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Note: The Summary of Debates adopted by the delegations at the last plenary meeting of the eighteenth session did not include an account of the statements made at it; this appears in paragraphs 548 to 563 of this report, and could not therefore be made available to the representatives. In keeping with established practice, any observations it is desired to make on the subject should be submitted within 30 days of the date of this report.

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407 (XVIII). REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS 30/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/162, and especially its provisions concerning organization at the regional level,

Taking into account the fact that the resolution recommends the establishment of intergovernmental regional committees and corresponding support units in each of the economic commissions,

Also taking into account the fact that, under that General Assembly resolution, such intergovernmental committees would be responsible for formulating and implementing regional and subregional policies and programmes,

Bearing in mind that the Regional Human Settlements Programme proposed by the member countries of the Commission at its eighteenth session lacks the resources required for its implementation,

Recognizing the interest of the member countries of the Commission in improving their human settlements, and the importance of international co-operation for that purpose,

Also recognizing the effort made by the secretariat to implement the regional human settlements programme in part, using extrabudgetary resources, and the importance of this type of resources in supplementing ordinary resources,

Noting that the Economic Commission for Latin America is the only commission which has no intergovernmental bodies dealing with human settlements, and that its secretariat has no administrative unit responsible for such activities,

Recognizing, finally, that the region requires as soon as possible institutional machinery to assure co-operation in this field both among the countries and between them and the international co-operation agencies,

1. Decides that regional co-operation in the field of human settlements should be the subject of analysis and specific examination by committees especially established for the purpose at the sessions of ECLA;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to study the financial implications of setting up an intergovernmental committee on human settlements, and the possibilities of financing it;

3. Urges member Governments to send to the sessions of the Commission, or of the Committee which may deal with the subject, at least one expert in this field to provide the necessary technical support to their delegations.