

**627(XXXI) ADMISSION OF JAPAN AS A MEMBER STATE OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Bearing in mind that the Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council by means of resolution 106(VI) of 25 February 1948, which states that membership in the Commission shall be open to Members of the United Nations in North, Central and South America and in the Caribbean area and to France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom,

Bearing in mind also that the Commission was established on the basis of participation by all the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, plus those which have had special relations of a historical, cultural, geographical or economic nature with the region,

Recalling that, in this spirit, the Commission subsequently admitted Spain in 1979, Portugal in 1984, Italy in 1990, and Germany in 2005,

Considering that the Government of Japan has communicated to the Commission, through the Executive Secretary, its desire to be admitted as a member of the Commission,¹

1. Welcomes with satisfaction the request from the Government of Japan that this country be admitted to membership of the Commission;

2. Recommends that the United Nations Economic and Social Council approve the admission of Japan as a member of the Commission and authorizes the amendment of paragraph 3(a) of the terms of reference of the Commission to include the name of Japan after that of Italy.

¹ Request of the Government of Japan for admission as a member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.2307(SES.31/15)).