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**RESOLUTION OF 25 JUNE 1948 ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

**THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA**

**CONSIDERING:**

1. The important part that technical training and technical assistance play in the economic development of Latin America for the improved utilization of natural resources and equipment permitting human effort to become more productive, which has a decisive bearing on the attainment of higher standards of living and on the necessary contribution of this region to the rehabilitation of the economies of other continents;
2. That Latin-American countries lack sufficient technical staff to meet the needs of their economic development, which makes it difficult to train skilled workers;

**RESOLVES:**

That until the Commission has, at its Second Session, decided upon concrete measures and recommendations directed toward solving the problem of the serious deficiency of technical and specialized staff and personnel, and in order to facilitate the reaching of a decision on such measures and recommendations based on actual findings,

**THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

- (a) Shall undertake a preliminary study of the needs of Latin-American countries for technical and administrative personnel, means and facilities, and their present availability, including

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facilities for technical training;

Further, he shall transmit to Member countries all information concerning existing facilities for training and for the exchange of staff;

(b) In addition to such a study, which shall be made within the shortest possible time and be presented to the Second Session of the Commission, the Executive Secretary shall prepare, in due course, and transmit to the various countries, lists containing the names of organizations able to render the necessary technical assistance for the purposes mentioned above, including the names of appropriate international and national institutions offering such facilities, and the name of the principal private organizations which can render such assistance;

In the performance of this task, the Executive Secretary shall seek the co-operation of the specialized agencies and that of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, providing for adequate co-ordination with the latter.