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94. Similarly, the delegations of the United States and the United Kingdom made the following reservation: "Our Governments recognize the need for the United Nations to channel increased assistance to Bolivia in response to its economic emergency. Therefore, we will not block adoption of this resolution by consensus. We must, however, explain our position on operative paragraph 2. The designation of countries to be included in the list of least developed countries is the responsibility of other United Nations bodies, not the ECLA Committee of the Whole. The criteria for inclusion in that list are stringently applied. Even though the economic situation facing Bolivia is serious, it does not warrant Bolivia being treated as a least developed country in the absence of a determination of such status by the United Nations body responsible for making such a determination. Our delegations cannot view in a sanguine fashion operative paragraph 2. While we will join the consensus on this resolution, we want to have an explanation of reservation to operative paragraph 2 reflected in the record".

#### C. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

95. The Committee of the Whole adopted by consensus four resolutions relating respectively to the following subjects: (a) decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations; (b) programme of work and calendar of conferences of ECLA; (c) support for the economic emergency in Bolivia;\*/ (d) activities of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC). The text of these resolutions is given below.

#### 448 (PLEN.16) DECENTRALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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

Bearing in mind resolution 431 (XIX) on decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations, adopted at the nineteenth session of the Commission, which requests the Executive Secretary, in its operative paragraph 10, to "report to the Commission at the next session of the Committee of the Whole on the implementation of the measures contained in this resolution, in the light of the relevant decisions adopted by the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council at their forthcoming sessions",

Emphasizing that the principle inherent in the process of decentralization as reflected in General Assembly resolution 32/197, also applies to decentralization within the region,

1. Takes note of the report by the Secretariat of the Commission on the progress made in the implementation of ECLA resolution 431 (XIX) and General Assembly resolutions 32/197 and 33/202; \*\*/

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\*/ See paras. 93 and 94 of this report, which set forth the comments made by four countries on this resolution.

\*\*/ See E/CEPAL/PLEN.16/L.6 and E/CEPAL/PLEN.16/Rev.1.

2. Also takes note of the efforts being made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to carry out a clear policy of transferring administrative and functional responsibilities to the regional commissions, as a way of increasing the efficiency of the Organization and the effectiveness of its operations;

3. Urges the General Assembly once again, through the Economic and Social Council, to assign to the Secretariat of the Commission sufficient resources to enable it to discharge effectively the expanded functions and responsibilities mentioned in General Assembly resolution 32/197, including the redeployment envisaged in this resolution;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) at its seventh session and to the Commission at its 20th session on the progress made in the process of decentralization and in the assignment of budgetary resources for this process.

449 (PLEN.16) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR  
OF CONFERENCES OF ECLA

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

Bearing in mind article 8 and rule 24 of the terms of reference and rules of procedure of ECLA, together with the relevant mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council regarding the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system,

Recalling resolution 419 (PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLA, in which it was decided that at its sessions the Commission should decide on the calendar of conferences and meetings of the entire ECLA system with a view to implementing it, duly synchronized with the General Assembly's programme budgeting cycle, as from 1982 and taking into account the objectives and priorities established in the various work programmes and regional action programmes approved by member Governments,

Having considered the draft programme of work for the different areas of activity of the ECLA system for the period 1984-1985,\*/ which covers also the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE),

Taking fully into account the views expressed, including adjustments proposed by member Governments during the sixteenth session of the Committee of the Whole on the proposed work programme for the period 1984-1985,

1. Approves the programme of work of the ECLA system (including the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning and the Latin American Demographic Centre) for the period 1984-1985 and requests the Executive Secretary to adjust the programme of work in the light of the views expressed at the seventeenth session of the Committee of the Whole and the relevant considerations of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) at its seventh session;

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\*/ E/CEPAL/PLEN.16/L.2.