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the developing countries with due attention to the exchange of experiences and increased co-operation among the developing countries themselves,

Bearing in mind also that in the same resolution the General Assembly recommends that the Second General Conference should examine the co-operation of developed and developing countries, as well as co-operation among the developing countries themselves, in the process of industrialization, with a view towards establishing the basic principles for an international declaration on industrial development and co-operation and with the aim of defining a comprehensive plan of action for assisting the developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in their efforts to accelerate their industrialization and achieve a more equitable share of industrial activity in the context of a new international division of labour related to industry,

Recognizing the importance that the Governments of the member States of the Commission attach to the goals and policy measures related to industrial development and to the need to review periodically the progress achieved during the decade in the light of the International Development Strategy,

Recalling that the Economic Commission for Latin America has a direct responsibility in this process of appraisal in that region,

1. Decides to hold a Latin American Conference on Industrialization to examine and evaluate, in the light of Latin American experience and the internal and external difficulties experienced by the countries of the region, particularly those which are less industrially developed, the problems of industrial development in a regional context and the need for international co-operation with regard to industrialization and its prospects and in particular the role of UNIDO in this co-operation. The results and conclusions of the Conference will provide a basis for the contribution of the region to the debates at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

2. Approves the proposal of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America that this Regional Conference on Industrialization should be held in November 1974;

3. Authorizes the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America to consult with the Governments of the member States of the region which are interested in the possibility of acting as host to the Regional Conference; and

4. Requests the Executive Secretary of ECLA to approach member Governments, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and other interested international bodies with a view to obtaining the necessary financial and technical assistance for the holding of the aforementioned Regional Conference.

342 (AC.66) STRENGTHENING THE REGIONAL OFFICES AND SECRETARIAT

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the information provided by the Executive Secretary of ECLA concerning the steps taken by the secretariat to strengthen its work in the

regional and national offices and, in particular, in Port of Spain, Bogotá, Rio de Janeiro and Mexico City,

Noting with satisfaction the agreements concluded between the ECLA secretariat and the Argentine Government concerning the opening of an office in Buenos Aires which, in addition to representing ECLA and carrying out activities of regional interest, will undertake technical programmes in co-operation with the Argentine Government in respect of studies, research and training in the economic and social field of common interest to the Argentine Government and ECLA,

Noting also the satisfaction, expressed on behalf of the Government of the Argentine Republic by its representative on the Committee with regard to these agreements, and the intention of that Government to provide technical and financial support for this office,

Reaffirming the Commission's interest in promoting the further integration of the secretariat's work programmes with the plans and activities of the Governments and subregional groupings through more technical action by the ECLA secretariat in the economic and social field, in direct liaison with the member Governments via the regional and national offices,

Resolves:

1. To support the action taken by the secretariat to strengthen its regional and national offices and, in particular, the offices now operating in Port of Spain, Bogotá, Rio de Janeiro and Mexico City;
2. To approve the agreements concluded between the secretariat of the Commission and the Argentine Government concerning the opening of an ECLA office in the city of Buenos Aires;
3. To request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to give the fullest possible support to the strengthening of the ECLA regional and national offices.