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## 535(XXV) WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that, by its resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development at the level of heads of State or Government in 1995, and that the aforesaid resolution stipulates that the Summit shall address the following issues: a) the enhancement of social integration, particularly of the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups; b) alleviation and reduction of poverty; and c) expansion of productive employment,

Recalling also that paragraph 14 of that resolution requests the regional commissions to include preparations for the World Summit for Social Development in their programme of work and to carry out activities and formulate proposals placing particular emphasis on the social situation in their respective regions,

Considering that, pursuant to that mandate, the topic of the World Summit for Social Development was included in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission and the secretariat prepared a note entitled "The Social Summit: a view from Latin America and the Caribbean" in order to help guide the member countries' preparatory activities for the Summit and to examine the possible agenda and scope of that meeting from the region's standpoint, and that the aforesaid note contains valuable proposals,

Considering also that the Commission, both at its twenty-third session in the document Changing Production Patterns with Social Equity and at its twenty-fourth session in the document Social Equity and Changing Production Patterns: An Integrated Approach, has provided an up-to-date frame of reference which can guide governments' efforts to solve the economic and social development problems of Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind the guidelines formulated at the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development (New York, 31 January to 11 February 1994), the preparatory activities proposed and the decisions adopted at United Nations conferences related to economic and social development, such as the World Summit for Children (1990), the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992), the World Conference on Human Rights (1993), the International Conference on Population and Development to be held in September 1994 and the World Conference on Women to be held in September 1995,

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the note entitled "The Social Summit: a view from Latin America and the Caribbean" submitted by the secretariat, which provides important guidelines for preparations for the Summit by the countries members of the Commission;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the "Guidelines for a Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on the World Summit for Social Development" adopted by the Latin American and Caribbean countries members of the Commission;

3. Requests the secretariat to attach the utmost importance to preparatory activities for the Summit, particularly the activities of national committees, and to the follow-up of the results of the Summit, in order to draw up a regional programme which will give continuity to this effort, based on the calendar of activities adopted at the Summit;

4. Also requests the Executive Secretary to strengthen preparatory activities for the Summit, promoting various forums to consider jointly the three issues of the Social Summit: alleviation and reduction of poverty, social integration and expansion of productive employment;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to redirect the activities so far devoted to the periodic holding of the Regional Conference on Poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean towards preparatory and follow-up activities for the Social Summit, as part of the programme of expert meetings and seminars, in order to offer a regional forum for analysing and comparing viewpoints and promoting cooperation in this area;

6. Also requests the Executive Secretary to transmit to the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development the "Guidelines for a Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on the World Summit for Social Development" adopted by the Latin American and Caribbean countries members of the Commission, together with this resolution, and to report to the next session on the results and the follow-up of the Summit.