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Letter dated 1 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the
United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

I have the honour to request the distribution as an official document of the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development of the operative paragraphs of the resolution on science and technology adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America during its eighteenth session, held in La Paz from 23 to 28 April.

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Permanent Representative of Brazil
to the United Nations

ANNEX

Operative paragraphs of the resolution on science and technology adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America during its eighteenth session, held at La Paz from 23 to 28 April 1979

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the results of the two Latin American regional preparatory meetings for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (Panama City, 16-21 August 1978 and Montevideo, 29 November-1 December 1978), 1/ at which a regional document was adopted and recommendations were made for an action programme for the utilization of science and technology in development.
2. Notes that at the second Latin American regional preparatory meeting it was decided to convene an ad hoc working group to consider the possibilities and limitations of the existing machinery for the financing of scientific and technological development and forward its conclusions and recommendations to the eighteenth session of the Commission.
3. Also notes the resolution containing the conclusions and recommendations of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Financing Machinery for Scientific and Technological Development (Lima, 26 and 27 March 1979), 2/ at which the basic principles for international financing machinery for the scientific and technological development of the developing countries were set out and the Andean Group proposal was considered.
4. Decides to forward the report and proposals of the Lima meeting to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and request him to convene an open international working group on financing machinery for scientific and technological development with the responsibility of preparing a report before UNCSTD takes place.
5. Requests the CEPAL secretariat to compile a set of international and national financing mechanisms for scientific and technological development and submit it for study to the countries of the region and the open international working group which is to be set up.
6. Also requests the Executive Secretary of CEPAL to continue to collaborate with the member Governments of CEPAL and the Secretary-General of UNCSTD in the preparations for the conference and in subsequent follow-up activities.

1/ See the reports of these meetings in documents E/CEPAL/1058 and E/CEPAL/1059.

2/ See document E/CEPAL/1079.