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CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE LATIN
AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM

Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica,
Cuba, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada,
Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua,
Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay
and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that the Convention establishing the Latin American Economic System, signed on 17 October 1975, created a permanent body for intraregional co-operation and consultation and co-ordination among Latin American and Caribbean States,

Considering that, in accordance with the Convention establishing the Latin American Economic System, its activities are carried out in keeping with such principles of the United Nations as equality, sovereignty and independence of States, solidarity, non-intervention and respect for the economic, social and political systems freely chosen by States,

Recalling that, in accordance with the above-mentioned Convention, co-operation as well as consultation and co-ordination actions promoted by the Latin American Economic System are carried out in the spirit of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1976,

Bearing in mind its resolution 35/3 of 13 October 1980, in which it granted observer status to the Latin American Economic System in the General Assembly of the United Nations, and that several organs and agencies of the United Nations

participate on the same basis in the Latin American Council, the supreme organ of the Latin American Economic System,

Taking into account the fact that the Secretary-General of the United Nations is represented at sessions of the Latin American Council by a Special Representative,

Considering that the Latin American Economic System has entered into agreements or understandings regarding the conduct of co-operation with organs and agencies of the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the International Telecommunication Union,

Recognizing the need to strengthen and broaden co-operation between the Latin American Economic System, as a regional forum of the Latin American and Caribbean countries, and the United Nations, and the desirability of the two bodies maintaining permanent liaison, continuing to hold consultations on matters of common interest, exchanging information between their secretariats and increasing their co-operation in different spheres,

Taking note of the Communiqué issued by the thirteenth Latin American Council of the Latin American Economic System, in which it was agreed that an annual dialogue at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs would be held prior to regular sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in order to examine the international situation and its repercussions on the region, as well as actions to strengthen Latin American unity,

Recalling those Articles of the Charter of the United Nations which endorse regional co-operation activities for the purpose of promoting the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

1. Acknowledges with satisfaction the efforts made by the Latin American Economic System to promote co-operation among Latin American and Caribbean countries and consultation on and co-ordination of their positions, as well as to stimulate their economic and social development;
2. Decides to strengthen and broaden co-operation between the United Nations system and the Latin American Economic System through permanent liaison which will allow for ongoing consultation on matters of common interest, exchange of information between secretariats and increased co-operation, so as to improve the capacity of the two organizations for the attainment of their goals and objectives;
3. Emphasizes the importance of close co-operation between the United Nations system and the Latin American Economic System in the implementation of the

new international economic order in keeping with the relevant resolutions and decisions approved by the General Assembly and the Latin American Council respectively;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to strengthen and broaden co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System;

5. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations or programmes of the United Nations system to continue to intensify their co-operation in the activities of the Latin American Economic System;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the application of the present resolution and on the evolution of co-operation between the United Nations system and the Latin American Economic System.
