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JOINT REPORT ON CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARIAT  
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE GENERAL  
SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

The secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States have the honour to transmit to the delegations attending the ninth session of ECLA the results of the meeting, held at Washington from 6 to 14 March 1961, between the representatives of both organizations and of the Inter-American Development Bank.

These important negotiations were entirely successful, as specific agreement was reached on co-ordination and co-operation which will enable the three organizations to combine their resources in a variety of fields of action and, in many cases, to embark on joint work programmes.

The two secretariats consider it unnecessary to comment on the document signed at the Washington meeting, which is submitted to the delegations for their consideration in the paper entitled "Proceedings of the first working session of the Ad Hoc Co-operation Committee of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA)" (E/CN.12/601). However, they deem it appropriate to reaffirm their conviction that, because of the scale of Latin America's economic problems and of the scanty resources available for their solution, it is essential that the two organizations should co-operate. In this connexion, the Proceedings of the Ad Hoc Committee constitute a definite step in the direction of avoiding duplication and of utilizing resources to the fullest and most effective extent.

The two secretariats are therefore convinced that the delegations attending the ninth session will support them wholeheartedly in their efforts to ensure co-ordination and co-operation, which will be actively continued at the subsequent meetings of the OAS/IDB/ECLA Ad Hoc Committee on Co-operation.