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OF THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION

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

Letter dated 14 August 1987 from the Permanent Representatives  
of Mexico and Peru to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

We have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of a supplementary item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American economic system" in the agenda of the forty-second session of the General Assembly.

An explanatory memorandum is enclosed herewith in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. The purpose of the Latin American Economic System (SELA), established on 17 October 1975, is to promote regional co-operation, co-ordination and consultation among the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. SELA is thus engaging in a broad range of activities, embodied in various projects for economic co-operation among the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and in ongoing co-ordination of policies with respect to the principal topics dealt with in international economic negotiations.
2. By resolution 35/30 of 13 October 1980, the General Assembly accorded SELA observer status, and the Secretary-General is, in turn, represented at meetings of the Latin American Council, the supreme organ of SELA, held at the ministerial level.
3. The General Assembly includes co-operation between the United Nations and other regional organizations in its agenda on an annual basis, and the results have been positive. The inclusion in the agenda of the forty-second session of the General Assembly of an item on "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American economic system" cannot but lead to the enhancement of such co-operation and to agreement on various forms of activity which will reflect the common interests of the Latin American and Caribbean countries in this respect.

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