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**574(XXVII) PARTICIPATION OF ECLAC ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE  
FOLLOW-UP TO UNITED NATIONS WORLD CONFERENCES AND IN THE WORK  
OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 543(XXV) of 27 April 1994 and relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council which granted official observer status to associate members of ECLAC in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the Conference on Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the International Conference on Population and Development, and the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, and which requested that observer status be granted to associate members of ECLAC at, *inter alia*, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the World Summit for Social Development and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,

Noting that the rules of procedure of the Fourth World Conference on Women, the World Summit for Social Development and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements were subsequently modified by the General Assembly to provide for official observer status for associate members of the regional commissions of the United Nations,

Welcoming Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/61 of 25 July 1997 on integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits,

Noting General Assembly resolutions 52/188, 52/190 and 52/202 of 18 December 1997 in which, *inter alia*, it endorsed the convening of special sessions of the General Assembly "to review and appraise" the implementation of the programmes of action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, as well as General Assembly resolution 52/25 of 26 November 1997 and 52/100 of 12 December 1997 on the convening of special sessions on the programmes of action of the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 52/73 of 10 December 1997 in which, *inter alia*, it requested organizations of the United Nations system "to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate appropriate programmes of assistance" for the Non-Self-Governing Territories, which would include associate member countries of ECLAC,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/66 of 25 July 1997 in which it requested, *inter alia*, that the participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories, which would include the associate member countries of ECLAC, "in the relevant meetings and conferences" of the United Nations to be facilitated, so that they might "benefit from the related activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system",

1. Requests the member countries of ECLAC, through their representatives to the General Assembly, to devise the necessary mechanisms to permit the associate members to participate in the special sessions of the General Assembly to review and appraise the implementation of the programmes

of action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, and in their preparatory processes;

2. Also requests the member countries of ECLAC, through their representatives to the Economic and Social Council, to establish the necessary mechanisms to permit associate members of the regional economic commissions to participate in the work of the Council and of its subsidiary bodies.