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- (iii) The application in the course of the negotiations of measures and action aimed at promoting and diversifying the exports of the developing countries, including, inter alia, the broadening and improvement of generalized schemes of preferences, the conclusion of international commodity agreements, and the removal of trade barriers which hamper or restrict access to the markets of the developed countries for products of special interest to the developing countries,
- (iv) The acceptance by all the countries participating in the GATT negotiations of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 3040 (XXVII),
- (v) The decision adopted by the Contracting Parties of GATT at its twenty-eighth session that the negotiations should be aimed at securing additional advantages for the developing countries so that they can substantially increase their foreign exchange earnings, diversify their exports and accelerate the rate of growth of their trade, taking into account their development needs and the urgency of continuing efforts to incorporate other fundamental objectives such as, inter alia, greater improvements in the conditions of access of the exports of the developing countries to the markets of the industrialized countries and solution of the problems of price policy;

4. Recommends the member Governments of the Commission to give support, in the appropriate forums, to the efforts of the Latin American countries to perfect their technical preparation and to work out rules, techniques and modalities for negotiation which will be suitable to their problems and interests;

5. Invites UNDP, in addition to the contribution it is currently making to the implementation of project RLA/72/098 on the trade negotiations, to provide, according to its procedures, the necessary resources in order to:

- (a) Make possible the holding of the GATT course for Latin American officials scheduled for June/July 1973, and
- (b) Finance, as provided in the plan of operations already adopted, the second stage of the above project in accordance with the needs of the Latin American countries;

6. Recommends the Latin American countries to approach UNDP through the appropriate channels with a view to securing these resources.

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327 (XV) WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1672 (LII) of 2 June 1972 on Population and Development, which, inter alia, recapitulates earlier resolutions of ECOSOC and the General Assembly on the designation of 1974 as World

Population Year and the holding in 1974 of a World Population Conference, makes certain recommendations on these matters, and invites the regional economic commissions to continue their population work programmes in conformity with regional needs,

Taking note with satisfaction of document E/CN.12/956 submitted by the secretariat, containing its proposals for the orientation of future work on population and for participation in the World Population Year and World Population Conference, and also of document E/CN.12/950 submitted by the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE), reporting on its activities and future work programme,

Conscious of the importance of continuing research into demographic trends and of objective exploration of the relationships between population and development as requisites for the formulation of population policies adapted to the circumstances and development strategies of the Latin American countries,

Considering that the Commission has adopted resolution 304 (XIV) which recognizes the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) as an autonomous agency under the aegis of ECLA and requests it to continue to extend and improve its teaching and research activities and provide advisory services to the countries of the region on request,

1. Approves in principle the secretariat's and CELADE's proposals for the strengthening of basic demographic information and research;
2. Urges the secretariat to strengthen its capacity to satisfy Government requests for technical assistance in the improvement of demographic statistics and the inclusion of demographic variables in development planning;
3. Welcomes the contributions of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to the strengthening of ECLA population activities and hopes that the proposed expansion of these activities will receive favourable consideration from the Fund;
4. Recognizes the need for continuation of CELADE's activities in demographic research and training as an essential complement to the secretariat's programme;
5. Urges member Governments to consider the possibility of continuing or expanding financial support to CELADE beyond 1974 and to support CELADE's efforts to obtain financial backing from other sources;
6. Supports the secretariat's participation in preparatory work for the World Population Conference and World Population Year;
7. Recognizes that active participation by member Governments in providing information and clarifying their own policy orientation would contribute to the success of the World Population Conference and World Population Year;
8. Welcomes the proposal for a meeting of Government representatives in early 1974 prior to the World Population Conference for the purpose of discussing the positions of the Latin American Governments in relation to the questions that will be presented to the Conference, so that the circumstances of the countries of the region and their development strategies are taken into account;

9. Notes with satisfaction the offer by the Government of Costa Rica to act as host for the preparatory meeting of the Latin American countries on the 1974 World Population Conference.

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