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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECLA CENTER FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING the common need of all Latin American countries for fundamental research, and for the training of Latin American Economists in the field of economic development;

CONSIDERING that it is essential to formulate general and coherent programmes or plans that cover both the successive goals to be attained in the various phases of economic development and the means or instruments for achieving them;

CONSIDERING that such programmes and plans must be drawn up and executed under the direction of economists who are expert in questions regarding the development of the economies of Latin American countries and that at the present time sufficient experts with the requisite qualifications are not available;

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CONSIDERING that the existing theories and practices in the field of economic development are the result of the experience of the industrialized countries and cannot always be adapted to the under-developed countries, and that most Latin American countries are at present in the latter category;

NOTING with satisfaction that the Secretariat of the Commission is studying the economic development problems of the region on a continuing basis and has contributed significantly to the understanding of these problems;

NOTING the suggestion made by the Executive Secretary to the effect that ECLA offers special opportunity for in-service training of Latin American economists in economic development (E/AC.34/6, paragraphs 67-68).

REQUESTS the Executive Secretary to arrange for the establishment of an ECLA Centre for Economic Development, and

REQUESTS the Executive Secretary to work out in consultation with the Director-General of the Technical Assistance Administration, administrative and financial provisions to cover the training aspects of the activities to be carried on in the Centre, and

SUGGESTS to member governments that they consult with the Executive Secretary with a view to presenting the appropriate requests with regard to this matter to the Secretary-General, and

RECOMMENDS to the member governments that they transmit to the faculties and schools of Economics attached to Latin American universities and any other university centres where economics

/is taught

is sought the opinion of ECLA to the effect that they should introduce into their curricula courses on economic development, and that they should direct their teaching towards the need for economic development; and

RECOMMENDS to the Executive Secretary that he should co-ordinate the activities of the Centre with those of international specialized agencies and university faculties and schools, and with those of other research and study centres as he deems appropriate.

1. Introduction

2. Methodology

3. Results

4. Discussion

5. Conclusion

6. References

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