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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON TRADE POLICY

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat has pleasure in submitting to the Committee of the Whole, at its tenth session, the recommendations approved by the Meeting of Latin American Government Experts on Trade Policy (Brasilia, 20-25 January 1964), as they appear in the last part of the relevant report.^{1/}

These recommendations, the text of which is reproduced, were submitted by the delegations of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela, and were approved unanimously.

Paragraph 4 of the recommendations refers to the establishment of a permanent Latin American system of consultations on trade and development, as proposed in resolution B-3/E63 adopted by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at its second annual meeting at the expert level.

In order to provide the Committee of the Whole with all the necessary background material, the text of the aforementioned resolution is also reproduced.

1/ E/CN.12/AC.57/7; ST/ECLA/CONF.13/L.7.

RECOMMENDATION

The Meeting of Latin American Government Experts on Trade Policy expresses its appreciation of the co-operation afforded by the ECLA secretariat to the Latin American countries in their efforts to adopt a concerted position at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Similarly, the Meeting records its gratitude for the valuable preparatory work done by the secretariat, including its report entitled Latin America and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the organization of the Meeting at Brasilia, which are positive and substantial contributions towards the working out of a trade and development policy for the Latin American Governments.

In the light of these facts, the Meeting of Government Experts recommends that the ECLA secretariat should:

1. Continue to prepare papers on specific technical questions to facilitate the work of the Latin American delegations to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
2. Continue to co-operate as actively as at present with the delegations of the Latin American countries during the Conference;
3. Convene a meeting of the ECLA Trade Committee, after the Geneva Conference, with the aim of evaluating the results achieved at Geneva and formulating specific recommendations to the Latin American Governments on the trade policy that should be pursued in the light of those results, and invite to the said meeting of the Trade Committee the Latin American organizations competent in the field of trade and development, in particular, the Organization of American States (OAS), the Latin American Free-Trade Association (ALALC), the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), the International Development Bank (IDB) and the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress (ICAP).
4. Consider, at the said meeting of the Trade Committee, the establishment of a permanent Latin American system of consultations on trade and development, as suggested in resolution B-3/E63, adopted by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at its second annual meeting at the expert level; for this purpose the ECLA secretariat should consult the Latin American Governments as soon as possible, to gather their opinions on the system to be established, and should formulate its own suggestions which, once they have been studied by the Trade Committee, would be submitted to the eleventh session of ECLA, to be held in 1965.

B-3/E63*/

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT LATIN AMERICAN SYSTEM
OF CONSULTATIONS ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

The Second Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Expert Level,

WHEREAS:

During the month of January 1964 a seminar will be held at Brasilia, Brazil, convened by ECLA and attended by experts appointed by the Latin American Governments, for the purpose of forming criteria for the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and

The said seminar provides a suitable occasion for considering the establishment of a permanent system of consultations among the Latin American Governments with a view to reaching concerted positions in matters relating to the trade policy and development of the Hemisphere;

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States that he request the ECLA secretariat to include in the agenda of the aforementioned seminar an item on the establishment of a permanent Latin American system of consultations and co-ordination on trade and development.

*/ Unofficial translation.