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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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412 (XVIII). ADMISSION OF SPAIN AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION 49/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the Commission was set up by Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI), on the basis of the participation of all the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, plus those which have had special relations of a historical, cultural, geographical or economic nature,

Bearing in mind furthermore, that in this spirit the terms of reference of the Commission, as adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its sixth session, provide that membership of the Commission shall be open to Members of the United Nations in North, Central and South America and in the Caribbean area, and to France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom,

Considering in particular that the Latin American countries require the increasing economic co-operation of the developed nations which belong to ECLA, as well as their understanding and support for the proposals of all the developing countries for the implementation of the new international economic order,

Bearing in mind that the Spanish Government has communicated to the Commission, through the Executive Secretary of ECLA, its desire that Spain should be admitted as a full member of the Commission,

Also considering that the historical, cultural and economic links - an essential requirement for the admission of new members to the Commission to receive consideration - between Spain and the Latin American countries have been particularly close and continuous throughout the history of the region and have grown stronger in recent years,

Mindful that the desire has been expressed within ECLA that membership should be restricted to the Latin American and Caribbean areas, on the basis of the thesis of decolonization and self-reliance,

Recognizing, however, that Spain has been supporting in good measure the efforts of the developing countries to alter the existing international order, and trusting that this attitude will continue and be intensified in a fruitful manner if Spain is incorporated in the technical work of the secretariat,

Taking into account in particular that within CEPAL the Latin American countries have given special priority and support to the undertaking of concrete activities and projects to boost Latin American co-operation and integration, through machinery for the optimal use of their resources on behalf of their countries,

49/ See paras. 590-595 in vol. I of this report.

1. Welcomes the request of the Government of Spain for admission as a full member of the Commission;

2. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council, on the basis of the above preamble, that it approve the admission of Spain as a full member of the Commission and authorize to this effect the amendment of paragraph 3 (a) of the terms of reference of the Commission by the addition of the word "Spain", following the words "the Netherlands" in the paragraph.