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PRODUCTIVITY IN AGRICULTURE

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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind resolution 87 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955  
(E/CN.12/396),

Considering:

(a) That the secretariat has prepared an over-all study on  
on the productivity of labour and land which is included in the  
Economic Survey of Latin America 1956 (E/CN.12/427);

(b) That in the Latin American countries there is a wide  
disparity between the low income levels of the agricultural popu-  
lation and the income of the population employed in other sectors;

(c) That even within the agricultural sector itself there  
is a disparity between the income of the population employed  
in capitalized and mechanized farming and that of the population  
engaged in traditional farming with a low level of productivity;

(d) That the balance of economic development must be

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preserved both within the agricultural sector and between this and the other sectors of the economy,

Takes note with satisfaction of the secretariat study on productivity mentioned in considerandum (a);

Recommends

1. To the member Governments, that in their programmes of research on the agricultural economy of their countries they attach special importance to the study and improvement of the productivity of labour, land, capital and inputs;

2. To the ECLA secretariat, that, in co-operation with FAO, to the extent that its facilities permit, and in accordance with the respective resources and terms of reference of the two organizations, (a) it continue its over-all studies on productivity; (b) it furnish interested Governments, at their request, with the methodology necessary for the undertaking of country studies in this field; (c) at the request of the Governments concerned, it continue to advise and assist countries with respect to the measures applied to improve productivity.