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<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. EUVALDO LODI	Brazil
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. COOKE	Argentina
	Mr. CEVALLOS	Bolivia
	Mr. DE MOURA	Brazil
	Mr. MARTONES	Chile
	Mr. BOTERO	Colombia
	Mr. FACIO	Costa Rica
	Mr. GARRIDO	Dominican Republic
	Mr. CRESPO ORDÓÑEZ	Ecuador
	Mr. QUESADA	El Salvador
	Mr. COTTIER	France
	Mr. NORIEGA MORALES	Guatemala
	Mr. RIGAUD)	
	Mr. HUDICOURT)	Haiti
	Mr. ALVARADO TROCHEZ	Honduras
	Mr. MARTINEZ BAEZ)	
	Mr. AMADOR)	Mexico
	Mr. JONG BAW	Netherlands
	Mr. CANTARERO	Nicaragua
	Mr. URBIETA FLEITAS	Paraguay
	Mr. BARRETO	Peru
	Mr. GODFREY	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. BOHAN	United States of America
	Mr. PASTORI)	
	Mr. TEJERA)	Uruguay
	Mr. CASAS BRICEÑO	Venezuela

Also present:

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. SILBERER)	International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Mr. MONTEIRO)	

/Mr. CASSERES

Mr. CASSERES	}	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Mr. MARRAMA		
Mr. ROBICHEK		International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Mr. JONQUEIRA SCHMIDT		World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Representative of a non-governmental
organization:

<u>Category A:</u>	Mr. STEBELSKI	International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
<u>Secretariat:</u>	Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Director
	Mr. SWENSON	Assistant Director
	Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Secretary of the Conference

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE I
(E/CN.12/AC.18/1, E/CN.12/AC.18/2, E/CN.12/AC.18/3, E/CN.12/AC.18/4,
E/CN.12/AC.18/5)

Mr. CASAS BRICEÑO (Venezuela), Rapporteur of Committee I,
presented the Committee's draft report for approval.

There being no observations, the CHAIRMAN put the draft resolutions
submitted by Committee I successively to the vote.

The draft resolution on the Economic Survey of Latin America
(E/CN.12/AC.18/1) was unanimously adopted.

The draft resolution on trade between Latin American and industrial
countries (E/CN.12/AC.18/2) was unanimously adopted.

The draft resolution on the terms of trade (E/CN.12/AC.18/3) was
unanimously adopted.

The draft resolution on multilateral settlements of payments
(E/CN.12/AC.18/4) was unanimously adopted.

The draft report (E/CN.12/AC.18/5) was unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE II
(E/CN.12/AC.19/1, E/CN.12/AC.19/2, E/CN.12/AC.19/3, E/CN.12/AC.19/4,
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E/CN.12/AC.19/9, E/CN.12/AC.19/10)

Mr. MARTINEZ BAEZ (Mexico), Chairman of Committee II, presented
the Committee's draft report on behalf of the Rapporteur.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN invited consideration of the draft resolution on technical assistance approved by Committee II (E/CN.12/AC.19/1).

Mr. BOHAN (United States) stated that the United States delegation endorsed the draft resolution. It gave its full support to the ECLA programme, which played a useful role in helping the Technical Assistance Board to carry out its work.

With regard to financing, the United States Government was engaged in making a careful survey of all its external financial commitments. He was therefore unable to undertake any binding obligation as to its level of contribution to the technical assistance programme.

Mr. GODFREY (United Kingdom) also took great pleasure in voting for the draft resolution. The United Kingdom fully supported the programme of economic assistance and commended ECLA's contribution to it. Nevertheless, his support did not imply any commitment on the part of the United Kingdom Government in regard to the future level of its financial contribution.

The draft resolution on technical assistance was unanimously adopted.

The CHAIRMAN then put the remaining draft resolutions submitted by Committee II successively to the vote.

The draft resolution on economic integration in Central America (E/CN.12/AC.19/2) was unanimously adopted.

The draft resolution on promotion of the tourist trade (E/CN.12/AC.19/3) was unanimously adopted.

The draft resolution on technological research and training of experts in Latin America (E/CN.12/AC.19/4) was unanimously adopted.

The draft resolution on technique of programming economic development (E/CN.12/AC.19/5) was unanimously adopted.

The draft resolution on economic development studies by countries (E/CN.12/AC.19/6) was unanimously adopted.

The draft resolution on distribution of income in relation to economic development (E/CN.12/AC.19/7) was unanimously adopted.

The draft resolution on economic integration (E/CN.12/AC.19/8) was adopted.

Mr. TEJERA (Uruguay) said that, for reasons already explained during discussion in Committee II, the Uruguayan delegation had abstained from voting on the resolution just adopted.

/Mr. AMADOR

Mr. AMADOR (Mexico) explained that the Mexican delegation had also abstained, although it endorsed the parts of the resolution which were identical with the preamble to General Assembly resolution 627(VII). Apart from some misgivings as to the real scope and possible interpretation of some of the terms used, the Mexican delegation considered that operative paragraph 2 should not form part of the resolution. The concept of the sovereignty of states mentioned therein did not require any such safeguard and moreover, it was impossible to conceive how a country agreeing to any practical form of economic integration could maintain intact its economic independence.

Mr. BOHAN (United States), Mr. GODFREY (United Kingdom) and Mr. CASAS BRICEÑO (Venezuela) said that they too had abstained from voting.

Mr. BARRETO (Peru) stated that the Peruvian delegation had voted for the draft resolution in its final form on the express understanding that it referred solely to the need for promoting economic and trade relations among all Latin American countries, and was thus not a means for fostering the creation of economic blocs in the hemisphere.

The draft resolution on taxation in capital exporting and capital importing countries of foreign private investment in Latin America (E/CN.12/AC.19/9) was unanimously adopted.

The draft report (E/CN.12/AC.19/10) was unanimously approved.

The CHAIRMAN commended Committee I and Committee II for the successful outcome of their work, which had been due to the constructive and conciliatory attitude displayed by all concerned.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

Mr. BOTERO (Colombia) formally communicated to the Commission a cordial invitation from the President of Colombia to hold the Commission's next session in Bogota.

Mr. CRESPO ORDÓÑEZ (Ecuador) in view of the Colombian Government's generous offer moved the following draft resolution:

"The Economic Commission for Latin America,
Bearing in mind rule 1 and rule 2 of its rules of
procedure;
Expressing its thanks to the Government of Colombia for
its generous invitation to hold the sixth session of the
Commission in Bogota;

/Resolves that

"Resolves that its sixth session will be held in Bogota at such date as the Executive Secretary, after consultation with the Chairman of the Commission, shall determine, in the light of decisions by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations regarding its Calendar of Meetings".

Mr. CASAS BRICENO (Venezuela) welcomed the Colombian Government's generous invitation and supported the draft resolution proposed by the representative of Ecuador.

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary) pointed out that the resolution did not fix a specific date for the sixth session and that, if it was decided to hold the session in 1955, he would, in consultation with the Chairman, call a meeting of the Committee of the Whole in 1954 to review the Work Programme and to prepare and approve the Annual Report which the Commission was to submit to the Economic and Social Council, each year, in accordance with its terms of reference.

It was so agreed.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution submitted by the Ecuadorian representative.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. BOTERO (Colombia) expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred on his Government by the Commission's decision.

Mr. JONG BAW (Netherlands) conveyed his delegation's gratitude to the Brazilian Government for its hospitality during the current session. He had been most impressed by the way in which the Latin American peoples had met the various problems which had arisen during the course of the session and by the harmonious and happy spirit displayed by the great Latin American family. All delegations had made a valuable contribution to the success of the Conference, which had demonstrated the vital importance of ECLA to the continued progress of Latin America.

Surinam was proud to have the great country of Brazil as a neighbour and he was confident that all would agree with him, from their recent experience, that whoever had once visited Brazil would wish to return to it.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as representative of Brazil, thanked the Netherlands representative for his tribute to Brazil.

The meeting rose at 1.25 p.m.