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PRESENT:

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| <u>Chairman:</u> | Mr. FERNANDEZ DURAN | Costa Rica |
| <u>Repporteour:</u> | Mr. BAKULA PATIÑO | Peru |
| <u>Members:</u> | Mr. VALLADARES | Argentina |
| | Mr. PATHIOTA | Brazil |
| | Mr. ALVAREZ RESTREPO | Colombia |
| | Mr. NAPPE | Chile |
| | Mr. HARTWICK | United States of America |
| | Mr. BRUNET | France |
| | Mr. HUDICOURT | Haiti |
| | Mr. MONDRAGON | Honduras |
| | Mr. NAVARRETE | Mexico |

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| Mr. CASTILLO | Nicaragua |
| Mr. GALEANO | Paraguay |
| Mr. SCOTT FOX | United Kingdom |
| Mr. BERMUDEZ | Uruguay |
| Mr. CHOCRON | Venezuela |

Also present:

Representative of an inter-governmental organization:

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| Mr. AMADOR | Inter-American Economic and Social Council |
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Representative of a non-governmental organization:

Category A:

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| Miss KAHN | World Federation of Trade Unions |
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Secretariat:

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| Mr. PREBISCH | Executive Secretary |
| Mr. URQUIDI | Mexico City Office |
| Mr. SANTA CRUZ) | Secretaries of the Committee |
| Mr. VILASECA) | |

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN ECLA AND IA-ECOSOC (Conference Room Papers Nos. 39 and 40)

The CHAIRMAN opened the discussion on the draft resolutions on co-ordination between ECLA and IA-ECOSOC submitted by the delegations of Uruguay and Argentina respectively (Conference Room Papers Nos. 39 and 40).

Mr. VALLADARES (Argentina) said that the two draft resolutions should be considered separately, as their sponsors had different purposes in mind.

Mr. BERMUDEZ (Uruguay) felt that the two texts could be discussed together and possibly merged in one joint draft resolution.

Mr. VALLADARES (Argentine) proposed that the last part of paragraph 3 of his proposal should be amended to read: "to achieve the fullest possible co-ordination between the work of the ECLA Secretariat and that of the IA-ECOSOC Secretariat".

The CHAIRMAN put the Argentine draft resolution, thus amended, to the vote.

The Argentine draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No. 40), as amended, was adopted unanimously.

Mr. VALLADARES (Argentine) asked the Uruguayan representative to clarify the third paragraph of his draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No. 39).

Mr. BERMUDEZ (Uruguay) explained that the purpose of the paragraph mentioned was to stress the desirability of the greatest possible cooperation at the government level. In the IA-ECOSOC at Washington Latin-American affairs were under constant discussion, whereas ECLA's sessions were held only every second year. The intention was to evolve the most advantageous system from the point of view of both organizations. The delegations constituting the IA-ECOSOC were accredited representatives with specific functions.

Mr. VALLADARES (Argentine) considered that Governments were best suited to decide on the nature, composition and appointment of their delegations. He saw little advantage, so far as ECLA was concerned, in including the third paragraph.

Mr. BAKULA (Peru) suggested that the difficulty might be overcome by the addition of words such as "if possible" or "if they have no objection" after the word "include".

/Mr. BERMUDEZ

Mr. BERMUDEZ (Uruguay) accepted the Peruvian suggestion.

The CHAIRMAN put the Uruguayan draft resolution, thus amended, to the vote.

The Uruguayan draft resolution, (Conference Room Paper No. 39) as amended, was adopted unanimously.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE DIFFUSION OF ECLA'S WORK (Conference Room Paper No.35)

Mr. ALVAREZ RESTREPO (Colombia) stated that Governments and ECLA itself could do much, by more direct contact with universities, centres of economic studies and activities and the press, to ensure wider publicity for the important and responsible work of ECLA. In Colombian universities, for example, interest in economic affairs had increased considerably. He therefore strongly supported the Peruvian draft resolution.

Mr. VALLADARES (Argentine) agreed with the Colombian representative, but felt that the recommendation in the operative part should be addressed to the Secretariat so that it could work in co-operation with the Governments of the countries concerned.

Mr. BAKULA (Peru) had no objection in principle to the Argentine amendment, but asked the Secretary to express his opinion on the proposed change.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Committee) replied that ECLA's information department issued numerous documents and maintained a long list of institutions and officials in Latin America who received its publications. It was, of course, for the Committee to judge whether more should be done.

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary) said that an increase in the number of copies of documents published would involve very little additional expenditure.

Mr. BAKULA (Peru) accordingly suggested that the operative part of his text might be amended to read "RESOLVES to recommend to the Secretariat of ECLA that, within its budgetary limitations, it co-operate with the Governments....".

Mr. VALLADARES (Argentina) said that, if wider publicity could be ensured for ECLA's work within the budget of ECLA and without any increase in governmental contributions, the amended text might be acceptable. At

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all events he had no authority to assume any additional financial commitments on behalf of his Government.

Mr. HUDICOURT (Haiti) pointed out that most Latin American countries had publicity department. If ECLA provided them with a larger number of documents, they should have no difficulty and should incur no additional expenditure, in giving them wider distribution.

Mr. VALLADARES (Argentina) thought that the recommendation should be addressed to the Secretariat, since it was ECLA's responsibility to publicize its studies and to request the collaboration of governments.

Mr. HARTWICK (United States) suggested that specific mention should be made of the fact that the secretariat should foster a wider dissemination of its work without exceeding the present budget.

Mr. HUDICOURT (Haiti) did not understand why Argentina had objected to the recommendation that governments facilitate and encourage the dissemination of ECLA's work within their own countries, since it involved the use of existing media of dissemination of information.

Mr. VALLADARES (Argentina) replied that he was not opposed to the draft resolution so long as its adoption did not involve any expenditure.

Mr. BERMUDEZ (Uruguay) said that the Secretariat could not undertake to publicize its work within each country outside of limited official and professional circles; that was the responsibility of individual governments.

Mr. SCOTT FOX (United Kingdom) pointed out that during the Economic and Social Council meeting held in Geneva, the consensus of opinion had been that the main publicity effort, particularly in relation to the "vulgarization" of United Nations studies, was in the hands of the member governments.

Mr. ALVAREZ (Colombia) said that he would vote for the resolution in any form in which it was expressed, but that the original draft, which had stated that ECLA was doing good work and that governments should seek to publicize and circulate the studies, was more in keeping with the views of all delegations.

Mr. BAKULA (Peru) proposed an amendment to the draft resolution in order to reconcile all the views expressed by delegation. The original text of the first paragraph of the operative part should be retained,

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but a second paragraph "2. To recommend to the secretariat that within the limits imposed by its budget it collaborate with the governments for the more satisfactory attainment of these ends." should be added.

Mr. HUDICOURT (Haiti) proposed that in the first paragraph of the operative part "the countries concerned" should be replaced by "the member countries" in order to keep the terminology in conformity with other resolutions.

The operative part of the draft resolution, as amended by Peru and Haiti, was adopted.

Mr. HUDICOURT (Haiti) proposed that the fourth paragraph of the preamble should be deleted, since its consideration had already been included in other paragraphs and it implied a criticism of ECLA's work.

Mr. ALVAREZ (Colombia) and BAKULA (Peru) seconded the proposal.

The Haitian amendment to the preamble was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the draft resolution on the dissemination of ECLA's work, as amended, as a whole to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously

The meeting rose at 5:00 p.m.