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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. ORTIZ HERNAN	(Mexico)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. ROCHA	(Colombia)
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. MUJAES	Bolivia
	Mr. RAMOS de ALENCAR	Brazil
	Mr. MIDWINTER	Canada
	Mr. CISTERNAS MATUS	Chile
	Mr. JIMENES MONGE	Costa Rica
	Mr. RODAS	Cuba
	Mr. PALOMO SALAZAR	El Salvador
	Marquis d'AURELLE de PALADINES	France
	Mr. BARNOYA GALVEZ	Guatemala
	Mr. MIRANDA NAVAS	Honduras
	Mr. LUNA SILVA	Nicaragua
	Mr. BOYD	Panama
	Mr. COUCHONNAL	Paraguay
	Mr. BAKULA PATINO	Peru
	Mr. TISINGER	United States of America
	Mr. VAZQUEZ	Uruguay
<u>Secretariat:</u>	Mr. A. SANTA CRUZ	Acting Executive Secretary of ECLA
	Mr. VALDES	Secretary of the Commission

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CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SESSION (E/CN.12/AC.51/2;
Conference Room Paper No. 4)

The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the report of the current session.

Mr. RAMOS de ALENCAR said that the representative of Mexico and he had agreed to propose two amendments to the report, relating respectively to paragraphs 24 and 28.

The section of paragraph 24 in inverted commas would read as follows:

"To offer an explanation of the voting in respect of the election of the three members from international organizations under the terms of resolution 218 (AC.50), part A, paragraph 3 (a), to the effect that, in order to facilitate the expeditious entry into operation of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, for this one time only, without establishing a precedent and for obvious and sufficient reasons, it elected the holders - whoever they might be - of the posts of Executive Secretary of ECLA, President of IDB, and Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs of OAS, instead of nominating the three members personally. The fourth extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole endeavoured thereby to interpret the spirit of the statutes of the Institute, contained in the above-mentioned resolution, in accordance with the discussions and records of the eight session of the Committee, instead of adhering literally to the text, which, in its view, should be strictly applied for the normal operation of the Institute once the stage of organization is over".

Paragraph 28 would read as follows:

"28. Following a discussion in which conflicting points of view were expressed on questions of procedure, and after the matter had been put to the vote, the Committee of the Whole agreed to make it clear that, in relation to the proposal by the Executive Secretary of ECLA contained in the Note by the secretariat concerning the amendment of paragraph 7 of Part B of resolution 218 (AC.50) (Conference Room Paper No. 2), the Committee of the Whole decided, in conformity with the wording of the invitation to the Conference and with its terms of reference as established at the eight session, that it was not competent to consider, still less to decide upon, any statutory change whatsoever. Nevertheless, in view of the arguments put forward in the proposal in question, it declares that, after conscientious analysis, it finds that paragraph 4 (g) of Part A of resolution 218 (AC.50) and paragraph 7 of part B afford the Director-General of the

Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning the freedom of action necessary making arrangement for co-operation with the organizations forming the OAS/ECLA/IDB Tripartite Committee in consonance with the powers invested in him by the regulations and with the instructions to be given him in due course by the Governing Council set up at the present fourth extraordinary session of the Committee."

A new paragraph would be added, reading as follows:

"The Committee likewise reached the following agreement:

"To call the attention of the OAS/ECLA/IDB Tripartite Committee, through the secretariat of ECLA, to the substance of the foregoing text 1/ so that the work of organization of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning may not only be unimpeded by any obstacle, real or interpretative, but may be reinforced and expedited to the fullest extent possible.

1/ The text contained in paragraph 28 above."

The amendments to the report proposed by Brasil and Mexico were adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as the representative of Mexico, said that, with respect to paragraph 17, the question of the power to elect alternates as not a matter which could be dealt with in the rules of procedure of the Governing Council. He therefore proposed the deletion of the reference to the rules of procedure and that, after the words "Governing Council of the Institute itself", the paragraph should be amended to read "to enable it to consider whether the need for alternates should be taken into account and if need be to raise the question at the next session of the Commission."

It was so agreed.

The CHAIRMAN said, with respect to paragraph 22, that the reason for the order in which the members of the Governing Council were listed was not clear.

Mr. VALDES (Secretary of the Commission) explained that the names were listed in alphabetical order of the persons concerned. The paragraph would be amended to make that clear.

The report of the session, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. JIMENEZ MONCE (Costa Rica) thanked the Committee for having elected him to the Governing Council of the Institute. Every Latin American country was
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engaged in formulating and executing development programmes designed to increase its rate of development and improve the living conditions of its people. In that connexion, the Institute had a dual function to perform: (1) to train national personnel in programming techniques; (2) to assist Governments in formulating and executing their plans. In the past those responsibilities had been carried out by ECIA itself but, as the Executive Secretary had said on an earlier occasion, its action had been limited by lack of funds.

Economic programming was not a task for economists alone. It involved, inter alia, experts in engineering, natural resources, statistics and education whose co-operation was essential for the success of an economic development plan. Hence, the training of personnel in programming techniques covered a wide range of professions. Moreover, an economic development plan could only be successful if it was accepted and understood by government officials, and by entrepreneurs and workers in private enterprise and even by the public at large. The Institute should therefore not confine its activities to Santiago but should, as far as its resources permitted, extend them to other countries in the form of intensive training courses, seminars and such other action as it could take to disseminate the concepts of economic planning.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretariat) thanked the Committee for its help in establishing the Institute on the initiative of a group of Latin American countries and with the support of the United Nations Special Fund. He observed, however, that no provision had been made, in the budget of the Institute, for the travel costs of members of the Governing Council proceeding to Santiago to take up their duties. Since most of them were senior government officials, he hoped that the Governments concerned would extent their co-operation to the Institute by financing their travel costs to the meetings of the Governing Council, the first of which would be covered shortly.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN thanked the representatives for the co-operation during the session, and the Acting Executive Secretary of ECLA and the Secretary of the Commission for their assistance. He suggested that the Committee should send a message to Mr. Raúl Prebisch, the Executive Secretary of ECLA, conveying its warm greetings and best wishes for the success of the work of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning.

It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.