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527(XXIV) PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council decided by resolution E/1989/91 of 26 July 1989 to convene in 1994 an international meeting on population and development,

Recalling also that by its resolution E/1991/93 the Economic and Social Council invited the regional commissions to convene as soon as possible meetings or conferences to review the experience gained in population policies and programmes in their regions and carry out other preparatory activities for the International Conference on Population and Development designed to identify important issues of population dynamics for development and to propose future action,

Considering that both ECLAC and the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) have worked intensively with the countries of the region on the topic of population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean and that the ongoing programme of CELADE has been defined with the purpose of strengthening national capacities for researching, interpreting and taking into account the interrelationships between population dynamics and economic and social development,

Considering also that the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), co-sponsor of the Conference and its preparatory activities, has a long tradition of cooperation with ECLAC and CELADE,

Bearing in mind that ECLAC, with the assistance of CELADE and the joint sponsorship of UNFPA meets all the technical and operational conditions for organizing meetings and other preparatory activities for the International Conference on Population and Development,

1. Decides to assign to the ECLAC secretariat, in conjunction with CELADE and inviting the joint sponsorship of UNFPA, the task of organizing the preparatory activities for the International Conference on Population and Development, which are designed to strengthen the level of awareness of current population issues and those that arise from changes in population trends and structures, and to identify their relationships with and impact on economic and social development;

2. Recommends that, among the preparatory activities, special importance be given to organizing a meeting of experts from countries of the region to consider the items on the agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development and to organize the regional preparatory meeting for that Conference in order to analyse the population problems that affect the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, especially in terms of achieving the goal of bringing about changes in production patterns that would lead to equitable, lasting and sustainable development and to reach conclusions and propose possible policy recommendations.