



ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

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 COMMITTEE VI  
 (Co-ordination)

## SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIRST MEETING

 Held at Bogotá on Monday,  
 12 September 1955 at 10.45 a.m.

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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. FERNANDEZ DURAN	Costa Rica
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. GALEANO	Paraguay
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. SCHIOPETTO	Argentina
	Mr. ARCE	) Bolivia
	Mr. DIMMER	
	Mr. PATRIOTA	Brazil
	Mr. ALVAREZ RESTREPO	Colombia
	Mr. VALDES LLANSO	Cuba
	Mr. PITARQUE	Ecuador
	Mr. CORLISS	United States of America

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Mr. BRUNET	France
Mr. HUDICOURT	Haiti
Mr. CACERES LARA	Honduras
Mr. ZAMORA	Mexico
Mr. GUERRERO	Nicaragua
Mr. NEWTON	Netherlands
Mr. AIZPU	Panama
Mr. BAKULA PATIÑO	Peru
Mr. SCOTT FOX	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. GINEBRA HENRIQUEZ	Dominican Republic
Mr. LACARTE MURO	Uruguay
Mr. MULLER	Venezuela

Also present:Observer from a member State:

Mr. KOT	Poland
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Observers from non-member States:

Mr. ROBERT	Spain
Mr. FIORIOLI DELLA LENA	Italy

Representatives of a specialized agency:

Mr. LASO )	International Monetary Fund
Mr. VERA )	

Representatives of an inter-governmental organization:

Mr. AMADOR	Inter-American Economic and Social Council
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Representatives of non-governmental organizations:Category A:

Mr. ESPINOSA	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
Miss KAHN	World Federation of Trade Unions

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. URQUIDI	Director, Mexico City Office
Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Secretary of the Commission.
Mr. VILASECA	Secretary of the Committee

The CHAIRMAN said that consideration of the second item on the Committee's agenda, "work programme and order of priority for 1955-56" would be deferred pending the completion of the work of the other committees.

CO-ORDINATION WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (E/CN.12/381)

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary) expressed to the observer from the Inter-American Economic and Social Council the satisfaction of the Secretariat with the way in which the work of ECLA and the Council had been co-ordinated since the last session. A number of joint meetings had been held during the year and at the last meeting the work programmes of both organizations had been reviewed with a view to avoiding duplication of effort. In practice, there was no problem of duplication and no difficulties had arisen at any of the meetings.

He felt confident that, with the recent appointment of an ECLA representative at Washington, co-ordination would be more effective than ever.

Mr. AMADOR (Inter-American Economic and Social Council) said that it was a matter of great satisfaction to him to testify to the constant close collaboration of the two Secretariats. It had been marked by most fruitful results for both organizations.

The presence at the current session of observers from the Council was another token of the Council's determination to co-operate with ECLA in achieving the goals that the two organizations were pursuing in the interests of Latin America.

Mr. SCHIOPETTO (Argentina) recalled that at past sessions representatives had expressed some concern at the way the ECLA Secretariat would deal with problems that had been also assigned to the Secretariat of the Council. The Argentine delegation was pleased to note that co-ordination had proved to be feasible and that there was no longer any basis for concern about the way tasks were divided between the two organizations, each of which played a necessary part. The presence and statements of spokesmen of the Council gave Latin American Governments the assurance that co-ordination between the two organizations was developing in complete harmony.

Mr. CORLISS (United States of America) said that his delegation had read the note by the Secretariat (E/CN.12/381) with pleasure. It must be a matter of great satisfaction to all delegations that the doubts expressed

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at earlier sessions had not proved justified. The Commission should go on record with an expression of thanks to both Secretariats on the way in which they had worked for the objective of co-ordination. He was sure that they would deal with any new problems in the same spirit.

Mr. PATRIOTA (Brazil) recalled that the question of co-ordination between the two organizations had arisen in rather acute form at the fourth session and had not been completely solved at the fifth session. He expressed the gratification of his delegation at the results that had been achieved.

The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to note document E/CN.12/38L with satisfaction and to congratulate the two Secretariats on the co-ordination of their work.

It was so agreed unanimously.

Mr. SCHIOPETTO (Argentina) volunteered to prepare an appropriate draft resolution.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Mr. MULLER (Venezuela) mentioned the valuable contribution of ECLA to the Meeting of Ministers of Finance or Economy at the Fourth Extraordinary Session of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council. He hoped that ECLA would be authorized to co-operate as much as possible in the preparation of the Council's Economic Conference to be held at Buenos Aires in 1956.

In view of ECLA's limited resources, his Government would recommend that the Council should make a financial contribution for the purpose.

Peruvian draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No. 35)

Mr. BAKULA (Peru) agreed with the representative of Venezuela that ECLA should be given all possible practical support. One of the most useful ways of doing that would be to promote the wider dissemination of information regarding its work. That would at the same time bring about a closer understanding between the Latin American peoples. His delegation had drafted a resolution to that effect (Conference Room Paper No. 35) and wished to place it before the Committee for its consideration.

#### Inter-American Training Centre

Mr. PITARQUE (Ecuador) associated his delegation with the remarks made by other representatives regarding the closeness of co-operation between ECLA and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council. He expressed some concern at the lack of statisticians qualified to apply the techniques of programming to the Latin American countries, and asked whether the courses

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given at the Inter-American Training Centre in Chile could be broadened so as to meet that need.

Mr. AMADOR (Inter-American Economic and Social Council) assured the representative of Ecuador that the observers for the Inter-American Economic and Social Council had taken note of his statement and that every effort would be made to meet his request.

Appointment of Drafting Committee

It was decided to appoint a Drafting Committee consisting of the representatives of Colombia and Uruguay (for Spanish texts), France and Haiti (for French texts) and the United Kingdom and United States of America (for English texts), with Mr. Amador (President of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council) as Chairman.

Contact between Mexico Office of ECLA and Caribbean Commission.

In reply to a question from Mr. NEWTON (Netherlands), the SECRETARY stated that there was regular contact and an exchange of information between the Mexico Office of ECLA and the Caribbean Commission.

The meeting rose at 11.50 a.m.