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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIRST MEETING

Held in Mexico City
On Wednesday, 30 May 1951, at 12:15 p.m.

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/Chairman:
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Chairman: Mr. MARTINEZ BAEZ Mexico (Chairman of the fourth session of ECLA)

Later: Mr. HUDICOURT Haiti

Members: Mr. HASPERUE BECERRA) Argentina
Mr. de OLANO)
Mr. NAVAJAS MOGRO Bolivia
Mr. BARBOSA CAVALCANTI Brazil
Mr. SCHNACKE Chile
Mr. SILVERIO Cuba
Mr. ALVARADO OLEA Ecuador
Mr. BOHAN United States of America
Mr. de SEYNES France
Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES Guatemala
Mr. JEANTY Haiti
Mr. CALIX MONCADA Honduras
Mr. SIERRA Mexico
Mr. CANTARERO Nicaragua
Mr. McCULLOUGH Panama
Mr. NEWTON Netherlands
Mr. LLUBERES PEÑA Dominican Republic
Mr. TAYLOR United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Mr. MacEACHEN Uruguay

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. CASSERES) Food and Agriculture
Mr. TERVER) Organization

Mr. MARTINEZ OSTOS International Monetary Fund

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

Mr. GALVEZ Organization for Standardization

Mr. du BOUCHET National Association of Manufacturers

Secretariat: Mr. OWEN Assistant Secretary-General in Charge of the Department of Economic Affairs

Mr. PREBISCH Executive-Secretary, ECLA
Mr. CASTILLO Assistant Executive-Secretary, ECLA

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The temporary Chairman invited Mr. Hudicourt (Haiti) to take the Chair.

Mr. HUDICOURT (Haiti) took the Chair.

He thanked the Committee for having elected him and said that during his chairmanship he would speak in Spanish.

Mr. JEANTY (Haiti) proposed Mr. Gomez Robles (Guatemala) as Rapporteur.

Mr. HASPERUE BECERRA (Argentina), Mr. SILVERIO (Cuba), Mr. de SEYNES (France), Mr. ALVARADO OLEA (Ecuador), Mr. BOHAN (United States of America), Mr. SCHNACKE (Chile), Mr. SIERRA (Mexico), Mr. CALIX MONCADA (Honduras), Mr. TAYLOR (United Kingdom), Mr. LLUBERES PEÑA (Dominican Republic), and Mr. BARBOSA CAVALCANTI (Brazil) supported the nomination.

Mr. HASPERUE BECERRA (Argentina) proposed that Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES (Guatemala) should be elected by acclamation.

Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES (Guatemala) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that in view of decisions reached by the Committee on Economic Development and the Committee on International Trade, items 7 (sub-item 1), 8 (b) and 15 should be included in the agenda of the fourth session.

Mr. SILVERIO (Cuba), suggested that item 14 be referred to the Committee on Functions of ECLA.

Mr. BARBOSA CAVALCANTI (Brazil) supported the motion of the Cuban representative, deeming it to conform with the resolution of the

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Council relating to the future of regional commissions.

Mr. TAYLOR (United Kingdom) also supported the motion. He further proposed that item 11 on the agenda should be referred to the Committee on Functions of ECLA.

Mr. NAVAJAS MOGRO (Bolivia) asked the Executive Secretary why the study of those two items had been referred to the Committee on Co-ordination.

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary) explained that the formation of more than three committees had not been anticipated, and that some difficulties had been met in allocating items on the agenda. At the same time, he saw no reason why the study of items 11 and 14 should not be entrusted to the Committee on Functions of ECLA.

Mr. SILVERIO (Cuba) said he had proposed that item 14 be referred to the Committee on Functions of ECLA, but in his opinion, if the study of item 11 were referred to that Committee, the Committee on Co-ordination and General Questions would have no reason to exist.

Mr. BARBOSA CAVALCANTI (Brazil), Mr. SCHNACKE (Chile) and Mr. LLUBERES PEÑA (Dominican Republic) supported the motion of the Cuban representative. They thought that item 11, which was related to problems of co-ordination, was within the scope of the Committee on Co-ordination and General Questions.

Mr. BOHAN (United States of America) thought it would be difficult to coordinate the Commission's programme of work with those of other bodies until the programme was known. Moreover, in his opinion the co-ordination of the Commission's programme with that of the

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Inter-American Economic and Social Council should be put in the hands of the Fourth Committee, which is studying the Commission's programme. He would of course abide by the opinion of the majority.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the Cuban motion that item 14 should be referred to the Committee on Functions of ECLA.

The Cuban proposal was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN asked the members of the Committee in which order they wished to study the items on the agenda, especially items 7 (sub-item 1), 8 (b) and 15 (b).

Mr. de OLANO (Argentina) suggested that the Committee should begin by studying item 11.

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary), on being consulted on that question, asked whether it would not be preferable to begin with item 10, the study of which would take very little time.

Mr. de OLANO (Argentina) emphasized that item 11, which was the most important one on the agenda, should be studied first.

Mr. SCHNACKE (Chile) asked whether the representatives of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council had arrived in Mexico City. If not, the examination of item 11 would have to be deferred.

Mr. CASTILLO (Assistant Executive Secretary) replied that the representatives of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council would arrive at the end of the week.

Mr. BARBOSA CAVALCANTI (Brazil) suggested that item 11 should be studied at the end of the session.

The CHAIRMAN felt that it would be inappropriate to adopt the

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Argentine proposal in view of the late arrival of the representative of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council.

Mr. de OLANO (Argentina) suggested that item 11 should in principle be retained at the head of the agenda, it being understood that that item would not be studied until the representatives of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council had arrived.

The CHAIRMAN put the Argentine proposal to the vote.

As the Committee seemed to be divided on that question, Mr. de OLANO (Argentina) asked for a roll-call vote.

Mr. SILVERIO (Cuba), wishing to reconcile the various points of view, suggested that the agenda items should be kept as they appeared on the provisional agenda, it being understood that the study of item 11 would be deferred until the representatives of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council had arrived. He asked the Argentine representative whether he was willing to support that proposal.

Mr. de OLANO (Argentina) associated himself with the Cuban representative's proposal.

The CHAIRMAN put the Cuban representative's proposal to the vote.

The Cuban proposal was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN asked where items 7 (sub-item 1), 8(b) and 15(b) should be placed on the agenda.

Mr. SILVERIO (Cuba) suggested that the three items should come before item 10.

The Cuban proposal was adopted.

/Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES

Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES (Guatemala), Rapporteur, suggested that the question of the co-ordination of ECLA's work with that of the economic organs of its various member states should be added to the agenda.

Mr. SILVERIO (Cuba) asked whether it would not be preferable to refer that question to the Committee on the Functions of ECLA.

The CHAIRMAN asked the representative of Guatemala to submit his proposal in writing in order that the Committee might study the question of including that item on the agenda.

Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES (Guatemala), Rapporteur, asked that the agenda should not become definitive until a decision had been taken regarding that question.

The meeting rose at 12:50 p.m.

The following information is provided for your reference:

1. The total number of items is 100.

2. The total value is \$1,000.00.

3. The average value per item is \$10.00.

4. The standard deviation is \$2.00.

5. The variance is \$4.00.

6. The coefficient of variation is 0.20.

7. The skewness is 0.00.

8. The kurtosis is 0.00.

9. The distribution is normal.

10. The data is symmetric.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,