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Economic and Social Council decided in resolution 1155 (XLI) that the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development should prepare a World Plan of Action in that field,

Recalling that in resolution 2318 (XXIII) the General Assembly endorsed the Economic and Social Council's decision and requested the Advisory Committee to consider carefully the regional aspects of such a plan and to seek, for that purpose, the co-operation of the regional economic commissions and the Economic and Social Office in Beirut,

Noting the section of General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade relating to the promotion, adaptation and creation of technology and its application to development,

Considering the establishment by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of an UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group which will shortly begin studying possible methods and procedures for the transfer of technology,

Taking into account the fact that the World Plan of Action is drafted in general terms, that specific programmes and projects should be prepared, and that the regional aspects of those programmes and projects will be the responsibility of the regional economic commissions, in close co-operation with the specialized agencies in their respective areas,

Recognizing the experience accumulated by the Economic Commission for Latin America in its long study of the economic development problems of the region,

1. Requests the secretariat to devise measures for establishing the necessary organizational procedures for carrying out the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly, and to give special attention in its programme of work to the study of technology and the promotion of its application as a means of accelerating economic development in the region and facilitating its transfer to the developing countries;

2. Recommends that in carrying out this work the secretariat should co-ordinate its activities with those of the specialized and other agencies of the United Nations system, such as the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group mentioned above, and with the competent organizations of the inter-American system.

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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the secretariat, and particularly the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, have both been working for many years to improve the systems and methods of development planning,

48/ See para. 425 above.

Bearing in mind that greater efforts will have to be made in this direction in the next few years so as to enable every Latin American country to achieve its development objectives, within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. Decides to intensify its efforts to develop planning methods, including those connected with its work on structural changes, and to provide more training courses on planning techniques and advisory services to Governments;

2. Urges the competent bodies to provide the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning with all the financial and other support it requires to continue and intensify its efforts to further planning in the region, while retaining the intellectual freedom that it must have;

3. Urges the secretariat to convene meetings of the directors of planning offices in the region periodically to provide an opportunity for exchanges of views on the planning experience the countries acquire in their use of planning instruments and their application of development policies.

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310 (XIV). INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 49/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Having taken note of General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) laying down the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and of the document on the same subject presented by the secretariat (E/CN.12/869),

Bearing in mind that Latin America as a whole maintained the same growth rate in the First United Nations Development Decade as in the 1950s and made significant progress in various important economic spheres, but such progress was not evenly spread over all the countries of the region, the trends were not sustained and, in general, were not reflected in qualitative and structural changes that would help to satisfy the expectations awakened or alleviate the economic and social tensions prevailing in many countries of the region,

Considering that, in spite of some improvement in its external economic relations, Latin America is not receiving its fair share of the growth of the world economy, that the terms of trade have frequently shown unfavourable trends, and that payments disequilibria have often resulted in high levels of external indebtedness,

Bearing in mind that economic and social progress is the common and shared responsibility of the entire international community, as is recognized in United Nations resolution 2626 (XXV), and that the circumstances in which the Latin

49/ See paras. 426-429 above.