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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING:

That Latin American Governments are striving to accelerate the rate of growth of the economies of the region;

That the different elements of the problem of development - improvement in the use of productive factors, elimination of bottlenecks in basic sectors, increase in the rate of saving, use of external resources, etc. - should be considered together and in terms of the general objectives of development policy;

That over-all studies of national economies, based on appropriate methods of programming, represent a point of departure for the preparation of integrated programmes of economic development;

That it is necessary to continue the study of the basic structures of the Latin American economies which affect their development potential and moreover, to analyse the problem of

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co-ordinating and complementing their development, taking into account the basic structures of groups of countries on a regional basis.

That the means of carrying out development programmes, such as monetary, fiscal, trade and exchange policies and the training of specialized personnel at all levels, scientific and technological research, and other means which complement these, require careful examination and effective co-ordination;

That governmental budgets should be used as effective instruments for the execution of programmes of economic and social development;

That effective development programming requires that existing administrative agencies be adapted and where necessary supplemented, both as regards their capacity to formulate policies and prepare programmes and also as regards their powers and resources, to put them into effect to watch over their implementation, and when necessary to modify them;

That experience accumulated both within and outside the region should be borne in mind when formulating and applying development programmes;

RESOLVES:

1. TO TAKE NOTE with satisfaction of the progress attained through the studies submitted by the secretariat on the Technique of Analysis and Projections of Economic Development and its application to the economies of Brazil and Colombia (documents E/CN.12/363, 364 and 365);

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2. TO REAFFIRM the recommendation to governments contained in resolution 48 (V) on the desirability of employing the technique of programming in drawing up their development policies;

3. TO RECOMMEND to the secretariat:

a) That in its special studies on the different sectors of economic activity, and in particular in the field of industrial and agricultural productivity, it bear in mind the advisability of directing them towards the formulation of general development programmes;

b) That research be continued principally on the monetary, fiscal exchange and trade systems and policies necessary for the execution of development programmes;

c) That such research include methods for the best use of governmental budgets in the implementation of development programmes;

d) That it continue the analysis of the basic structures of the economies of Latin American countries; and the study of the inter-relationship and complementation of economic development, taking into account the economic structures of groups of countries on a regional basis;

e) That, in co-operation with the Technical Assistance Administration, it make a study of the structure and operation of the organizations existing in the Latin American countries for preparing and putting into effect economic development programmes; that in this study it include public and private agencies

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directly concerned with the implementation of such programmes; and that it examine the need for and methods of co-ordination between the programming organizations and the agencies in question, taking into account the relevant experience of countries within and outside the region.

f) That it present a report on the research recommended above.