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ON IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the contribution which migration can
make to the economic development of individual countries of
Latin America;

NOTES with satisfaction the progress report contained in
Document E/CN.12/224, presented by the Executive Secretary on
the work done by the EDI Committee created according to
Resolution E/CN.12/191, approved during the Third Session of the
Commission;

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

- a) the work done by the Joint Uruguayan-Italian Commission
in charge of the planning of immigration in relation with
agricultural development, which has resulted in plans for
the establishment of a model farm called "Pilot Farm"

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under the direction of technicians of both countries, the purpose of which will be to adapt the immigrant to the economic and social conditions of the immigration country, so as to secure the advantage of his assimilation on the basis satisfactory both to himself and 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 the one hand by the governments of Argentina, Brasil, Chile and Ecuador and on the other hand, organizations from Italy and Netherlands.

HAVING REVIEWED the work and experience of the EDI Committee 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 the activities in this field;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the statement by the Executive Secretary on the implementation of Resolution E/CN.12/191 (document 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 the view that the interested organizations, including ECLA, may set up 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

with other international agencies on the economic aspects of migration, including participation in the Inter-Agency Regional Co-ordination Committee on Migration, if established;

FURTHER REQUESTS the Executive Secretary:

- a) to secure in conjunction with the other international organizations concerned, completion (if possible before the ILO Conference on Migration to be held at Naples in October 1951) of the study of migration in relation to economic development requested by the Commission at its Third Session, and to circulate the 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 of Reconstruction and Development to take part, when appropriate, in the work of the Co-ordination Committee referred to above, as a means of providing for the study of adequate financial provision to make possible the formulation and implementation of the immigration plans of the Latin American countries;
- c) to prepare, as appropriate, background studies on the economic aspects of immigration;
- d) 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 discuss, at an early stage, their needs for advice or assistance in the

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field of migration, with the Executive Secretary of ECLA and with the Director General of FAO or with the Director General of ILO, 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 to the Latin American countries to circulate among themselves and to keep informed the ECLA, ILO, FAO and IRO, about their experience in the field of immigration and land settlement.

RECOMMENDS to Member Governments to carry out studies which will lead to definite plans of immigration and land settlement, and

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