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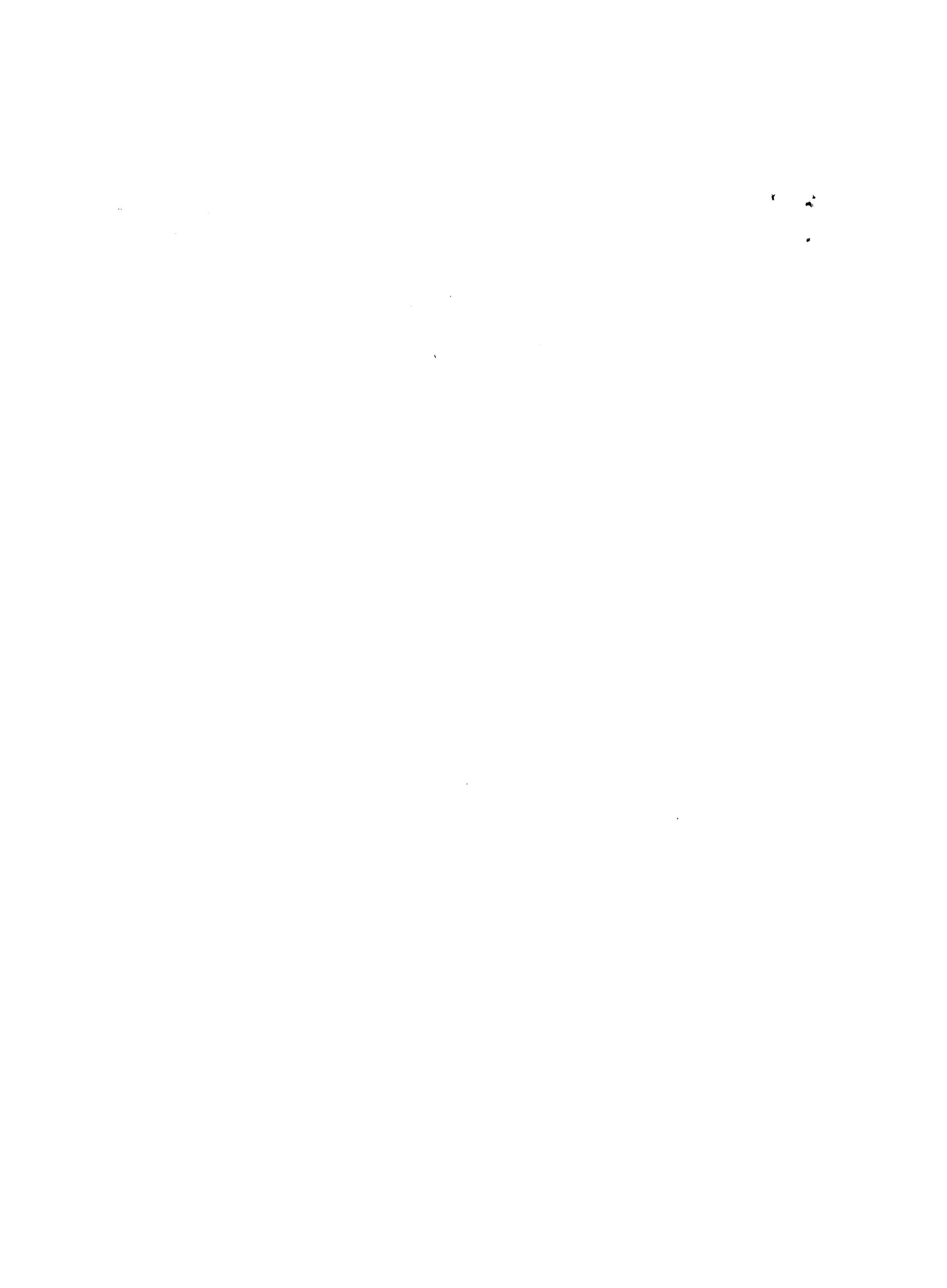
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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE ELECTION OF NEW
MEMBERS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE
FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING



1. The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, at its ninth session held in New York from 6 to 7 June 1962, adopted resolution 220 (AC.52),^{1/} the text of which is reproduced in the Annex. Under this resolution the Committee established the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, and laid down the aims to be achieved by its executive organs, their functions and the procedure for their election. At the same time, other provisions were adopted with respect to the functioning of the Institute.

2. The resolution established a Governing Council of the Institute, having the following functions:

- "(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;
- (b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets;
- (c) To submit to ECLA, each year, a progress report on the work of the Institute."

3. With respect to the composition of the Governing Council, the resolution states in part A, paragraph 3, that it shall be composed in the manner and subject to the stipulations stated below:

- "(a) Eleven members of recognized technical ability; eight of these members shall be nationals of eight different Latin American countries and shall be elected by ECLA, one member shall be appointed by the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, one member shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and one member shall represent the secretariat of ECLA at international organizations working in the economic and financial field in Latin America;
- (b) In electing the eight members mentioned above, care shall be taken to ensure equitable geographical distribution;
- (c) Members of the Governing Council shall be elected or appointed at regular ECLA sessions, as provided for in sub-paragraph (a) above, for a term of two years, and may be re-elected or re-appointed for successive terms."

^{1/} This resolution amends resolution 218 (AC.50) adopted by the Committee of the Whole at its eighth session.

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4. Moreover, the resolution stipulates in part B, paragraph 1, that "the first election of the members of the Governing Council referred to in part A, paragraph 3 (a) of this resolution shall take place at an extraordinary meeting of the Committee of the Whole, to be held at Santiago on 21 March 1962 with this exclusive end in view; the members thus appointed shall remain in office until the tenth session of the Commission; with a view to facilitating the convening of this extraordinary meeting, it is agreed that the secretariat shall not be required to abide by the provisions laid down in the rules of procedure of the Commission in respect of documentation, prior notice and other arrangements."

5. Accordingly, the Committee of the Whole, at its fourth extraordinary meeting, elected the following persons as members of the Governing Council of the Institute:

Luis Escobar Cerda, Minister of Economy, Reconstruction and Development of Chile;

Celso Furtado, Executive Director of the Office of the Superintendent for the Development of the Northeast, Brazil;

Felipe Antonio Galarza, Member of the Planning Board of Bolivia;

Plácido García Reynoso, Under-Secretary for Industry and Trade of Mexico;

Héctor Hurtado, Deputy Director of the National Planning Board of Venezuela;

Bernal Jiménez Monge, Chief of the Department of Economic and Social Research of the University of Costa Rica;

Germánico Salgado, Technical Director of the Planning Board of Ecuador;

Alejandro Solari, Director of the Planning and Development Board of Argentina.

6. In view of the fact that the term of office of the members of the Governing Council mentioned in the previous paragraph expires at the present tenth session, it will be incumbent upon the Commission, at this session, to elect eight members of the Governing Council for a term of two years.

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220 (AC.52). Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning *

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting with satisfaction the document prepared by the Executive Secretary on the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (E/CN.12/AC.50/7) and submitted in compliance with the provisions of ECLA resolution 199 (IX), paragraph 1,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI), which invites the Governments concerned to establish development planning institutes closely linked to the respective regional economic commissions,

Expressing its appreciation to the United Nations Special Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank, whose contribution has made possible the establishment of an institute for development planning in Latin America,

Expressing gratification at the prospect that the United Nations, in discharging its responsibilities as Executing Agency, will act through ECLA,

Noting with satisfaction the Special Fund's agreement that the Institute, as an autonomous body under the aegis of ECLA, be located at Santiago, and the generous offer by the Government of Chile to provide appropriate premises,

Expressing the hope that the Regular and Expanded Programmes of Technical Assistance will give additional help by granting United Nations resources and fellowships for training at the Institute,

Considering the urgent need to expedite economic and social development in the Latin American countries,

Resolves:

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1. To establish the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, which will be responsible for providing, at the request of the Governments concerned, training and advisory services to the countries

* Note: This resolution is based on resolution 218 (AC.50), with the amendments approved at the ninth session of the Committee of the Whole.

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and areas within the geographical scope of the Commission, and for undertaking research on planning techniques, in accordance with the following aims and functions:

(a) To raise the technical level of government officials and specialists through training programmes in the form of courses and in-service training;

(b) To assist Governments in establishing the institutional and technical organization required for the more efficient programming of their economic and social development policies;

(c) To assist Governments, at a purely technical level, in preparing their economic and social development programmes;

(d) To carry out the theoretical studies required for the improvement of planning techniques used in Latin America;

2. To establish for the Institute a Governing Council, having the following functions:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets;

(c) To submit to ECLA, each year, a progress report on the work of the Institute;

3. To provide that the Governing Council shall be composed in the manner and subject to the stipulations stated below:

(a) Eleven members of recognized technical ability; eight of these members shall be nationals of eight different Latin American countries and shall be elected by ECLA, one member shall be appointed by the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, one member shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and one member shall represent the secretariat of ECLA, at international organizations working in the economic and financial field in Latin America;

(b) In electing the eight members mentioned above, care shall be taken to ensure equitable geographical distribution;

(c) Members of the Governing Council shall be elected or appointed at regular ECLA sessions, as provided for in sub-paragraph (a) above, for a term of two years, and may be re-elected or re-appointed for successive terms;

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(d) The Director-General of the Institute, mentioned in paragraph 4 below, shall be an ex officio member of the Governing Council, with the right to participate, without vote, in its deliberations;

(e) The Governing Council shall elect a chairman from among the eight members mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) above and shall adopt rules of procedure for its meetings, which shall be held at least twice a year;

4. To create the post of Director-General, the incumbent to be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after prior consultation with the Governing Council and to be entrusted with the direction and administration of the Institute, in accordance with the instructions issued by the Governing Council and with the following stipulations and functions:

(a) To submit the programmes and budget of the Institute to the Governing Council;

(b) To execute the programmes and to undertake the expenditure envisaged in the budget;

(c) To select and appoint the staff of the Institute;

(d) To select the fellows for the Training Programme;

(e) To conclude with Governments and with other national or international agencies such contracts or other arrangements as may be necessary for making available the services of the Institute, it being understood that the arrangements with national agencies shall be made with the approval of the Governments concerned;

(f) To accept on behalf of the Institute contributions from Governments, international organizations and private foundations and institutions for the purposes of financing its activities;

(g) To co-ordinate the work of the Institute with that of other international, regional and bilateral programmes in related fields;

(h) To attend the meetings of the Governing Council;

(i) To report to the Governing Council on the activities of the Institute and on the execution of its work programme;

In the exercise of his powers and the discharge of his responsibilities the Director-General may reach agreement with the specialized agencies as to methods of co-operating with the Institute in the respective fields of such agencies;

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5. To establish an Advisory Committee, to be composed of a representative of the ECLA secretariat, a representative appointed by the Inter-American Development Bank, a representative appointed by the Organization of American States, and representatives of other organizations substantially contributing to the activities of the Institute and invited by the Governing Council to be represented on the Advisory Committee.

The functions of this Committee shall be to advise the Director-General on matters relating to the work of the Institute, such as the training course curriculum and fellowships, the work of the advisory groups, and, in particular, the co-ordination of the activities of the Institute with those of other international organizations assisting Latin America in economic planning and social development and in the training of specialists in these areas. The Advisory Committee shall be permanent in character, and shall meet at least once a month at the headquarters of the Institute.

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The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America

Further resolves:

1. That the first election of the members of the Governing Council referred to in part A, paragraph 3 (a), of this resolution shall take place at an extraordinary meeting of the Committee of the Whole, to be held at Santiago on 21 March 1962 with this exclusive end in view; the members thus appointed shall remain in office until the tenth session of the Commission; with a view to facilitating the convening of this extraordinary meeting, it is agreed that the secretariat shall not be required to abide by the provisions laid down in the rules of procedure of the Commission in respect of documentation, prior notice and other arrangements;
2. That the Governing Council of the Institute shall approve a plan of operation for the United Nations Special Fund project in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution and, should the occasion arise, shall authorize the Chairman of the Governing Council to sign it;

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3. That the Governing Council shall submit to ECLA, prior to its 1966 session, a proposal designed to ensure the continuity of the Institute, in accordance with the aims referred to in ECLA resolution 199 (IX), paragraph 7;
4. That the Director-General of the Institute, after prior consultation with the Governing Council, shall reach agreement with the Executing Agency and the United Nations Special Fund on any change in the budget contained in the plan of operation of the Special Fund project;
5. That, as long as the Special Fund contribution continues, the Director-General of the Institute, in addition to reporting to the Governing Council, shall report directly to the Executing Agency in accordance with the provisions of the Special Fund project;
6. That the Director-General may also request the co-operation of the resident representatives of the Technical Assistance Board, who are also programme directors of the Special Fund, in regard to the provision of such training and advisory services as may be agreed upon with the Governments concerned;
7. That, for the purpose of furthering the aims of the Institute, the Director-General may, in consultation with the tripartite OAS/ECLA/IDB Committee, consider what co-operation might be afforded by these organizations with respect to any requests that Governments may make for training and advisory services;
8. To urge the Latin American Governments to submit to the United Nations Special Fund separate requests for advisory services, as provided in paragraph 5 of document E/CN.12/AC.50/7.

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