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(E/CN.12/AC.59/1)

Chairman: Mr. PARDO (Bolivia)

Rapporteur: Mr. GONZALEZ CAMPO (Guatemala)

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CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISIONAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. MENDEZ (Colombia), speaking also on behalf of the delegation of Venezuela withdrew the draft resolution on planning and economic integration (Conference Room Paper N° 2). However, without introducing a formal resolution, the two delegations wished to place on record their interest in convening meetings of directors of national planning offices, as proposed in the resolution with the technical assistance of ECLA and the Institute.

The CHAIRMAN invited consideration of the provisional report of the Committee on Development Planning (E/CN.12/AC.59/1) and the draft resolution approved by the Committee (Conference Room Paper N° 1).

Mr. de la MELENA (Peru) recalled that his delegation had suggested that ECLA should consider at the regional level the possibility of devising models for planning areas related to integration, but that the suggestion had not been embodied in the report.

Mr. VUSKOVIC (Secretariat) explained that specific requests for secretariat assistance appeared in the summary records, but could not be included in the report unless they were the subject of formal resolutions.

Paragraph 1

Mr. VAN NORT (United States of America) suggested that the names of the participants should be arranged in order according to whether they were members of the Committees or observers.

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 1 was approved.

Paragraphs 2-8

Paragraphs 2-8 were approved.

Paragraph 9

Mr. COSSIO (Cuba) suggested that the adjective "indispensable" should be inserted before the word "instrument" in the penultimate line.

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 9 was approved as amended.

Paragraph 10

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) suggested that paragraphs 9 and 10 should be combined in a single paragraph.

It was so agreed.

/Paragraph 11

Paragraph 11

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) suggested that the phrase "the basic sectors of the community with respect to" should be inserted before "the content of the plans." at the end of the second sentence.

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 11 was approved as amended.

Paragraph 12

Mr. SETTE (Brazil) suggested that the fourth lines should read "... and stability in the composition of the technical teams responsible for planning."

It was so agreed.

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) suggested that the following phrase should be added at the end of the second sentence: "although, of course, in other cases such changes might have favourable effects." He also suggested the addition of the following phrase at the end of the paragraph: "and should effectively meet each country's priority needs."

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 12 was approved as amended.

Paragraph 13

In response to a suggestion by Mr. L. GARCIA (Venezuela), Mr. AGUIRRE (Chile) suggested that the words "and efficiency" should be added at the end of the first sentence.

It was so agreed.

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) suggested that the words "over other considerations" at the end of the second sentence should be deleted.

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 13 was approved as amended.

Paragraph 14

Taking into account the points raised by Mr. MENDEZ (Colombia), Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) and Mr. COSSIO (Cuba), the CHAIRMAN suggested that the first sentence should read as follows: "These difficulties were identified by the Committee on the almost unanimous assumption that effective means of overcoming them could be found within the framework of the market economy system."

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 14 was approved as amended.

/Paragraphs 15

Paragraphs 15 and 16

Paragraphs 15 and 16 were approved.

Paragraph 17

After a lengthy discussion in which Mr. MENDEZ (Colombia), Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina), Mr. COSSIO (Cuba), Mr. AGUIRRE (Chile), Mr. L. GARCIA (Venezuela), Mr. ZAMORA (Mexico) and Mr. KING (Guyana) took part, the CHAIRMAN suggested the following wording: "Another subject discussed by the Committee was that of relations between the planning machinery and the entrepreneurial, labour, rural and other social sectors. Their participation is important, even if there are disputes on planning policies, since lack of communication deprives the planning bodies of very valuable information concerning opinions, possible reactions to alternative economic policy measures or constructive suggestions. Their participation is one of the important incentives to gain support for and strengthen the action of planning systems and contributes materially to the achievement of plan objectives."

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 17 was approved as amended.

Paragraph 18

Mr. M. MARTINEZ (Honduras) suggested that the words "With regard to employment policy," at the beginning of the last sentence should be deleted.

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 18 was approved as amended.

Paragraph 19

On the basis of observations made by Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina), Mr. LUTCHMAN (Trinidad and Tobago), Mr. de la MELENA (Peru), Mr. ZAMORA (Mexico), Mr. AGUIRRE (Chile) and Mr. M. MARTINEZ (honduras), Mr. VUSKOVIC (Secretariat) suggested that paragraph 19 should read as follows: "In discussing procedures for short-term programming, consideration was given to the progress made in several countries in such matters as the preparation of short-term models,

/economic indicators,

economic indicators, investment-financing balance-sheets and follow-up of the execution of basic high-priority projects. Attention was drawn to the need for closer co-ordination between planning and monetary and fiscal policy."

Paragraph 19, as amended, was approved.

Paragraph 20

Paragraph 20 was approved.

Paragraph 21

Paragraph 21 was approved with minor drafting changes.

Paragraph 22

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) suggested that the word "fair" in the last line of the paragraph should be deleted.

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 22 was approved as amended.

Paragraph 23

Mr. VUSKOVIC (Secretariat) suggested that the following text, incorporating amendments proposed by Mr. de la MELENA (Peru), Mr. SAN MARTIN (Argentina), Mr. MENDEZ (Colombia), Mr. COSSIO (Cuba), Mr. L. GARCIA (Venezuela), Mr. LE GUAY (France), Mr. MARTINEZ (Honduras), Mr. AGUIRRE (Chile), Mr. ULLOA (Ecuador), Mr. SETTE (Brazil) and Mr. ZAMORA (Mexico), should be approved: "Some delegations emphasized that agreements should be concluded as soon as possible to foster the exchange of experience as a first step towards the gradual co-ordination of some features of national programmes and the more rapid implementation of complementarity arrangements, joint programmes in basic industries and sub-regional agreements and towards expediting the balanced development of infrastructure and the utilization of technological and scientific advances, in response to the desire for integration expressed in the Declaration of the Presidents of the Americas. One delegation pointed out, however, that the co-ordination of national plans could take place only within the framework of absolutely uniform objectives and intentions. Other delegations expressed the view that those questions should be dealt with in accordance with the procedures of existing integration systems and the decisions made by the Chiefs of State at Punta del Este."

Paragraph 23, as amended, was approved.

/Paragraph 24

Paragraph 24

Mr. MARTINEZ (Honduras) proposed that the following paragraph based on the opinions expressed by Mr. SAN MARTIN (Argentina), Mr. MENDEZ (Colombia), Mr. ULLOA (Ecuador), Mr. L. GARCIA (Venezuela), Mr. AGUIRRE (Chile) and Mr. SETTE (Brazil), should replace the original text: "That view is based on the premise that the application of the decisions on Latin American economic integration made by the Heads of State at the Punta del Este meeting must to a great extent be a planned process and that it will be all the more effective as greater progress is made in national planning".

It was so decided.

Paragraph 24 was approved as amended.

Paragraph 25

After an exchange of views in which Mr. SAN MARTIN (Argentina), Mr. MENDEZ (Colombia), and Mr. AGUIRRE (Chile) participated, Mr. ZAMORA (Mexico) proposed that the part of the second sentence following the words "external assistance" should be replaced by the words "and some tardiness in plan evaluation had had adverse effects on those efforts".

It was so decided.

Paragraph 25 was approved as amended.

Paragraph 26

Mr. COSSIO (Cuba) requested that the following sentence should be added at the end of the paragraph: "With regard to that draft resolution one delegation requested that note should be taken of its observations concerning regional integration and the decisions taken at the recent Punta del Este meeting, as recorded in the relevant summary record."

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 26 was approved as amended.

Consideration of the draft resolution

Mr. COSSIO (Cuba) drew attention to a terminological error in operative paragraph 2 (b) of the resolution approved by the Committee, which incorrectly referred to "structural reforms" instead of "structural changes".

/Mr. VUSKOVIC

Mr. VUSKOVIC (Secretariat) said that the necessary correction would be made.

The provisional report as a whole was approved.

The CHAIRMAN, replying to congratulations on his efficient conduct of the business of the Committee, thanked the Committee for its co-operation.

The meeting rose at 2 p.m.