

SAMPLING TECHNIQUES AND THEIR USE IN THE STUDY OF
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTUREDraft resolution approved by Committee IV

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

CONSIDERING that it is becoming increasingly necessary to improve the means employed for analysing the economy of Latin America;

CONSIDERING the satisfactory results obtained by the Secretariat in analysing economic and agricultural problems through the sampling technique and the fact that, as compared with other statistical methods, results can be obtained by this technique at less cost and with greater speed;

NOTES with satisfaction the study relating to a regional of Chile, entitled "Analysis of some factors which act as an obstacle to the increase of agricultural production" (E/CN.12/306); and,

RESOLVES:

1) To suggest that the Latin-American governments which have not yet carried out agricultural censuses should employ the sampling technique for the purpose of carrying out statistical surveys;

2) To recommend the United Nations Technical Assistance Board and the Food and Agriculture Organization to provide whatever assistance may be requested by the Latin-

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American countries for conducting such surveys and to treat these requests with the attention and priority they should receive; and

3) To recommend the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America, to continue, in conjunction with FAO, its studies of questions relating to agricultural production along the lines of the aforesaid study.

(E/CN.12/306).