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Requests the ECLA secretariat to continue its active co-operation with the Governments of the Caribbean Free Trade Association, and with the CARIFTA secretariat, especially in matters pertaining to the integration process;

Requests the ECLA secretariat to give due emphasis to the requirements of the countries of the Caribbean subregion when providing documentation and information and planning and carrying out studies and programmes of research, particularly in connexion with the implementation of the Strategy for the Second Development Decade.

160th session,
6 May 1971.

306 (XIV). PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STATISTICAL SERVICES 45/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the formulation and appraisal of economic and social development plans and policies requires extensive, detailed and accurate statistical information, which entails growing responsibilities for national statistical offices,

Recognizing that the statistics available in many countries of the region do not at present satisfy these requirements, and that it is urgently necessary to redouble efforts to improve them at the national and international levels,

Recalling that General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) on the International Development Strategy refers to the intention of the developing countries to strengthen their planning mechanism, including statistical services,

1. Requests the Government of the Latin American countries to make every effort to improve the coverage, quality and up-to-dateness of their statistics, so as to satisfy the ever-increasing demands for information;

2. Recommends that the secretariat should:

(a) Intensify its efforts to assist the countries of the region to meet the statistical requirements which are considered of priority importance in the task of appraising the progress of the Strategy for the Second Development Decade, with special reference to the need to co-ordinate work on the compilation of basic data and the statistics derived therefrom, and to this end giving consideration to the more frequent use of such modern methods as sampling;

(b) Organize, if it deems it necessary, after consulting the Governments and in co-operation with the other competent organizations of the region, a meeting of national officials concerned with the production and utilization of statistics to consider ways of improving and standardizing, to the extent possible, the production of the statistical services, bearing in mind the views and priorities of the major users;

45/ See para. 514 above.

(c) Promote the co-ordination of systems and programmes of foreign trade statistics, taking as a basis the progress achieved within ALALC and other regional and subregional integration movements.

161st meeting,
6 May 1971.

307 (XIV). CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION PROGRAMME 46/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the basic objectives of Central American economic integration were established at the fourth session of the Commission in 1951,

Bearing in mind that through its regional and specialized agencies, the United Nations has effectively contributed to the establishment and development of the Central American Common Market,

Considering that, in order to solve the problems affecting the Common Market, new research should be undertaken and the research already under way should be continued with a view to defining a set of measures for restructuring the integration programme,

1. Takes note of the studies which the secretariat of ECLA has made available to the Central American Governments and integration agencies in the last few years;

2. Requests the secretariat to continue to co-operate actively with these Governments and agencies, especially in questions that are specially important for the restructuring of the Central American Common Market;

3. Recommends that, in formulating and implementing its programmes of work and research, the secretariat should continue to give high priority to requests for technical co-operation from the Central American Governments and integration agencies;

4. Urges the United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations bodies to broaden and continue their firm support of the Central American Economic Integration Programme, with particular emphasis on the regional projects that are now being carried out.

162nd meeting,
7 May 1971.

308 (XIV). STUDY AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY 47/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind that, in order to reduce the disparity in the levels of living and technology between the developed and the developing countries, the

46/ See para. 424 above.

47/ See para. 526 above.