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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering:

- (a) That the implementation of the new international economic order by all countries in the world is one of the fundamental bases for solving the serious problems of the developing countries, and particularly those of Latin America,
- (b) That Heads of State of the region have proclaimed that as regards hydrocarbons, their better distribution and the possible reinforcement of their exploration, exploitation and integrated development should be effected within the framework of the new international economic order, as a basis for active peace with development for mankind,
- (c) That all the Latin American countries depend largely on hydrocarbon energy products to supply their energy needs,
- (d) That the achievement of the development targets which these countries have set themselves calls for growing consumption of energy,
- (e) That Latin America should aim at self-sufficiency in energy supply, in the light of the development plans of the countries,
- (f) That the region possesses energy resources other than hydrocarbons which in many cases have not been utilized owing to the absence of appropriate technologies and the lack of adequate financing,
- (g) That the use of non-conventional sources of energy, such as solar and wind power, has not been disseminated in a form consonant with energy needs,

Recommends to the ECLA secretariat that it:

- (a) Maintain contacts of co-operation and joint study with the bodies of the region specializing in the energy field, taking account of the national development plans of the countries, with priority for the needs of energy-deficit countries;
- (b) Carry out the necessary studies to determine the energy situation in the region and provide its co-operation to the countries which so require it in the design and planning of their national energy policies;
- (c) In co-operation with other national and regional bodies specializing in the field of energy, promote horizontal co-operation in the investigation, exploitation and development of the energy sources of Latin America;
- (d) Provide its collaboration with a view to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy.