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Chairman: Mr. BERCHESI Uruguay

Rapporteur: Mr. MENDES-FRANCE France

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Mr. MARTINEZ CABANAS	Executive Secretary of ECIA
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE I: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ANTI-CYCLICAL POLICY (E/CN.12/194) (continued)

Mr. RAVNDAL (United States of America) announced that his delegation had reconsidered its earlier position regarding the draft resolution in the interests of achieving unanimity and as evidence of the close and continuing interest of the United States in the welfare of all the Member States represented. The United States approved all the sections of the draft resolution (E/CN.12/194), subject to further study by the United States Government with a view to determining whether it contained any points which might not be in harmony with United States economic policy and its international commitments.

Mr. CHOUHY TERRA (Uruguay) congratulated the United States representative for the spirit of compromise and fraternal solidarity which he had shown and the French representative the role which he had played in bringing about unanimous agreement.

Mr. MACHADO (Cuba) also congratulated the United States representative.

The draft resolution on economic development and anti-cyclical policy (E/CN.12/194) was approved.

STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE WORK PROGRAMMES AND PRIORITIES (E/CN.12/213)

Mr. ELGUETA (Chile) supported the order of priorities set forth in the statement, but emphasized, in connexion with the studies on immigration, that if any Member State made a strong request for more immediate action, the Secretariat would accede to it.

Mr. MACHADO (Cuba) made a formal proposal that the Commission should take note of and approve the order of work set out in the Executive Secretary's statement, on the understanding that the latter would make every effort to have most of it completed before the fourth session.

Mr. ALVARADO (Bolivia) supported that proposal and asked the Executive Secretary to take note of Bolivia's special concern for rapid implementation of section I of the draft resolution on economic development and anti-cyclical policy (E/CN.12/194) which called for the extension of economic survey to countries where they had not yet been made.

/Mr. CHOUHY TERRA

Mr. CHOUHY TERRA (Uruguay) associated himself with the suggestions made by the representatives of Chile and Bolivia and supported Cuba's proposal regarding the order of priorities.

Mr. MENDES-FRANCE (France) also supported Cuba's proposal and the Chilean amendment to it. In the interest of increasing the effectiveness of the ECLA Secretariat, by relieving some of the burden of the Research Centre and thus allowing for more detailed studies in specific fields, he made three suggestions. Instead of producing voluminous documentation for each annual session of the Commission, the Secretariat should make those exhaustive studies every other year. In the intervening year, it should confine itself to bringing those surveys up to date by brief summaries of events and conditions affecting economic development. Further, the Secretariat's studies should be given rapid and wide distribution to all persons and groups, official and non-official throughout the world, concerned with the economic problems of Latin America. Finally, the French version should be immediately distributed for the use of students and economists working in that language.

Mr. ALVARADO (Bolivia), commenting on Mr. Mendes-France's first suggestion, reiterated Bolivia's concern for an extension of ECLA's survey to his country and hoped that no new procedure would be adopted until surveys had been made of all countries thus far not studied.

Mr. AZULA BARRERA (Colombia) thought that ECLA's studies should not be given wide distribution without prior consultation with the Governments concerned regarding the checking and correction of certain data.

Mr. ZAMORA (Mexico) recalled that the Secretariat was to submit its full documentation to Member Governments 30 days before the opening of an annual session. That time-limit should be a minimum, and some documents should be distributed to Governments as soon as they were completed.

Mr. VALLE ANTELO (Bolivia) wanted the time-limit to be extended to 60 days before the opening of a session.

The statement on work programmes and priorities (E/CN.12/213) was approved.

#### PLACE AND TIME OF THE FOURTH SESSION

Mr. ZAMORA (Mexico) extended the official invitation of his

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Government to the Commission to hold its fourth session in Mexico City, D.F., Mexico.

Mr. MACHADO (Cuba) thanked the representative of Mexico for his generous invitation and formally moved that the fourth session of ECLA should be held in Mexico City in May 1951. He suggested that his motion should be adopted unanimously.

After warm expressions of appreciation by all the members of the Commission, the CHAIRMAN called for action on Cuba's proposal.

The proposal to hold the fourth session in Mexico City was approved by acclamation.

On behalf of his Government, Mr. ZAMORA (Mexico) thanked the members for their kind acceptance of its invitation.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (E/1717-E/CN.12/190)

Mr. MENDES-FRANCE (France), Rapporteur, introduced the draft annual report (E/1717-E/CN.12/190), and drew attention to two minor changes which he had made at the request of some delegations. He would welcome any further suggestions.

Mr. MACHADO (Cuba) proposed that, since members had had very little time to consider the report, it should be adopted with the proviso that corrections or amendments could be submitted to the Secretariat in the course of the day.

The draft annual report was adopted on that understanding.

Mr. MENDES-FRANCE (France), Rapporteur, suggested that in the future the reports of ECLA's Committees might be drawn up in sufficient detail so that together they would form the main part of ECLA's own report to the Economic and Social Council. That would facilitate both the drafting of ECLA's report and its last-minute approval.

As Rapporteur, he wished to say a few words on something which had emerged from the session and which could not be included in the factual and objective annual report - the realization that the grave economic problems which beset Latin America had their counterpart on the other side of the Atlantic and that all the nations of the modern world faced the same difficulties which called for the same solution, to be achieved by a joint effort. The United States of America had shown, in war as in peace, that it shared that conviction;

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and it was for all nations to realize that they could not ensure prosperity, economic stability and social progress without relinquishing the futile and selfish policy of attempting to save themselves alone from dangers which threatened the entire modern world.

He then paid a tribute to the country of Uruguay, the domestic and international policy of which set an example of wisdom and stability to other nations; and thanked the Chairman for his able leadership and the Uruguayan delegation as a whole for their generous hospitality.

High praise, too, was due to the Secretariat of ECLA for its penetrating and objective studies. The various representatives, for their part, had done their best to work together in good faith and with complete intellectual integrity. Their co-operation augured well for ECLA's success in solving the economic problems of each country taken separately and of all taken together.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Rapporteur for his kind remarks about Uruguay and about himself. He could only hope that, as Chairman, he had not fallen too short of the standard set by his predecessors.

He then invited the Commission to attend the formal closing meeting to be held the following morning at the Palacio Legislativo in the presence of the President of Uruguay.

Mr. MARTINEZ CABANAS (Executive Secretary) thanked the Commission on behalf of his fellow-workers as well as on his own for its appreciation of their work. It was a source of great satisfaction that ECLA had won a firm position for itself within the United Nations.

Mr. MACHADO (Cuba) proposed that the Commission should instruct the Executive Secretary to send a message of gratitude to the Government and the people of Uruguay for their heart-warming hospitality.

That proposal was adopted by acclamation.

Mr. CHEUEY TERRA (Uruguay), speaking in the name of his delegation, thanked the members of the Commission for a praise which his country knew it did not deserve, but made every effort to live up to.

Mrs. APARICIO (World Federation of United Nations Associations) remarked that her organization had learned a great deal at ECLA's current session. She

hoped that the following session would be marked by closer co-operation between the non-governmental organizations and ECIA, and that ECIA would remember it could always count on their assistance.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the Secretariat would take note of those remarks.

The meeting rose at 5.20 p.m.

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