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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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1. The present status of the industry in Latin America

A. The supply and demand situation in each country and in the region as a whole

The Seminar will take cognizance of the present status of the chemical industries existing in Latin America and of the regional market for chemicals, as well as of projects for the establishment of new industries and programmes for the expansion of those already in existence. Reports prepared by the secretariat and by national agencies will be available for the purpose, and statements will be made by the participants.

B. Centralization and periodic revision of data

The Seminar will study the need for and means of setting up a central system for the periodic compilation of data on the sector's activities (installed capacity, production, imports, new projects, etc.) in the various countries and the preparation on that basis of an annual report on the development of the chemical industries in Latin America.

2. Analysis of selected problems related to the development of the chemical sector

The Seminar will have the opportunity to evaluate brief reports by the participants on the present characteristics and problems of the chemical industries in the region, and the measures proposed or adopted to programme their development in each country. Special consideration will be given to problems connected with internal and external financing, different means of transferring technical knowledge from abroad on products and processes, the various procedures relating to the use of patents, and the payment of royalties.

3. Prospects for regionally-integrated development of the main sectors of the chemical industry

The prospects for regional integration, in the sense of regional co-ordination and complementarity of investment, accompanied by the liberalization of trade in the products concerned, will be analysed separately for each of the main sectors of the chemical industry. Reports by the secretariat and information papers prepared by enterprises that have wide international experience or are active in Latin America will review the prospects for integration in the light of projections of demand, data on economies of scale and other technical and economic information for Latin America as a whole.

The discussions will centre on the following industries:

- A. Fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides
 - B. Plastics and synthetic resins, plasticisers
 - C. Man-made fibres
 - D. Synthetic elastomers and carbon black
 - E. Alkalis and chlorine derivatives
 - F. Dyestuffs and pigments
 - G. Synthetic detergents
 - H. Other chemical products
4. Prospects for regionally-integrated development of the chemical industries as a whole

On the basis of all the documents presented at the Seminar an effort will be made to weigh the possibilities of regionally-integrated development for the chemical industries as a whole, and measures will be suggested for the establishment of the general basis for a development programme of interest to the different countries.



