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Considering that the world food supply depends to a large extent on variable natural conditions that constitute a constant uncertainty and insecurity as regards the supplies of food which the countries of the region have to import,

Bearing in mind that large groups of the population in the Caribbean countries are exposed to malnutrition and that it is necessary to improve the quality of their food and its nutritional value, especially as regards its protein content,

Considering that there is a shortage of land for producing food in the Caribbean countries and that the development of fishing for human consumption can be an important element in improving food supplies and nutrition, particularly for the lowest income groups,

Bearing in mind that the CEPAL/FAO Latin American Food Conference stressed the need to spare no effort to develop and fully utilize the fishery potential of the countries of the region,

Requests the Executive Secretary of CEPAL to establish the fullest collaboration with FAO in order to undertake joint activities aimed at developing the fisheries sector of the Caribbean. These activities should include:

- (a) The identification of the factors which hinder the accelerated production of fish, whether these be in the area of facilities, equipment, technology or otherwise.
- (b) Suggestions for removing these constraints.
- (c) Recommendations of optimal methods for exploitation and management of resources.
- (d) Identification of opportunities for promotion of industrial processing.

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