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THE TWELFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PEACE, DISARMAMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic,
El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nepal, Panama, Paraguay,
Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela; draft resolution

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and
Development in Latin America

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/60 J of 3 December 1986 and 42/39 K of
30 November 1987,

Welcoming the inauguration of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace,
Disarmament and Development in Latin America on 9 October 1987,

Recalling also the Acapulco Commitment to Peace, Development and Democracy
signed by the Heads of State of States members of the Permanent Mechanism for
Consultation and Coordinated Political Action on 29 November 1987, 1/ as well as the
meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Permanent Mechanism held at
Cartagena, Colombia, in February 1988,

Taking into account that the scope of action of the Centre includes Latin
America and the Caribbean,

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Also welcoming the holding by the Centre of the Workshop-Seminar of Experts on Disarmament from 4 to 6 May 1988,

Taking note of the Final Document of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Nicosia, Cyprus, from 5 to 10 September 1988,

Expressing its gratitude to the Member States which have done so, for their valuable contributions to the functioning of the Centre,

Convinced that in carrying out its activities the Centre will seek to promote relationships based upon mutual confidence and security among countries of the region in a spirit of harmony, solidarity and co-operation aimed at the implementation of measures that foster peace, disarmament and social and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean,

1. Reaffirms that the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America, in conformity with its mandate contained in resolution 41/60 J, is called upon to explore new avenues for concerted political action among the countries of the region and to strengthen further the intra-Latin American and Caribbean links in a framework of harmony, solidarity and co-operation that will enable Latin America and the Caribbean to become an effective area for peace;

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the holding of the Conference of Experts on the Strengthening of Political Co-operation in Latin America and the Caribbean in the fields of peace, disarmament, development and security, within the framework of the World Disarmament Campaign, to be held at Lima from 6 to 9 December 1988, which will also examine various conceptual and organizational aspects of the Centre to enable it to fulfil its objectives;

3. Recommends that the Centre hold two meetings during 1989 with a view to reaffirming its role as a centre for documentary collection, information and dissemination, as a forum for the implementation of peace, disarmament and development measures in the context of the World Disarmament Campaign and as an organ for the co-ordination of studies, research and programmes in the fields of its competence;

4. Invites once again the Member States and the international governmental and non-governmental organizations to make voluntary contributions to the Centre;

5. Decides to rename the Centre "Regional Centre of the United Nations for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean";

6. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit that appeal to all Member States in order to ensure the effective functioning of the Centre;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth regular session on the implementation of the present resolution.