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Continuation and supplementation of the study of the textile
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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING

THAT the preparation of national economic, social and financial policies to promote the economic development of member countries must be based upon individual studies of the broad factors of economic activity and that, specifically with regard to industrial development such studies must necessarily comprise, both

- a) the technical analysis of engineering and administration, and
- b) the general economic analysis of factors outside the industrial installations;

THAT the study on the productivity of the cotton textile industry in selected Latin American countries brings out to a large extent the technical elements for the interpretation of the

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principal reasons for the general backwardness of that industry in respect of engineering and administration;

That in order to enable member governments to obtain the greatest possible benefit from the results of that study when framing national development programmes in this branch of industry, that study must be supplemented by another approach to the problem paying due attention to the economic factors both national and international outside the industrial installations proper which have determined the present state of that industry's development as depicted in that technical study.

DECIDES

I. THAT a second study shall be made of the textile industry in the Latin American countries covered by the study of the productivity of labour, and that in it an effort shall be made to assess the national and international economic factors determining the present stage of development of that industry, in particular those which have impeded its technological progress and a greater satisfaction of the clothing needs of the mass of the population of the countries concerned; and

II. THAT the same double aspect be considered in future industrial studies which are undertaken by the Secretariat.