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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind CEPAL resolution 315 (XV) which, inter alia, requests the secretariat of CEPAL and ILPES, with the assistance of UNDP, "to co-operate with the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) in identifying the policies and programmes of action which will lead to the restructuring of the Central American Common Market, and bearing in mind the priorities established by the Central American countries",

Taking into account the fact that the Programme of Economic Integration in Central America continues to be an important means of stimulating the economic and social development of the member countries of the Central American Common Market, whose considerable potential has not yet been fully tapped.

Considering that in the past few years significant progress has been made, inter alia, in: (i) the consideration of the main factors which could determine the scope of the restructuring of the Central American Common Market, whose first phase culminated in the submission to Governments by the High-level Committee in 1976, of a draft Treaty for the establishment of the Central American Social and Economic Community; (ii) the review of Central American tariff and customs policies; and (iii) the strengthening of the regional decision-making process connected with the operation of the Common Market,

Bearing in mind that the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee, at its tenth regular meeting in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in May 1975, adopted a series of resolutions with the firm objective of reactivating Central American economic integration within a short time,

Considering the importance of the technical co-operation, provided by the United Nations through its various organizations and agencies, to the Central American Economic Integration Programme,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the main advances made by the Central American Common Market, noted in the preambular part of this resolution, and also of the action taken to implement the decisions

of the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee, reported in document E/CEPAL/CCE/381;

2. Urges the Central American Governments to redouble their efforts to overcome the obstacles which have hindered the full implementation of all the above-mentioned decisions, and particularly to speed up the negotiations for the improvement and restructuring of the Central American Common Market;

3. Repeats its request that the secretariat of CEPAL should continue to collaborate with the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), and with the other Central American integration institutions, in such activities as will lead to the reactivation and restructuring of the regional integration process;

4. Requests the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to lend active support to the Central American Integration Programme, particularly with respect to tariff, energy, industrial, agricultural and foreign trade questions, to which the Governments concerned attach the highest priority at the regional level.

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