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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening addresses

The programme of proceedings and opening addresses will be announced in the Order of the Day for the opening meeting.

2. Election of officers

Rule 16 of the rules of procedure provides that "the Commission shall at the commencement of each session, elect from among the representatives a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election".

3. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the Commission appears on page 1 of the present document. A few comments on the various agenda items are formulated below.

4. Recent economic trends in Latin America

This item has traditionally provided representatives with an opportunity to make general statements; more specific comments should be reserved for discussions on the separate agenda items.

Volume I of the "Economic Survey of Latin America, 1970" examines recent economic trends in the region as a whole and in the individual countries in 1970. Volume II contains three special studies. The first study describes the growth of international enterprises; the second and third describe the growth and prospects of Latin America's relations with the European Economic Community and Japan, respectively.

Document

"Economic Survey of Latin America, 1970", vols. I and II (E/CN.12/868)

The Latin American Economy in 1970 (Excerpt from the Economic Survey) (E/CN.12/890)

5. Latin America and the Second United Nations Development Decade

(a) Appraisal of economic and social development in Latin America

(b) The International Development Strategy

In its resolution 2626 (XXV), the General Assembly adopted a special document on the International Development Strategy for the 1970s to promote the economic and social progress of the low-income countries. The

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Commission should consider the conceptual and practical aspects of the Strategy as it relates to Latin America and, in particular, the action programme that the Commission and its secretariat must undertake to carry out the general and specific responsibilities assigned to them in the strategy. These include , inter alia, promoting the implementation of the Strategy, organizing periodic appraisals of the progress of the action programme for the Second Development Decade, providing technical assistance to countries and directing the secretariat's research and information activities.

Accordingly, this agenda item contains two related sub-items: the appraisal of the development process and consideration of the International Development Strategy from the standpoint of Latin America.

Under the first sub-item, the secretariat is presenting "Trends and structures of the Latin American economy" (E/CN.12/884), which is a systematic appraisal of development in the region during the 1960s, the dynamism and stability of the growth process, structural changes, and the evolution and transformation of the external sector. It also describes the scheme and indicators to be used and the methodological problems that arise in the appraisal, and it may be appropriate to examine these with a view to developing the more comprehensive approach that will be required for the periodic appraisals to be undertaken by the Commission in the future.

The second sub-item covers two basic points: the general aspects of the International Development Strategy in the development of the Latin American countries, and international co-operation and regional integration.

The document entitled "Latin America and the Second United Nations Development Decade" (E/CN.12/869) examines the significance for Latin America of the main goals and objectives of the Strategy and refers to the practical aspects of ECLA's role and functions in the promotion of the Second Development Decade. The other documents listed below contain studies and technical data on various aspects of national and international development strategy.

/The secretariat

The secretariat thought it appropriate to revise and update the study entitled "Basic aspects of Latin American development strategy" (E/CN.12/836/Rev.1) that was presented to the Commission at its thirteenth session and is distributing a revised version of it. The document contains a diagnosis of Latin American development and discusses the basic objectives of development policy and strategy, which are the substantive aspects of this sub-item.

The secretariat is also presenting an extract from Mr. Raúl Prebisch's report, containing the general introduction on the development of Latin America and his conclusions and recommendations for action, considering that this will be a valuable contribution to the discussion of this sub-item (E/CN.12/891).

The report on macroeconomic projections (E/CN.12/865) examines the implications of different hypotheses for accelerating the growth rate of the Latin American countries in the 1970s, with special reference to domestic saving, investment and foreign trade requirements.

The documents on the mobilization of domestic resources (E/CN.12/876), regional aspects of national development (E/CN.12/896) and population trends and policy alternatives (E/CN.12/874) summarize the conclusions and findings of work done in connexion with more comprehensive studies that the secretariat has been undertaking in its desire to delve more deeply into the development problems and policies discussed in the study on the basic aspects of Latin American development strategy.

The document on the mobilization of domestic resources covers two topics: the significance and potential of public enterprises as agents of national development and the role of financial institutions in the promotion of development, in the light of Latin American experience.

The secretariat document entitled "International economic co-operation and the third session of UNCTAD" (E/CN.12/889) deals with trade and external financing policy measures, possible lines of action by Latin America in these matters vis-à-vis the major developed countries, and the action to be adopted in connexion with the strategy for the Second Development Decade and the third session of UNCTAD.

/Four reports

Four reports are being distributed on the evolution and present status of regional integration, covering the ALALC area (E/CN.12/887), the Central American Common Market (E/CN.12/885), the Caribbean Free Trade Association (E/CN.12/886) and the Cartagena Agreement (E/CN.12/888).

Documents

Trends and structures of the Latin American economy (E/CN.12/884)

Latin America and the Second United Nations Development Decade (E/CN.12/869)

International Development Strategy. Action programme of the General Assembly for the Second United Nations Development Decade, with note by the secretariat (E/CN.12/900)

Basic aspects of Latin American development strategy (E/CN.12/836/Rev.1)

Change and development: Latin America's great task, by Raúl Prebisch, with note by the secretariat (E/CN.12/891)

Latin America: Macroeconomic projections for the 1970s (E/CN.12/865)

The mobilization of domestic resources (E/CN.12/876)

Aspectos regionales del desarrollo en los países latinoamericanos (E/CN.12/896)

Population trends and policy alternatives in Latin America (E/CN.12/874)

International economic co-operation and the third session of UNCTAD (E/CN.12/889)

Recent trends in the Latin American Free Trade Association
E/CN.12/887

The Central American Common Market and its recent problems (E/CN.12/885)

The integration process in the Caribbean Free Trade Association (E/CN.12/886)

Evolution of the Cartagena Agreement (E/CN.12/888)

6. The future role of ECLA and the rationalization of the regional structures of the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council in resolution 1553 (XLIX) requested the Secretary-General to forward questionnaires to the Governments of the States members of the regional economic commissions on the various aspects of the regional structures of the United Nations system. The main points raised in the questionnaire referred to the geographical coverage and centralization or decentralization of functions, the co-ordination of international activities at the regional level with special reference to the objectives contained in the International

/Development Strategy

Development Strategy for the Second Development Decade, the implementation of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions bearing on the enhancement of the role of the regional economic commissions, the way in which the regional secretariats should play a more active part in the development co-operation cycle of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), closer co-operation and co-ordination between the regional secretariats and the specialized agencies, the participation by the regional economic commissions in regional conferences and in technical meetings organized by the specialized agencies, and the relations between regional structures of the United Nations system and the regional organizations not directly within the system.

The Economic and Social Council also requested the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions to submit reports to their commissions at the next annual session on the basis of the answers to the questionnaire, in order to elicit comments from Governments. These comments would be included in the reports of the executive secretaries to the Secretary-General, on the basis of which the Secretary-General would recommend concrete measures to the Council for the rationalization of the regional structures of the United Nations.

The document entitled "The future role of ECLA and the rationalization of the regional structures of the United Nations" (E/CN.12/895) complies with the Secretary-General's request and contains comments by the Executive Secretary of ECLA. It is hoped that this document, together with the study entitled "Latin America and the Second United Nations Development Decade" (E/CN.12/869) will provide representatives with a basis for their comments and statements on the role of ECLA in the future, its position within the United Nations system, and its relations with organizations not within the system.

Documents

The future role of ECLA and the rationalization of the regional structures of the United Nations (E/CN.12/895)

Latin America and the Second United Nations Development Decade (E/CN.12/869)

7. United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

The United Nations, aware that the deterioration of the human environment poses a very serious threat to mankind and desiring to promote activities that will help to maintain the ecological balance on which human survival depends, has convened an international conference on the human environment which will be held at Stockholm in 1972. In addition to the preparatory meetings in connexion with the Conference, regional meetings are scheduled to be held in 1971 under the auspices of the regional economic commissions. All States Members of the United Nations have been requested to prepare national reports on this topic.

This item has been included in the agenda for the present session at the request of the Economic and Social Council.

The report by the secretariat, which is of a preliminary character, is a contribution to the study of the environmental problems of the region, which have not yet received the systematic study they warrant.

Document

The human environment in Latin America (E/CN.12/898)

8. Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning

In compliance with resolution 220 (AC.52), adopted by the Commission at the ninth session of the Committee of the Whole, the Institute was established as an autonomous agency under the aegis of ECLA, with the financial co-operation of the United Nations Development Programme (Special Fund component) and the Inter-American Development Bank. Its activities began on 1 July 1962. Having regard to the success of the Institute's activities, the Committee of the Whole at its Fifth Extraordinary Session recommended that provision should be made for the continuity and permanence of the Institute, and with this aim in view it adopted resolution 296(AC.62). In accordance with the resolution, the Institute will begin Phase III of its activities on 1 July 1971.

(a) Report on activities, 1969-1971

Under the terms of resolution 220 (AC.52), part A, paragraph 2 (c), the Governing Council of the Institute is required to submit to the Commission an annual progress report on the Institute's work. At the present session, this requirement is met as usual by the submission of a special document.

/Documents

(b) Election of new members of the Governing Council

In accordance with resolution 220 (AC.52) part A, paragraph 3, it is incumbent upon the Commission to elect the eight members of the Governing Council of the institute whose term of office expires this year. The rules and conditions for the election are given in the note presented by the secretariat at the thirteenth session (E/CN.12/870).

Documents

Report on the activities of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (E/CN.12/880)

Note by the secretariat on the election of new members of the Governing Council of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (E/CN.12/870)

9. Latin American Demographic Centre

The Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE), which since 1958 has been engaged in training, research and technical assistance activities related to demographic matters, has been granted supplementary assistance by UNDP to continue its activities for a further three years, ending 1 April 1974.

CELADE, which has received the firm support of the Commission, at present lacks the capacity to perform legal acts, and this may interfere with its operations. Accordingly, the Commission may wish to decide, after considering the work done by the CELADE, how it will continue to give it its support and how best the problem of CELADE's legal status may be solved.

For this purpose, the secretariat is submitting a note on the Latin American Demographic Centre and a report on the Activities of the Centre since its establishment.

Documents

Note by the secretariat on the Latin American Demographic Centre (E/CN.12/901)

Report on the activities of the Latin American Demographic Centre 1958-1970 (E/CN.12/902)

10. Programme of work of the Commission and other matters

This item contains the following three sub-items:

(a) Programme of work and priorities, 1971-1973

Under this sub-item, the secretariat is presenting the report on the work of the Commission since 8 May 1970, which reviews the activities of the various offices, divisions and units and their participation in conferences and meetings.

The draft programme of work for the period 1971-1973 includes suggested priorities for all projects and indicates the resources available for implementing them.

In adopting a decision on the programme of work, the Commission should bear in mind the recommendations of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council. To make this easier, the secretariat is presenting a summary of the recommendations of these bodies that have a bearing on the work of the Commission.

(b) Question of renaming the Commission

The General Assembly, in resolution 2686 (XXV), recommended that the Economic and Social Council should consider renaming the regional economic commissions as follows: Economic and Social Commission for Europe; Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Far East; Economic and Social Commission for Latin America; and Economic and Social Commission for Africa.

Under the resolution, the Council is to consult with the Secretary-General and to take account of the views of the regional economic commissions; this sub-item has been included for this purpose.

The note by the secretariat describes the background of this question.

(c) Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation
(CLADES)

The document submitted by the secretariat reports on the origin, purposes and programmes of the new Centre, whose establishment has been made possible by a generous grant from the Netherlands Government.

Documents

Draft annual report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council, Part I (Work of the Commission since 8 May 1970) (E/CN.12/867)

/Draft programme

Draft programme of work and priorities, 1971-1973 (E/CN.12/875)

Note by the secretariat on resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council (Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth sessions) and by the General Assembly (Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth sessions) which are of interest to the Commission (E/CN.12/871 and Add.1)

Note by the secretariat on the General Assembly's recommendation regarding the renaming of the Commission (E/CN.12/897)

Antecedentes, organización y programas del Centro Latinoamericano de Documentación Económica y Social (E/CN.12/899)

(d) Establishment of relations between the Commission and the Intergovernmental Council of Copper Exporting Countries (CIPEC)

In June 1970, CIPEC wrote to the ECLA secretariat requesting the establishment of official relations. In view of the fact that the Commission's terms of reference do not authorize the secretariat to take any decision on this kind of request, the Commission should pronounce itself on the matter either in the form of a resolution or in the form of a decision incorporated in its report to the Economic and Social Council. The members of CIPEC are: Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Peru and Zambia.

Documents

Establishment of relations between the Commission and the Commission and the Intergovernmental Council of Copper Exporting Countries (CIPEC) (E/CN.12/903)

(e) World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council approved the preparation of the World Plan of Action proposed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development (ACAST), which has been drafted in general terms and must now be considered within the context of each region in order to achieve positive results. It is therefore requested that the Commission should determine along what lines the plans of action for Latin America should be prepared.

Documents

Note by the secretariat on the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology during the Second Development Decade (E/CN.12/905)

/11. Consideration

11. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council

Every year the Commission submits to the Economic and Social Council a full report on its activities and projects and on those of its subsidiary bodies. The report also includes an account of the proceedings of the session, the text of the resolutions adopted, and the programme of work and priorities (on this occasion, for 1971-1973).

12. Place and date of the fifteenth session

In accordance with its rules of procedure, at each session the Commission decides upon the place of meeting for its next session. On this occasion the Commission is called upon to consider the invitations received from the Governments of States members for the next session, and to decide upon the place and date thereof.

The following is a list of the places and dates of the previous sessions of the Commission:

First session	Santiago, Chile, 7-25 June 1948
Second session	Havana, 29 May to 14 June 1949
Third session	Montevideo, 5-21 June 1950
Fourth session	Mexico City, 26 May to 16 June 1951
Fifth session	Quitandinha, 9-25 April 1953
Sixth session	Bogotá, 29 August to 16 September 1955
Seventh session	La Paz, 15-29 May 1957
Eighth session	Panama City, 11-23 May 1959
Ninth session	Santiago, Chile, 4-15 May 1961
Tenth session	Mar del Plata, 6-18 May 1963
Eleventh session	Mexico City, 6-18 May 1965
Twelfth session	Caracas, 2-13 May 1967
Thirteenth session	Lima, 14-23 April 1969