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LAND REFORM

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

HAVING NOTED with satisfaction the interest of the United Nations in the study of land reform problems, and specifically General Assembly resolution No. 625 (VII) and Economic and Social Council resolution No. 370 (XIII), which suggest that the United Nations and its specialized agencies should carry out studies of this nature;

CONSIDERING that the system of agrarian structures is of fundamental importance for an adequate analysis of the problems connected with the economic development of the Latin-American countries;

CONSIDERING that within such structure, the systems of tenure and land utilization are of vital importance and should be approached, in Latin America, from the point of view of ensuring a better life for the farmer as an essential step towards the economic emancipation of the peoples;

CONSIDERING that any system of cultivation should tend towards improving the living conditions of the rural population;

CONSIDERING that a Latin-American seminar on Land Problems

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will be held in Brazil (Campinas, State of São Paulo) in May 1953, to be attended by experts, when all questions relating to land reform will be studied;

CONSIDERING that ECLA will collaborate in this Seminar, which is sponsored by FAO and the Government of Brazil in pursuance of the aforesaid resolutions;

RECOMMENDS:

1. That land reform be considered as a basic element in ECLA's studies of programming and economic development in the Latin-American countries;
2. That to give effect to the above recommendation, ECLA should work in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the United Nations and with FAO, taking into account the reports of the said Seminar and bearing in mind that there should be a high degree of co-ordination between the activities of United Nations organizations in this field; and
3. That the ECLA Secretariat should submit to the next session the reports and directives produced by that Seminar, and any other data which it may collect through its own efforts.