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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the developing member countries of the Commission have stated in General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) that "collective self-reliance and growing co-operation among developing countries will further strengthen their role in the new international economic order", and that they have likewise confirmed their decision to strengthen and expand mutual co-operation and economic integration among them by expressing their adherence to the general principles and programme statements of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States adopted in General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX), and in particular to the content of articles 21 and 23 of that instrument,

Taking into account that in accordance with the previous statements of the Commission, in resolution 363 (XVII), it requested the Executive Secretary to establish within the secretariat the necessary institutional arrangements to promote co-operation among developing countries of the region and also, in its resolution 365 (XVII), acknowledging how necessary it is for the Latin American countries "to take integrated action through co-operation efforts designed to lend impetus to the action of the individual countries and strengthen the position of Latin America as a whole in its relations with the rest of the world", requested the secretariat to organize a technical seminar on Latin American integration and co-operation,

Taking into account also that in the past decade the programmes of economic co-operation and integration among the Latin American countries have been considerably expanded and diversified in response to the purpose of strengthening intra-regional economic relations and adopting concerted means of action to deal with common problems in the promotion of their economic and social development,

Recognizing that the intensification and expansion of economic co-operation and integration among the Latin American countries, on the basis of the organic statement of their general principles and objectives, constitute basic factors for the consolidation of regional solidarity,

Reaffirming that all efforts aimed at expanding and improving economic integration and co-operation among the Latin American countries signify the strengthening of the unity of action of these countries for the establishment of the new international economic order,

Bearing in mind that the principles and machinery which direct and regulate economic relations among the Latin American countries must be strengthened and adjusted so as to ensure a fair distribution of advantages and resources, with due consideration of the external and internal needs of the countries, and particularly the problems of the relatively less developed countries,

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1/ See paras. 572 and 573 in vol. I of this report.

1. Instructs the Executive Secretary of the Commission, on the basis of technical analyses already made of the regional and subregional co-operation and integration processes and bilateral economic relations, to make a compendium of these analyses and prepare a study for submission at a special meeting of Latin American experts convened in co-ordination with SELA during 1980, to enable the Latin American Governments to determine the desirability of drawing up a charter of economic and social relations of Latin America or some other instrument which will contribute to identifying the bases for a fair and just Latin American economic order for the region, in keeping with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and the proposals by the region and the developing countries for the establishment of the new international economic order;

2. Asks the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in undertaking the tasks mentioned in paragraph 1 above, to request the views of the Latin American Governments and hold consultations with the institutional bodies responsible for the regional and subregional co-operation and integration systems;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in order to guarantee the best possible results for this meeting, to promote it as widely as possible and provide appropriate motivation, in order to obtain the effective participation of all the countries of the region.