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RESOLUTION 218 (AC.50): LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL PLANNING

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting with satisfaction the note by the Executive Secretary on the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (E/CN.12/AC.50/7) submitted in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of ECLA resolution 199 (IX),

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI), which invites the Governments concerned to establish development planning institutes closely linked to the respective regional economic commissions,

Expressing its appreciation to the United Nations Special Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank, whose contribution has made possible the establishment of an institute for development planning in Latin America,

Expressing gratification at the prospect that the United Nations, in discharging its responsibilities as Executing Agency, will act through ECLA,

Noting with satisfaction the Special Fund's agreement that the Institute be located at Santiago as an autonomous body under the aegis of ECLA, and the generous offer by the Government of Chile to provide appropriate premises,

Expressing the hope that the Regular and Expanded Programmes of Technical Assistance will give additional help by granting United Nations resources and fellowships for training at the Institute, and

Considering the urgent need to speed up economic and social development in the Latin American countries,

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1. To establish the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, which will be responsible for providing, at the request of the Governments concerned, training and advisory services to the countries and areas within the geographical scope of the Commission, and for undertaking research in planning techniques, in accordance with the following aims and functions:

- (a) To raise the technical level of government officials and specialists through training programmes in the form of courses and in-service training;
- (b) To assist Governments in establishing the institutional and technical organization required for a more efficient programming of their economic and social development policies;
- (c) To assist Governments at a purely technical level in preparing their economic and social development programmes;
- (d) To carry out the theoretical studies required for the improvement of planning techniques used in Latin America.

2. To establish a Governing Council for the Institute, its functions to be as follows:

- (a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;
- (b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets;
- (c) To submit a progress report to ECLA each year on the work of the Institute;

3. To provide that the Governing Council shall be composed in the manner and subject to the stipulations laid down below:

- (a) Eleven members of recognized technical ability elected by ECLA, of whom eight shall be nationals of eight different Latin American countries and three shall be from international organizations working in the economic and financial field in Latin America;
- (b) In electing the eight members mentioned above, care shall be taken to ensure equitable geographical distribution;

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- c) The eleven members of the Governing Council shall be elected for a term of two years at the regular ECLA sessions and eligible for re-election;
- d) The Director-General of the Institute - referred to under 4 below - shall be an ex officio member of the Governing Council with the right to participate without vote in its deliberations;
- e) The Governing Council shall elect a chairman from among the eight members mentioned under b) and shall adopt rules of procedure for its meetings, which shall be held at least twice a year.

4. To create the post of Director-General the incumbent to be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after prior consultation with the Governing Council, , and entrusted with the direction and administration of the Institute in accordance with the instructions given him by the Governing Council and subject to the following stipulations and functions:

- a) To submit the programmes and budget of the Institute to the Governing Council;
- b) To execute the . programmes and to undertake the expenditure envisaged in the budget;
- c) To select and appoint the staff of the Institute;
- d) To select the fellows for the Training Programme;
- e) To make formal arrangements with Governments for making available the services of the Institute;
- f) To accept on behalf of the Institute contributions from Governments, international organizations, private foundations and institutions for the purpose of financing its activities;
- g) To co-ordinate the work of the Institute with that of other international, regional and bilateral programmes in related fields;
- h) To attend the meetings of the Governing Council;
- i) To report to the Governing Council on the Institute's activities and on the execution of its work programme.

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In the exercise of his powers and the discharge of his responsibilities the Director-General may reach agreement with the specialized agencies as to methods of co-operating with the Institute in their respective fields.

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The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, Further resolves,

1. That the first election of the members of the Governing Council referred to in paragraph 3 a) of part A of this resolution shall take place at an extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole, to be held at Santiago on 21 March 1962 with this exclusive end in view. The members thus appointed shall remain in office until the Commission's tenth session. To facilitate the convening of this extraordinary meeting it is agreed that the secretariat shall not be required to abide by the provisions laid down in the Commission's rules of procedure in respect of documentation, prior notice, and other arrangements.

2. That the Governing Council of the Institute shall approve a Plan of Operation for the United Nations Special Fund project in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution and, should the occasion arise, shall authorize the Chairman of the Governing Council to sign it;

3. That the Governing Council shall submit to ECLA, prior to its 1966 session, a proposal designed to ensure the continuity of the Institute, in accordance with the aims referred to in paragraph 7 of ECLA resolution 199 (IX);

4. That the Director-General of the Institute, after prior consultation with the Governing Council, shall reach agreement with the Executing Agency and the United Nations Special Fund on any change in the budget contained in the Plan of Operation of the Special Fund project;

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5. That, as long as the Special Fund contribution continues, the Director-General of the Institute, in addition to reporting to the Council of Directors, shall report directly to the Executing Agency in accordance with the provisions of the Special Fund project;

6. That the Director-General may also request the co-operation of the Resident Representatives of the Technical Assistance Board, who are also programme directors of the Special Fund, in regard to the provision of such training and advisory services as may be agreed on with the Governments concerned;

7. That the Director-General with the aim of furthering the Institute's aims, may in consultation with the OAS/ECLA/IDB Committee on cooperation consider what co-operation might be afforded by these organizations with respect to any requests that Governments may make for training and advisory services;

8. To urge the Latin American Governments to submit separate requests for advisory services to the United Nations Special Fund, as provided in paragraph 5 of document E/CN.12/AC.50/7.

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