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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. L. CORREA PRIETO	Chile
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. L. TORRES	Colombia
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. FERREYRA	Argentina
	Mr. ZALLES	Bolivia
	Mr. GURGEL VALENTE	Brazil
	Mr. HERRERA LANE	Chile
	Mr. GUTIERREZ	Colombia
	Mr. GOICOECHEA QUIROS	Costa Rica
	Mr. BAEHR	Dominican Rep.
	Mr. LOPEZ ARTETA	Ecuador
	Mr. VIAUD	France
	Mr. UNDA MURILLO	Guatemala
	Mr. ANTOINE	Haití
	MR. COELLO	Honduras
	Mr. OROZCO GONZALEZ	Mexico
	Mr. DAUBANTON	Netherlands
	Mr. NAVAS BARRETO	Nicaragua
	Mr. COUCHONAL	Paraguay
	Mr. WAGNER DE REYNA	Peru
	Sir Charles EMPSON	United Kingdom
	Mr RANDALL	United States America
	Mr. DOMINGUEZ GOMEZ	Uruguay
	Mr. ROJAS	Venezuela

ALSO PRESENT:

Representatives of States Members
of the United Nations, not members
of the Commission, attending in a
consultative capacity:

Mr. RUDA	Czechoslovakia
Mr. VICZENIK	Hungary
Mr. MANCINI	Italy
Mr. KUNIHIRO	Japan
Mr. SAN SEBASTIAN	Spain

Representative of a State, not
a Member of the United Nations,
attending in a consultative
capacity:

Mr. ENGELS

Federal Republic of
Germany

Representatives of
specialized agencies:

Mr. SACO

Food and Agricultural
Organization of the
United Nations (FAO)

Mr. SCHROEDER

World Meteorological
Organization (WMO)

Representatives of inter-
Governmental organizations:

Mr. TAYLOR

Inter-American Econo-
mic and Social Council
(IA-ECOSOC)

Mr. LASOCKI

Inter-Governmental
Committee for European
Migration (ICEM)

Representatives of non-
Governmental organizations:

Category A

Mr. ECHEÑIQUE MARTINEZ

International Confede-
ration of Free Trade
Unions

Mr. GOLDSACK DONOSO

International Federa-
tion of Christian
Trade Unions

Mr. SOTO VERGARA

World Federation of
Trade Unions

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH

Executive Secretary

Mr. SWENSON

Deputy Director

Mr. SANTA CRUZ

Secretary of the
Commission

Mr. LEUSCHNER

Technical Assistance
Administration (TAA)

Mr. OSORIO TAFALL

Technical Assistance
Board (TAB)

Mr. DURAN

Chief, Division of
Social Affairs

STATEMENTS BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN TRADE UNIONS

Mr. SOTO (World Federation of Trade Unions), after praising the Commission's achievements during the ten years of its existence, said that the present cyclical crisis affecting the economies of the Latin American countries should be thoroughly analysed with the object of discovering solutions to mitigate its effects. Among such solutions he mentioned land reform and the enlargement of primary commodity markets to include the socialist countries. He feared that the regional market project might not offer sufficient guarantees for maintaining the economic and social condition of the workers. For that reason, the opinion of the trade union organization should be sought. All such organizations represented within the United Nations agreed that they should be consulted in that way not only on the point at issue but as a general rule.

Mr. COLDSACK (International Federation of Christian Trade Unions) favoured the idea of the Latin American regional market and of collaboration between Governments, employers and workers in the study and adoption of economic decisions affecting the latter. The development of agricultural production and bold and equitable land reforms should be included among the ways and means of ensuring the stability of the Latin American countries. He endorsed the agreement reached among the representatives of the trade union organizations attending the session that they should seek the opinion of workers on the important topics being studied by the secretariat.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Commission) read out the draft resolution on technical assistance presented by the delegation of Chile (conference room paper N° 2).

Mr. HERRERA (Chile) said that in order to clarify the text the words "provided by TAA" should be inserted after the words "technical assistance" in the seventh line of the second paragraph of the preamble.

Mr. RANDALL (United States) said that he would abstain during the vote because he had not received instructions from his Government concerning the draft resolution.

The resolution was adopted with one abstention

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL MARKET

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Commission) read out the draft resolution on the Latin American regional market presented by the delegation of Chile (conference room paper N° 6).

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE COLLABORATION OF WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS WITH ECLA

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Commission) read out the draft resolution on collaboration of workers' organizations, presented by the delegations of Colombia and Chile (conference room paper N° 7)

Mr. HERRERA (Chile) explained that the aim of the delegations sponsoring the draft resolution was to stress the importance of labour and social problems in the work being carried out by the secretariat. They thus sought to take advantage of the common interest shown in those problems by all the labour organizations recognized by the United Nations.

Mr. RANDALL (United States) said that the draft resolution took little account of the fact the secretariat's studies and Governments members of the Commission already laid sufficient emphasis on the point of view of workers and that there were other labour organizations who might have different views on the subject. He therefore proposed that the first recommendation should be deleted and that, in the second, the words "views of workers" should be replaced by the words "labour sector".

Mr. ROJAS (Venezuela) supported the amendments proposed by the United States delegation.

Mr. HERRERA (Chile) had no objection to the deletion of the first recommendation, as the United States representative had proposed, but wished to maintain the phrase "views of the workers", as it added clarity to the text.

Mr. GUTIERREZ (Colombia) urged that the draft resolution should be adopted in its original form.

The proposal to delete the first recommendation in the draft resolution was adopted by 13 votes to 7.

With the above amendment the draft resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. GOLDSACK (International Federation of Christian Trade Unions) speaking on his own behalf and on that of the other representatives of trade union organizations, expressed satisfaction at the unanimous adoption of the resolution.

Mr. HERRERA (Chile) said he would not submit further draft resolutions as he had originally intended since the summary records afforded adequate expression to the view of his delegation.

The meeting rose at 11 a.m.