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COMMITTEE I

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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIFTH MEETING

Held at Bogota on Saturday, 10 September 1955 at 10.35 a.m.

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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. DE ANDRADE-LYRA	Brazil
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. GINEBRA HENRIQUEZ	Dominican Republic
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. VALLADARES	Argentina
	Mr. ARCE	Bolivia
	Mr. KNAACK DE SOUZA	Brazil
	Mr. NAPPE	Chile
	Mr. HOYOS	Colombia
	Mr. VALDES LLANSO	Cuba
	Mr. SALGADO	Ecuador
	Mr. POUSSARD	France
	Mr. HUDICOURT	Haiti

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Mr. MONDRAGON	Honduras
Mr. NAVARRETE	Mexico
Mr. GUERRERO	Nicaragua
Mr. NEWTON	Netherlands
Mr. AIZPU	Panama
Mr. SCOTT-FOX	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. CORLISS	United States of America
Mr. FERNANDEZ GOYECHEA	Uruguay
Mr. BELLO	Venezuela

Also present :

Observers from Member States :

Mr. ALMASY	Czechoslovakia
Mr. KOT	Poland

Observers from non-member States:

Mr. FIORICLI DELL' LENA	Italy
Mr. ROBERT	Spain
Mr. BJORK	Sweden

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. LARSEN	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Mr. LASO)	International
Mr. VERA)	Monetary Fund

Representative of an inter-governmental organization:

Mr. AMADOR	Inter-American Economic and Social Council
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Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

Category A :

Mr. CARDENAS	International Con- federation of Free Trade Unions
Miss. KAHN	World Federation of Trade Unions

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. MAYOBRE	Secretary of the Committee
Mr. PERDOMO	Assistant Secretary

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CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

Draft resolution presented by the delegation of Chile and Argentina
(Conference Room Paper No.8/Rev.1)

Mr. VALLADARES (Argentina) proposed that the beginning of operative paragraph 2 should be amended to read "To the Secretariat that it take into account the observations made in the course of the debate with regard to document E/CN.12/362/Rev.1."

Mr. NAVARRETE (Mexico) supported the Argentine amendment. He emphasized that the ECLA document, which had much weight in Latin American countries, should not be published in its final form until all corrections had been received. The Survey for 1954 contained errors which Governments had had no opportunity to rectify before publication, and he asked for the inclusion in the record of the Mexican delegation's opinion that the Economic Survey must be presented in a provisional form to the consideration of the Commission and only after the figures had been corrected should it be published in the final edition. He also wanted to have recorded the statement made by the Secretariat to the effect that the rectification would be published subsequently in the ECLA documents.

Mr. KNAACK de SOUZA (Brazil) agreed that the Survey should be submitted to the ECLA session in a provisional form to enable delegations to make the necessary corrections before it was printed. He drew attention to rule 3 of the rules of procedure, which, in his opinion, meant that documents should not be published in their final form until they had been approved by the Commission.

Mr. HJDICOURT (Haiti), supported by Mr. POUSSARD (France), said that the fact that the Survey was printed did not necessarily mean that it was in its final form.

The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY said that the Secretariat had always taken note of the observations made by delegations. Corrections to the provisional figures appearing in the Survey were published in the Review. Operative paragraph 2 might be interpreted by those who were unfamiliar with the Commission's work as a criticism of the Secretariat, which it had certainly not merited.

Replying to the Mexican representative, he said that the Secretariat had considered the presentation of the Survey in printed form as a step forward.

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He drew attention to footnote 2 on page 3 of the Survey and pointed out that the figures appearing in the Survey were necessarily provisional, as the Secretariat did not receive the final figures for some considerable time. It was published in May and therefore included the latest figures supplied by Governments, which were only provisional. It would be of the greatest help to the Secretariat if Governments would communicate their statistics earlier. The establishment of an office for centralizing information in each country, as proposed in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, would much improve the situation.

He made it clear that the studies carried out by the Secretariat were issued under the responsibility of the Secretariat and were not submitted to the Commission for approval or rejection.

ECLA met in full session only every two years, with the result that a large number of documents had to be presented at one time. It might be advisable to publish finished studies at an earlier date.

Mr. ROUSSARD (France), referring to paragraph 1 a) of the draft resolution, announced that his Government had appointed a member of the French Embassy at Santiago as a liaison officer with ECLA. He would in future be responsible for supplying information to the Secretariat.

Referring to operative paragraph 2, he said that it would be unfortunate if the Commission gave the impression that it was criticizing the work of the Secretariat.

Mr. FERNANDEZ GOYECHEA (Uruguay) proposed that operative paragraph 2 should be deleted.

After a general discussion, the CHAIRMAN put the Uruguyan proposal to the vote.

The Uruguyan proposal was adopted unanimously.

Mr. GINEBRAHENRIQUEZ (Dominican Republic) proposed that the words " To Governments", at the beginning of operative paragraph 1, should be amended to read "To Governments members of the Commission" .

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole, with the above amendments.

The draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No.8/Rev.1.), as amended, was adopted unanimously.

DRAFT RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO (Conference Room Paper No.9/Rev.1)

Mr. FOUSSARD (France) wondered if the draft resolution under discussion did not bear a certain similarity with a draft resolution which was under discussion in Committee II and if so, whether the two could not be merged.

Mr. MAYOBRE (Secretary of the Committee) pointed out that the draft resolution under discussion referred to a question of employment statistics whilst that being considered in Committee II referred to the question of manpower in a general sense.

Mr. NAPPE (Chile) suggested that the words "and other specialized agencies" should be inserted after the word "I.L.O" in the second line of the recommendation.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the draft resolution, as amended by the Delegate of Chile, to the vote.

It was approved by acclamation.

Mr. HOYOS (Colombia) announced that in view of the fact that a similar proposal was being discussed in Committee II, his delegation wished to withdraw the draft resolution on investment (Conference Room Paper No.18).

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had completed its work.

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.