;
3. Invites the Executive Secretary to bring to the attention of the Executive Secretaries of the other United Nations regional commissions the activities undertaken by ECLAC aimed at contributing to sustainable development.