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REQUEST FOR ADDITION OF AN ITEM TO AGENDA

Note by the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary herewith brings the following communication from the delegation of Guatemala to the attention of the Governments Members of the Economic Commission for Latin America:

"The Guatemalan delegation to the fourth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America has the honour to propose the addition of the following item to the agenda of the Ad Hoc Committee on Co-ordination and General Questions:

'Item 8. Co-ordination between the Economic Commission for Latin America and official bodies in charge of economic policies of Member Countries.'

"The purpose of adding this new item is to recommend to the Executive Secretary that he should enter into closer and more direct contact with the national departments or agencies in charge of the planning and promotion of economic development in order to obtain the earliest possible completion of their activities,

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studies and consultations and also in order to maintain interest and the greatest possible unity and continuity in the work which they are called upon to perform jointly."

CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND OFFICIAL BODIES IN CHARGE OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY
OF MEMBER COUNTRIES

Guatemala: draft resolution

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

CONSIDERING that at its third session it recommended to Latin American Governments the adoption of specific and co-ordinated procedures to give an impetus to the economic development of their countries; and

CONFIDING that it is most desirable that the Economic Commission for Latin America should maintain closer and more direct contact with the national bodies in charge of the economic policy of Member States, for the purpose of:

- (i) giving form and reality to the procedures referred to in the first paragraph;
- (ii) ensuring greater ease and despatch in the handling of matters generally and in the completion of studies and consultations, the continuity of which must be maintained for the better achievement of ECLA's purposes;
- (iii) ensuring that at no time shall interest in the work, studies and recommendations of the Commission lapse but that, on the contrary, interest shall be continuous between sessions; and

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(iv) maintaining the common point of view that so happily has been achieved and continued through the periodic meetings of the Commission.

RECOMMENDS to the Executive Secretary that, as far as circumstances permit, it should achieve closer and more direct contact with the Latin American governmental departments and agencies in charge of economic policy or planning or of those economic activities in which the Commission is basically interested; and

URGES the Latin American Governments to consider favourably the desirability of the creation in each of the Member Countries of a special body or the selection of an existing body to take charge of the maintenance of permanent contact and effective collaboration with the Executive Secretary of ECLA, for the better achievement of the purposes set forth in the preamble of this resolution.
