628(XXXI) ADMISSION OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

<u>Recalling</u> that paragraphs 3(a) and 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean state that "Any territory, or part or group thereof, ... may on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be eligible for admission by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission",

<u>Recognizing</u> that the Turks and Caicos Islands enjoy strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region and that they are committed to strengthening these links wherever possible,

<u>Aware</u> that associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean will contribute strongly towards achieving this goal,

<u>Welcoming</u> the request made by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands that the latter be granted associate membership in the Commission,

<u>Decides</u> that the Turks and Caicos Islands shall be granted associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean.