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3. To call attention to the resolutions on information adopted by the Commission on Human Rights (IV (XVII)) and the Economic and Social Council (819 A (XXXI)), and particularly to the fact that the latter invites "the Technical Assistance Board of the United Nations, the Special Fund, the specialized agencies concerned, the regional economic commissions and other public and private agencies and institutions to assist, as appropriate, less developed countries in the development and strengthening of national information media in these countries";

4. To recommend to Governments that in their economic and social development programmes they give due priority to projects, programmes and agencies for the purpose of expanding and improving information media ;

5. To recommend to the ECLA secretariat and to member Governments that they encourage, support and facilitate the dissemination of studies by ECLA itself and by other similar international bodies as also by national or regional economic development plans and of programmes and studies in general relating to the purposes of the Economic Commission for Latin America ;

6. To recommend to Governments, likewise, that the abovementioned programmes include measures designed to promote the wider and more efficient dissemination of accurate information on Latin America in the other countries of the world, with the help of the United Nations public information services and the facilities of other international and regional agencies.

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199 (IX). Establishment of an institute for planning economic development

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the importance and urgency of planning economic development in Latin America for fostering and securing the accelerated economic development of the region,

Considering the need for economic development training and advisory assistance in Latin America on a much larger scale than in the past to support these planning activities,

Considering that an economical and expeditious way of meeting this need is to expand the already existing ECLA activities in the fields of training, research and advisory assistance,

Being aware that, in spite of the increased contributions of United Nations technical assistance programmes the resources at the secretariat's disposal for carrying out economic development training and advisory activities are not adequate to meet all the requests received,

Considering that the Special Fund lends its assistance to planning, training, and other pre-investment activities like those referred to above,

Appreciating the specific interest expressed at this

session of the Commission by the Managing Director of the Special Fund in economic development programming and planning,

Appreciating further the Managing Director's readiness to recommend to the Governing Council of the Special Fund that it approve a special allocation of funds to permit preparatory work for a draft request for the establishment of an institute for planning economic development in Latin America,

Noting that the Governments of Chile, Colombia and Venezuela have submitted a request to the Special Fund for the establishment of such an institute, and that other Governments intend to do likewise,

Decides :

1. To recommend that ECLA's current training and advisory activities in the field of planning be expanded to the extent necessary, and that to this end the Executive Secretary of ECLA, in consultation with the Managing Director of the Special Fund, prepare the organization of the establishment of an autonomous institute for planning economic development under the auspices of ECLA, and so organized that it will be empowered to receive and administer funds from sources other than the Latin American Governments and the Special Fund ;

2. To recommend that the said institute should aim at building up a permanent team of development planning experts to work at the regional or national level and at establishing close liaison with the planning institutions of the Latin American Governments, in order to maintain a continuous process of training, exchange of experience and improvement of planning techniques ;

3. To request the executive Secretary of ECLA to give such assistance as may be requested by the Managing Director of the Special Fund and the Governments concerned dealing with all the procedures necessary for the establishment of the institute ;

4. To express the hope that the Managing Director and the Governing Council of the Special Fund will give prompt and favourable consideration to the applications formulated by the Latin American Governments for financial support for this institute ;

5. To request the Executive Secretary of ECLA to consult with the Managing Director of the Special Fund on the arrangements that might be made with other international and regional organizations for the functioning of the institute ;

6. To draw the attention of the Latin American Governments to the desirability of supporting the work of the institute by placing at its disposal the local human and material resources required to ensure the maximum efficiency of its activities in the various countries ;

7. To declare that it is confident that the institute established under the auspices of ECLA with the support of the Special Fund will in time become an agency directed and maintained by the Latin American Governments.

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