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CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
LATIN AMERICA AND THE INTER-AMERICAN
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Ad Hoc Committee on Co-ordination and General Questions

A

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Commission's responsibility to the
Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the
responsibility of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council
to the Organization of American States;

CONSIDERING that it is necessary to intensify co-operation and
co-ordination between all the international agencies and bodies
established in the region, without prejudice to their independence,
and to the terms of reference contained in their respective
charters or constitutions;

CONSIDERING the fact that ECLA's broad terms of reference make
it possible for the Commission and the other agencies established
in the region to act jointly and to concentrate their efforts on

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problems of primary importance; and, in particular, that since its creation ECLA, in accordance with its terms of reference, has developed arrangements for close co-operation and co-ordination with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, so that unnecessary duplication of work has been avoided, as is demonstrated by statements made by representatives of the agencies concerned at the sessions of the Commission and by the statement of the Executive Secretary (document E/AC.34/6, paragraphs 91-159) which was prepared in consultation and agreement with the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (paragraphs 139-156);

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the fact that the Commission already has expressed the need for its continuation, and the desirability that it should continue to give its special attention to the work of economic development.

CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN ECLA AND IAECOSOC

DECLARES that each and every one of its member governments is convinced that co-operation and co-ordination in the work and programmes of ECLA and IAECOSOC should be achieved to the greatest extent necessary and useful for the attainment of this objective;

1. RESOLVES that its Executive Secretary continue the work of co-operation and co-ordination which has been initiated between ECLA and IAECOSOC;

2. EXPRESSES THE VIEW that both agencies will be able to extend reciprocal and effective collaboration, within the limits of their available resources, through agreements between their respective

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Executive Secretaries, whether on their own initiative or by resolutions adopted in annual meetings;

3. INVITES, in accordance with the foregoing, the IAECOSOC through its Executive Secretary, to join with the Executive Secretary of ECLA in a Committee on Co-ordination which should guarantee on a continuing basis the adequate distribution of work or the application of the efforts of both agencies to the study and solution of leading problems, under the following conditions:

a) This Committee should be composed of, in addition to the Executive Secretaries, the officials (funcionarios) of both organizations whose presence may be necessary to make co-ordination effective.

b) This Committee should meet twice a year, or more frequently if the Executive Secretaries of both organizations consider it desirable.

CO-ORDINATION AT THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL

1. RECOMMENDS to the Governments of member states the adoption of appropriate administrative arrangements, in accordance with their particular circumstances, with a view to achieving wider understanding of the studies and resolutions of international agencies, and also the highest possible degree of co-ordination of policy at the meetings of these international bodies and agencies;

2. INVITES the IAECOSOC to appoint an official (funcionario) of the OAS, to study, jointly with an official (funcionario) of the United Nations designated by ECLA, the measures which they consider

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necessary and adequate to ensure that co-ordination at the government level may be achieved in a practical and positive manner, and to submit their conclusions to the subsequent meetings of ECLA and IAECOSOC for their approval;

3. RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary maintain direct and close contact with such governmental organs as each government will designate.

B.

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

DECIDES to appoint the Executive Secretary, Dr. Raúl Prebisch, to represent the Commission as envisaged in the penultimate paragraph of the preceding section of this Resolution.
