

642(XXXII) SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering General Assembly resolution 62/209 on South-South cooperation, in which the Assembly recognized the need to strengthen and further invigorate South-South cooperation and decided to convene a High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, no later than the first half of 2009,

Recalling resolution 620(XXXI) on South-South cooperation, adopted at the Commission's thirty-first session, in which the Commission reiterated the importance of such cooperation among the countries of the region and requested the Executive Secretary to take steps, in particular, to strengthen South-South cooperation in the secretariat's programme of work, especially with regard to projects financed with extrabudgetary resources,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report on activities to support such cooperation, which notes that there has been a large increase in extrabudgetary funding for technical cooperation activities of the Commission that include a major South-South cooperation component;¹

2. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to continue the efforts that have yielded such positive results in terms of increasing the secretariat's provision of technical cooperation to the countries of the region;

3. *Requests* the secretariat, in collaboration with other regional institutions, to support the preparatory activities of the High-level Conference on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, in particular the envisaged regional preparatory consultation.

¹ *Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support South-South cooperation during the biennium 2006-2007. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.2371(SES.32/7)).*