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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA:

CONSIDERING that the expansion of agricultural production is one of the necessary bases for the region's economic development,

BEARING IN MIND the conclusions reached in the joint ECLA/FAO study on the need of selectivity in the expansion of Latin America's agriculture and expressing its satisfaction at the collaboration of the two organizations in this type of study,

HAVING REGARD for the suitability of broadening the scope of such studies in order to complete the basic elements for the effective programming of agricultural development,

APPRECIATING that fundamental knowledge enabling conclusions to be reached on problems of labour productivity and the profitability of agricultural investment, ecological conditions in each country, and other factors, is an indispensable prerequisite for the success of such programming, and

MINDFUL that labour productivity is closely linked with the density of population,

RECOMMENDS:

- 1. That FAO and ECLA continue to collaborate and broaden the scope of their joint studies on the selective expansion of agricultural production in Latin America;
- 2. That ECLA and FAO jointly proceed with their research on the productivity of labour and capital in Latin Americas agricultural activities, taking into due account the diverse problems which arise from the different densities of rural population at present.