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(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.

Economic and Social Council decided in resolution 1155 (XLI) that the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development should prepare a World Plan of Action in that field,

Recalling that in resolution 2318 (XXII) the General Assembly endorsed the Economic and Social Council's decision and requested the Advisory Committee to consider carefully the regional aspects of such a plan and to seek, for that purpose, the co-operation of the regional economic commissions and the Economic and Social Office in Beirut,

Noting the section of General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade relating to the promotion, adaptation and creation of technology and its application to development,

Considering the establishment by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of an UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group which will shortly begin studying possible methods and procedures for the transfer of technology,

Taking into account the fact that the World Plan of Action is drafted in general terms, that specific programmes and projects should be prepared, and that the regional aspects of those programmes and projects will be the responsibility of the regional economic commissions, in close co-operation with the specialized agencies in their respective areas,

Recognizing the experience accumulated by the Economic Commission for Latin America in its long study of the economic development problems of the region,

1. Requests the secretariat to devise measures for establishing the necessary organizational procedures for carrying out the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly, and to give special attention in its programme of work to the study of technology and the promotion of its application as a means of accelerating economic development in the region and facilitating its transfer to the developing countries;

2. Recommends that in carrying out this work the secretariat should co-ordinate its activities with those of the specialized and other agencies of the United Nations system, such as the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group mentioned above, and with the competent organizations of the inter-American system.

162nd meeting,
7 May 1971.

309 (XIV). DEVELOPMENT PLANNING 48/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the secretariat, and particularly the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, have both been working for many years to improve the systems and methods of development planning,

48/ See para. 425 above.