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PRESENT:

<u>Acting Chairman:</u> Mr. E. ORTUZAR ESCOBAR	Chile
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. L. MARTY	Chile
<u>Rapporteur:</u> Mr. R. CABAÑAS	Honduras
<u>Members:</u> Mr. VAILATI	Argentina
Mr. GUIMARAES	Brazil
Mr. CASTRILLO	Bolivia
Mr. RODRIGUEZ)	
Mr. MACKENNA)	Chile
Mr. DIAZ)	
Mr. CISTERNA)	
Mr. CORDOBA	Colombia
Mr. BOLAÑOS	Costa Rica
Mr. DIAZ DEL REAL	Cuba
Mr. ROJAS	Dominican Republic
Mr. MLXCO	El Salvador
Mr. D'AURELLE DE) PALADINES)	France
Mr. LETONDOT)	
Mr. ORELLANA	Guatemala
Mr. FAREAU	Haiti
Mr. CABAÑAS	Honduras
Mr. CANO)	
Mr. GONZALEZ BLANCO)	Mexico
Mr. ESPINOSA)	
Mr. HENRIQUEZ)	
Mr. RADHAKISHUN)	Netherlands
Mr. VAN SUCHTELEN)	
Mr. ABRAHAMAS	Panama
Mr. WAGNER DE REYNA)	Peru
Mr. GILDEMEISTER)	

/Mr. PINK

PRESENT:

Mr. PINK)	United Kingdom of
Mr. SIMPSON)	Great Britain and
	Northern Ireland
Mr. FAVELL)	
Mr. PROPPS)	United States of
Mr. TISINGER)	America
Mr. VASQUEZ	Uruguay
Mr. CIFUENTES SPINETTI	Venezuela

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

Mr. ZEDTWITZ	Austria
Mr. MADDICK	Canada
Mr. VICZENIK)	
Mr. SOOS)	Hungary
Mr. ANDO)	
Mr. KUNISHIRO)	Japan
Mr. TRAMPUZ	Yugoslavia

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

Mr. ENGELS	Federal Republic of Germany
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Also present:

Mr. LA CORBINIERE)	
Mr. TODMAN)	West Indies

Representatives of
specialized agencies:

Mr. CASSAN	International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Mr. SANTA CRUZ)	
Mr. AQUINO)	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Mr. ZAKRZEWSKI	United Nations Educa- tional, Scientific and Cultural Organ- ization (UNESCO)
Mr. JONES	International Moneta- ry Fund (IMF)

/Dr. BUDNIK

Mr. BUDNIK	World Health Organization (WHO)
Mr. SCHROEDER	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Representatives of inter-Governmental organizations:

Mr. REY ALVAREZ	Inter-American Economic and Social Council (IA-ECOSOC)
Mr. FARAONI	Inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM)

Representatives of non-Governmental organizations:

Category A:	Mr. RUIZ BOURGEOIS)	International Chamber of Commerce
	Mr. SEPULVEDA)	
	Mr. ECHENIQUE	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
Category B:	Miss IZQUIERDO	Catholic International Union for Social Service

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. SWENSON	Deputy Director
Mr. TRANCART	Secretary of the Commission
Mr. VALDES	Deputy Secretary of the Commission

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The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY declared the meeting open and announced that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile would deliver an address.

Mr. ORTUZAR ESCOBAR (Minister of Foreign Affairs), after welcoming the delegations who were attending the seventh session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, said that a new concept of solidarity was gaining ground in the Latin American countries, thanks to the technical studies and the research into the region's real situation which were being carried out. In confirmation, he cited the new institutions and mechanisms that had become available and, specifically, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Latin American Free-Trade Association. The former, which implied recognition of the need for a financial institution at regional level, supported the idea that resources should be channelled towards economic development policy, and might spur on other banks and credit institutions to realize how pressing was the need to expedite the region's development and augment the resources allocated thereto. The Latin American Free-Trade Association constituted an epoch making event in the history of Latin America's economic progress, and represented a decisive step towards the Latin American common market. Mexico's participation in the Montevideo Treaty, and the fact that the latter was open to the accession of the other Latin American countries, gave grounds for the hope that a system embracing the entire region would gradually be evolved.

Other events, such as the visits recently paid by several American Presidents, the fifth consultative meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the impetus gained by the so-called Pan American Operation, and the studies and research carried out by the various agencies of the United Nations, especially the Economic Commission for Latin America, bore witness to a process of regional rapprochement and an elucidation of ideals previously unparalleled. If prosperity was indivisible, it would have to be achieved through awareness of a common destiny, and inter-American solidarity would have to be based on confidence and friendship. President Alessandri's anti-armaments doctrine was, in that context, the best means of reducing investment in armaments to what was strictly necessary in order to safeguard /the security

the security of Latin America and the sovereignty of each individual country, and at the same time to channel national saving towards economic development.

Just as it was recognized that political problems often had economic motivations, it might be added that in some cases both political and economic problems derived from moral causes. When the people of Latin America rose above all feelings of rancour and resentment and realized that they formed a single entity sharing common efforts and hopes, it would be possible for economic enterprises and even political understandings, however boldly optimistic, to be given concrete shape.^{1/}

Mr. CORDOBA (Colombia), on behalf of the delegations, thanked the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile for his words of welcome and made eulogistic reference to Chile's progress in the field of development policy and to the efficiency of the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America. The development programming which that organization was helping to establish afforded useful guidance to private capital, enabling it to define the investment policy which would be of the greatest benefit to the community. An example of this profitable work was the ECLA/TAO advisory group which had been working in Colombia for more than a year in the field of technical advice and research. In conclusion, the speaker promised that all the delegations would co-operate with the greatest good will and to the best of their ability in the success of the work entrusted to the present Committee of the Whole.^{2/}

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary of ECLA), made a statement in which, after expressing the secretariat's and his own appreciation of all that had been said by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile and the Head of the Delegation of Colombia, he analysed the economic situation of Latin America during the year 1959 and expounded the problems to which it gave rise. He also referred to the anti-inflation policy adopted in various countries and to the probable repercussions of the recently-concluded Montevideo Treaty

^{1/} The full text of Mr. Ortuzar's address has been distributed as Information Document No. 3.

^{2/} The full text of Mr. Cordoba's address has been distributed as Information Document No. 4.

on the Latin American common market, and sketched alternative ways by which the latter might be approached.^{3/}

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Ortuzar Escobar, withdrew, and Mr. Prebisch took the chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. CORDOBA (Colombia), proposed that Mr. Luis Marty, Under-Secretary of Economy of Chile, be elected Chairman.

Mr. Marty (Chile) was unanimously elected Chairman.

Mr. MARTY (Chile, took the chair, and in thanking the delegation for this appointment expressed the view that the seventh session constituted an important milestone in the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and in the field of inter-American relations.

Mr. PINK (United Kingdom) proposed Mr. Cordoba (Colombia) as first Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Cordoba (Colombia) was unanimously elected first Vice-Chairman.

Mr. WAGNER DE REYNA (Peru) proposed Mr. Pink (United Kingdom) as second Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Pink (United Kingdom) was unanimously elected second Vice-Chairman.

Mr. CASTRILLO (Bolivia) proposed Mr. Cabañas (Honduras) as Rapporteur.

Mr. Cabañas (Honduras) was unanimously elected Rapporteur.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (E/CN.12/AC.45/1/Rev.1)

Mr. PINK (United Kingdom) proposed that a new item be added to the agenda-"Application for admission as an associate member of the Commission by British Guiana"-and that both this and item 5 ("Application for admission as an associate member of the Commission by the West Indies") should be considered by the Committee of the Whole before item 4.

In the short discussion which followed, those taking part were Mr. HENRIQUEZ (Netherlands), Mr. CANO (Mexico), Mr. ABRAHAMAS (Panama), Mr. WAGNER DE REYNA (Peru) and Mr. BOLAÑOS (Costa Rica), who seconded the motion of Mr. PINK (United Kingdom); and Mr. DIAZ DEL REAL (Cuba), who opposed the inclusion of the new item on the agenda on the grounds that he

^{3/} The full text of Mr. Prebisch's statement has been distributed as document E/CN.12/AC.45/14.

had no relevant instructions from his Government. The motion was finally put to the vote in accordance with the provisions of Articles 11 and 37 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission.

It was decided by 16 votes to 3, with 1 abstention, that the new item "Admission of British Guiana as an associate member of the Commission" should be added to the agenda.

The change proposed by Mr. Pink (United Kingdom) in the order of the agenda was adopted.

The agenda, amended as proposed, was adopted.

ADMISSION OF THE WEST INDIES AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION
(E/CN.12/AC.45/7 and Conference Room Paper N° 2)

Mr. CORDOBA (Colombia) and Mr. HENRIQUEZ (Netherlands) supported the admission of the West Indies as an associate member of the Commission.

Mr. LA CORBINIERE (West Indies), at the Chairman's invitation, took the floor to declare that it would be an honour for his Government to be admitted as an associate member of the Economic Commission for Latin America, with which it would be happy to co-operate and from which it would undoubtedly obtain benefits for its country's economic development. He announced his intention of addressing the Committee of the Whole at greater length should his country's application for admission be successful.

Mr. ORELLANA (Guatemala), stated that he would abstain from voting on the motion under discussion, not because he had any doubt as to the support merited by all the Latin American peoples nor as to their right to participate in matters representative of common interests, but because, in his opinion, before new members of the Commission were admitted, consideration should be given to the degree of political autonomy they had attained.

The admission of the West Indies as an associate member of the Commission was approved.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the pertinent resolution would be put to the vote at the next meeting.

ADMISSION OF BRITISH GUIANA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION
(Conference Room Paper N° 3)

Mr. CORDOBA (Colombia) supported British Guiana's application for admission as an associate member of the Commission.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the pertinent resolution would be put to the vote at the next meeting.

It was decided by 16 votes to none, with 4 abstentions, to approve the admission of British Guiana as an associate member of the Commission.

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.