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IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

CONSIDERING the contribution which migration can make to the economic development of the individual countries of Latin America;

NOTES with satisfaction the progress report submitted by the Executive Secretary on the work done by the Committee on Economic Development and Immigration created under resolution E/CN.12/191, approved at the Third Session of the Commission;

TAKES NOTE, among other interesting developments in the field of immigration in Latin America, of:

(a) the work done by the Joint Uruguayan-Italian Commission in charge of the planning of immigration in relation to agricultural development, which has resulted in plans for the establishment of a model farm, called a "Pilot Farm", under the direction of technicians of both countries, the purpose of

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which will be to adapt the immigrant to the economic and environmental conditions of the country of immigration, so as to secure the advantage of his assimilation on a basis satisfactory to himself and useful to the economy of the recipient country;

(b) of the work done in Peru, such as the study on land settlement in the region of the Rio Huallaga;

(c) of other similar joint activities carried on, on one hand, by the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Ecuador, and, on the other hand, by organizations from Italy and the Netherlands.

HAVING REVIEWED the work and experience of the Committee on Economic Development and Immigration and noting the special interest which other international organizations (particularly ILO, as well as FAO and IRO) have in the field of migration and the scale of development of their activities in this field;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Executive Secretary's statement on the implementation of resolution E/CN.12/191 (E/CN.12/AC.12/3).

RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary consult with the executive heads of other international organizations concerned with this problem with a view to the establishment by the interested organizations, of an Inter-Agency Regional Co-ordination Committee on Migration which will meet when necessary to review progress and co-ordinate action in the field of migration in Latin America;

REQUESTS the Executive Secretary to continue full co-operation with other international agencies on the economic aspects of migration,

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including participation in the Inter-Agency Regional Coordination Committee on Migration, if established;

FURTHER REQUESTS the Executive Secretary:

(a) to prepare, as appropriate, background studies on the economic aspects of immigration and, in particular, to complete in conjunction with the other international organizations concerned (if possible, before the ILO Conference on Migration to be held at Naples in October 1951) the study of migration in relation to economic development requested by the Commission at its Third Session, and to circulate this study to governments as soon as it is completed;

(b) To invite, pursuant to resolution E/CN.12/191 of the Third Session of ECLA, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to take part, when appropriate, in the work of the Coordination Committee referred to above, as a means of providing for the study of financial provisions adequate for the formulation and implementation of immigration plans of the Latin American countries;

(c) to arrange for appropriate reports on activities undertaken under this resolution to be furnished to the next meeting of the Commission;

SUGGESTS to interested member governments that they should discuss, at an early stage, their needs for advice or assistance in the field of migration, with the Executive Secretary of ECLA and with the Director-General of the FAO or the Director-General of the ILO,

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or with their regional representatives, as they may see fit;

REQUESTS the Executive Secretary, and invites the Directors-General of ILO and FAO, to consider jointly the matters raised under the preceding paragraph, with a view, if appropriate, to the formulation of requests for technical assistance;

RECOMMENDS that Latin American countries circulate among themselves information as to their experience in the field of immigration and land settlement, and keep ECLA, ILO, FAO and IRO informed;

RECOMMENDS that member governments carry out studies which will lead to concrete plans on immigration and land settlement, and

RECOMMENDS that member governments send representatives to the ILO Conference on Migration, which will take place at Naples in October 1951.