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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRD MEETING

Held in the Conference Room of the Economic Commission for Latin
America at Santiago, Chile, on Tuesday,
15 May 1956, at 10.30 a.m.

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<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. GUILLERMO VILDOSOLA AGUIRRE	Chile
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Mr. JOSE DE JESUS NUNEZ Y DOMINGUEZ	Mexico
	Mr. JESUS UNDA MURILLO	Guatemala
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. GABRIEL MARTINEZ	Argentina
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. ITURRALDE CHINEL	Bolivia
	Mr. CARNAUBA	Brazil
	Mr. RADRIGAN	Chile
	Mr. MANOTAS	Colombia
	Mr. GOICOECHEA	Costa Rica
	Mr. HERNANDEZ PORTELA	Cuba
	Mr. CUSTÓDE MOSQUERA	Ecuador
	Mr. LINDO	El Salvador
	Mr. DE CROUY-CHANEL	France
	Mr. MERCERON	Haiti
	Mr. COELLO	Honduras
	Mr. ESTRIBI	Panama
	Mr. LORENTE DE PATRON	Peru
	Mr. WRIGHT	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. DORR	United States of America
	Mr. DE PENA	Uruguay
	Mr. GONZALEZ VALE	Venezuela

Also present:Representatives of Member States of the United Nations,
non-members of the Commission, in a consultative capacity:

Mr. ALMASY	Czechoslovakia
Mr. LAJOS	Hungary
Mr. MANCINI	Italy
Mr. ARAGONES VILA	Spain

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Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. ABOUGHANEM	International Labour Organization (ILO)
Mr. SACO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Mr. CARLSON	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)

Representative of an inter-governmental organization:

Mr. TAYLOR	Inter-American Economic and Social Council (IA-ECOSOC)
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Representative of a non-governmental organization:

<u>Category A</u> - Mr. SALAZAR	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
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<u>Secretariat:</u>	Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
	Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Secretary of the Commission
	Mr. LEUSCHNER	Technical Assistance Administration (TAA)
	Mr. DURAN	

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PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES (E/CN.12/AC.34/8)

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Commission) summarized the few differences between the document under review and the programme of work and priorities that had been adopted at the sixth session. The only new work added had been some projects approved by the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee.

He called the Committee's attention to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the document. The General Assembly's decision to postpone until its XI Session the discussion of the recommendations of the Secretary-General based on the Survey Group's findings had meant the postponement of some projects which the ECLA Secretariat had planned to begin in 1956.

Mr. RADRIGAN (Chile) referred to the priority accorded to project 32 relating to mining. In view of the subject's great importance for Chile and other mining countries, he suggested that the priority given to the project be reviewed.

The Chilean amendment was adopted with one abstention.

Mr. CARNAUBA (Brazil) stressed that member countries made increasing demands on the secretariat, and that adoption of the work programme implied the availability of staff to carry it out. His delegation believed it expressed a general view in suggesting that the General Assembly should approve the Secretary-General's recommendations concerning increases of staff and reclassification of posts. The implementation of those recommendations would materially improve ECLA's services to governments.

Mr. DORR (United States of America) enquired whether the group's findings had any budgetary implications.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Commission) referred delegates to document A/3041 which gave the Secretary-General's recommendations. They would signify 12 new professional posts and 6 new posts for general services, at an additional cost in salaries of about 100,000 dollars.

Mr. DORR (United States of America) regretted that his delegation could not vote on the programme because of the implied budget increase.

Mr. WRIGHT (United Kingdom), while stressing his Government's satisfaction at the publication of the first regular number of the Economic Bulletin, which would be an important contribution towards a general

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understanding of Latin America's economic problems, regretted having to record a protest concerning the delay in distribution of many basic documents. It hampered any thorough consideration of problems. Only three of the eight documents for discussion by the Committee of the Whole had been received in London as far in advance as was stipulated in the rules of procedure.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Commission) apologized for the unfortunate delay. Two of the documents not distributed were of an informative nature only, and had to be prepared in consultation with Headquarters. Another was the document under discussion, which contained only slight modifications to the document already approved at the sixth session. There would be no recurrence of such delays.

The CHAIRMAN put the work programme, with the amendment proposed by the Chilean delegation, to the vote.

The work programme, with the Chilean amendment, was adopted with one abstention.

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF A CENTRE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING SUBMITTED BY THE WORKING PARTY COMPOSED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF BRAZIL, CHILE, EL SALVADOR AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Conference Room Paper No. 10)

Mr. DURAN (Secretariat) said that the delegation of Brazil had requested that the word "proposed" at the end of the first paragraph of the operative part be replaced by "mentioned above".

The resolution, with the proposed draft amendment, was adopted unanimously.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE ECONOMIC SURVEY, PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Conference Room Paper No.7/Rev.1)

Mr. DORR (United States of America), in presenting the draft resolution, wished to associate himself with the remarks on the delays in distributing basic documents of the United Kingdom representative. The 1953 Economic Survey had never been considered by an ECLA session, and the 1955 Survey would apparently be in the same position. The Survey was of particular interest to all Member Governments and his Government urged that it should be presented for consideration at ECLA sessions, particularly since not all the members of the Commission were represented on the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

He agreed that statistical problems were responsible for the delay in submitting the Survey. The data would have to be obtained earlier or some

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agreement must be reached with ECOSOC. He suggested that the secretariat be encouraged to solve this troublesome problem.

The CHAIRMAN put the draft resolution to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted by 16 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.

STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARY ^{1/}

The CHAIRMAN invited the representative of Hungary to speak.

Mr. LAJOS (Hungary) welcomed the opportunity given to him to address the members of the Committee. Trade channels were very important to closer understanding between peoples and his country was interested in obtaining Latin American agricultural products in exchange for manufactured goods. There were in fact many spheres wherein valuable and fruitful trade relations could be established, although such relations were at present few or even non-existent.

His country would welcome trade missions and would be happy to send such missions to Latin America if given an opportunity to do so. The Commission might well give thought to the establishment of economic relations between Latin America and the countries of Eastern Europe. It was his conviction that fuller economic relations would contribute to the development of countries in both regions.

STATEMENT ON THE CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION PROGRAMME BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS

The CHAIRMAN, having obtained the approval of the Committee of the Whole, called upon the representative of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to make a statement.

Mr. SALAZAR (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions) said that his organization welcomed the work being done by the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and in particular ECLA, in the field of Central American economic integration. It would do much to raise living standards in the area. There was, however, no worker participation in the programme, and his organization wished to know in what specific ways the results of that programme would benefit the workers in those countries. He appealed to the Commission not to forget the rights of the working man. There was some fear that the Central American Economic Integration Programme would benefit

^{1/} For the full text of this speech, see Information document No. 4.

only commercial interests, while the workers got nothing. He enquired whether trade union representatives could not be included on the Committee. The concept of human rights defined in the United Nations Charter was the only guarantee of improved living conditions for the working population. His organization supported the Central American Economic Integration Programme, provided that it included participation by the workers.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Commission) said that the secretariat would gladly place before the Committee the suggestions made by the representative of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Nevertheless, it should be recalled that the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee was composed of governments. The ECLA Secretariat, in its research work, had taken into account the views of the workers, and interviews were always held with trade union organizations. Moreover, he stressed that the International Labour Organisation had collaborated closely in the Central American Economic Integration Programme.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.