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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE STUDY OF TRENDS AND PROSPECTS
IN THE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF TIMBER IN LATIN AMERICA

Approved by Committee II on 20 May 1959

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting with concern the contrast between Latin America's abundant forest resources and the steady and increasing flow of imports of forest products effected by the Latin American countries,

Convinced that the rapid and efficient utilization of Latin America's forest resources might represent an important contribution to the region's economic development, to inter-Latin American trade and to the improvement of the standard of living of the population,

Recognizing that such utilization necessarily entails the analysis and evaluation of Latin America's forest potential and probable future requirements of forest products,

Reiterates its request, previously formulated in resolution 133 (VII), that the secretariat should contact the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with a view to undertaking forthwith study in close co-operation with that organization;

Regrets that this study should have been deferred for want of resources;

Expresses the hope that the secretariat may be allocated the funds required for carrying out the study in question, which is so urgently needed, that work on it may begin in the course of the current year and

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that it may be presented at the Commission's next session;

Recommends to Governments:

(a) That they taken suitable steps to improve information on the forest resources of their respective countries, as well as statistics on forest products, taking advantage whenever necessary of the services of the Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other appropriate bodies;

(b) That they co-operate fully with the secretariat, affording it the necessary facilities for carrying out the study.