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Consideration of the note on transportation presented by the Executive Secretary. (E/CN.12/119)
Resolution on housing, proposed by Cuban Delegation.

Chairman: Mr. MEJIA Palacia Colombia

Present:

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| Mr. FERRER VIEYRA | Argentina |
| Mr. ALVARADO | Bolivia |
| Mr. OSORIO de ALMEIDA | Brazil |
| Mr. SANTA CRUZ | Chile |
| Mr. PORTELL VILA | Cuba |
| Mr. BRUNET | France |
| Mr. HUDICOURT | Haiti |
| Mr. McCULLOUGH | Panama |
| Mr. GARCIA | Peru |
| Mr. FEARNLEY | United Kingdom |
| Mr. SMITH | United States of America |
| Mr. GONZALEZ | Uruguay |

Inter-American Economic and Social Council:

Mr. TAYLOR Executive Secretary

Representatives from specialized agencies:

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| Mr. CASSIERES | Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) |
| Mrs. THIBERT | International Labour Organisation (ILO) |

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Executive Secretary

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PROPOSED ECONOMIC CONFERENCE OF THE AMAZON BASIN
COUNTRIES (E/CN.12/AC.4/W.7)

Mr. MEJIA PALACIO (Chairman) opened the discussion on the proposed Economic Conference of the Amazon Basin Countries (E/CN.12/AC.4/W.7)

Mr. GARCIA (Peru) stated that Peru proposed to the Economic and Social Council in 1948 to hold an Economic Conference of the Amazon Basin Countries and that the Council discussed it during the last meeting held at Geneva, Mr. Garcia remarked that it is necessary to avoid the economic aftermath arising from the fact that different countries are on the market with the same commodities and stressed that it is necessary to adopt measures to preclude such situation as well as to solve the problems confronted by the Amazon Basin countries.

Mr. ALVARADO (Bolivia) supported the proposition introduced by United States delegation (E/CN.12/AC.4/W.7) suggesting, however, the inclusion of a new paragraph reading: "Considering that the Economic and Social Council has submitted to the Economic Commission for Latin America the Proposed Economic Conference of the Amazon Basin Countries".

Mr. SMITH (United States of America) accepted to include the paragraph suggested by Bolivia.

The resolution proposed by United States delegation was adopted with the amendment suggested by the Bolivian representative.

NOTE ON TRANSPORTATION (E/CN.12/119)

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Chile) regretted that the problem of transportation (E/CN.12/119) had not been included in the agenda in due time, so the representatives could study the

document which he qualified as being of great significance; he opposed the adoption of the proposed resolutions and asked that another be adopted stating "The Economic Commission for Latin America takes note of the recommendations and resolutions adopted by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and the Transport and Communications Commission, regarding the problems of transportation in Latin America; requests the Executive Secretary to obtain the services of economists and technicians in transportation, as well as the cooperation of the specialized agencies, to prepare an exhaustive study of this problem".

The Chilean resolution was adopted.

HOUSING

Mr. PORTELL VILA (Cuba) proposed to ask the governments to include statistical data relative to housing, in the forthcoming Census of the Americas to be made in 1950, stating that better knowledge of this question would be of great significance to the peoples of the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. TAYLOR (Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council) stated that the Council had been working on the housing problem and had sent technicians to the governments of Costa Rica and Guatemala, at their requests. He added that the Council is planning to make a more detailed study about this question.

Mr. McCULLOUGH (Panama) and Mr. SMITH (United States of America) along with Mr. FERRER VIEYRA (Argentina) supported the Cuban motion.

A resolution was adopted, stating that the Commission should request the member governments and agencies concerned to include statistical data on housing in the 1950 Census.

The meeting rose at 6.30 P.M.