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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recalling the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, adopted by the General Assembly at its Sixth Special Session, in which it is stated that the new international economic order should be founded on full respect for the principles enumerated in the Declaration, including "facilitating the role which producers' associations may play within the framework of international co-operation and, in pursuance of their aims, inter alia assisting in the promotion of sustained growth of the world economy and accelerating the development of developing countries",

Taking account of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order likewise adopted by the General Assembly at its Sixth Special Session, and more specifically of the statement in that Programme that "all efforts should be made to facilitate the functioning and to further the aims of producers' associations, including their joint marketing arrangements, orderly commodity trading, improvement in the export income of producing developing countries and in their terms of trade, and sustained growth of the world economy for the benefit of all",

Recalling that the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session recognizes that "all States have the right to associate in organizations of primary commodity producers in order to develop their national economies, to achieve stable financing for their development and, in pursuance of their aims, to assist in the promotion of sustained growth of the world economy, in particular accelerating the development of developing countries. Correspondingly, all States have the duty to respect that right by refraining from applying economic and political measures that would limit it",

Taking note of the Declaration, Programme of Action and resolutions adopted at the recent Conference of Developing Countries on Primary Commodities, and especially of resolution 6, unanimously

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adopted by the Conference, which reads: "Reaffirming that associations of producers and exporters, as an essential element in national primary commodity policies, have as their aim the achievement of co-ordination in production, research, development and marketing so as to protect their income, improve their position in the market, and successfully confront the well-organized buyers from the developed countries, thus securing fair and remunerative prices for their commodity exports; Reasserts the unity of the developing countries and their unshakeable solidarity with those among them that are producers and exporters of primary commodities, especially oil; Urges the developing countries to strengthen their present groupings; Recommends the establishment of a council of associations of producers and exporters of primary commodities from the developing countries; and Invites these associations, through the Governments of the developing countries which are members of them, to meet and work out the arrangements for establishing this consultation and co-operation body",

Considering that the Plan of Action adopted at the recent Meeting of the ECLA Committee of High-Level Government Experts states that "the Latin American countries propose to explore, with the participation of developing countries in other regions, every possibility of establishing producers' associations, and affirm their decision to convert them into useful instruments for the formulation and implementation of a basic commodities price policy in line with the principles of fair prices for producers and the necessary increase in the income of exporting countries",

Firmly convinced that the possibility of exercising these rights and the practical application of the recommendations and intentions referred to above would effectively help to improve and develop the economies of the developing countries as a whole and would promote the sustained growth of the world economy,

1. Urges the Governments of Latin America to give their whole-hearted support to the strengthening of existing associations of commodity-producing and exporting countries and the establishment, mainly in collaboration with the governments of the developing countries

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of other regions, of further associations of countries producing and exporting primary commodities whose export is of importance to the developing countries;

2. Invites the existing and future associations of commodity-producing and exporting countries, through the Governments of developing countries which are members of such associations, to set up without delay a council of commodity producer/exporter associations of developing countries. This council should have the aims and objectives mentioned in resolution 6 adopted by the Conference of Developing Countries on Primary Commodities;

3. Instructs the secretariat to carry out, in consultation with the secretariats of UNCTAD and other appropriate bodies, studies aimed at determining and recommending to governments the best way of putting into effect what was decided on this matter in the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order.

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