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## 549(XXV) COORDINATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind that the development of economies' international competitiveness requires the adoption of a systemic approach encompassing both stabilization policies and structural reform policies and involving the concerted efforts of the State, entrepreneurs and workers,

Considering the experiments under way in some countries and the importance of setting up forums for coordination among the State, entrepreneurs and workers in order to discuss and evaluate policies for enhancing the international competitiveness of their economies,

1. Requests the ECLAC secretariat to identify existing experiments and propose to interested governments effective institutional arrangements for convening and establishing forums for coordination among representatives of governments, business organizations and labour and trade union organizations to consider ways of promoting and consolidating technological development, increased productivity and competitiveness in the countries of the region;
2. Instructs the secretariat, using the resources available:
  - a) to analyse mechanisms and instruments for developing and promoting competitiveness and methods for evaluating their effectiveness which can be presented to these forums for consideration, and to promote exchanges of experience in this area; and
  - b) to provide technical support for the establishment and proper functioning of such forums, taking into account regional and extraregional experiences in this area.