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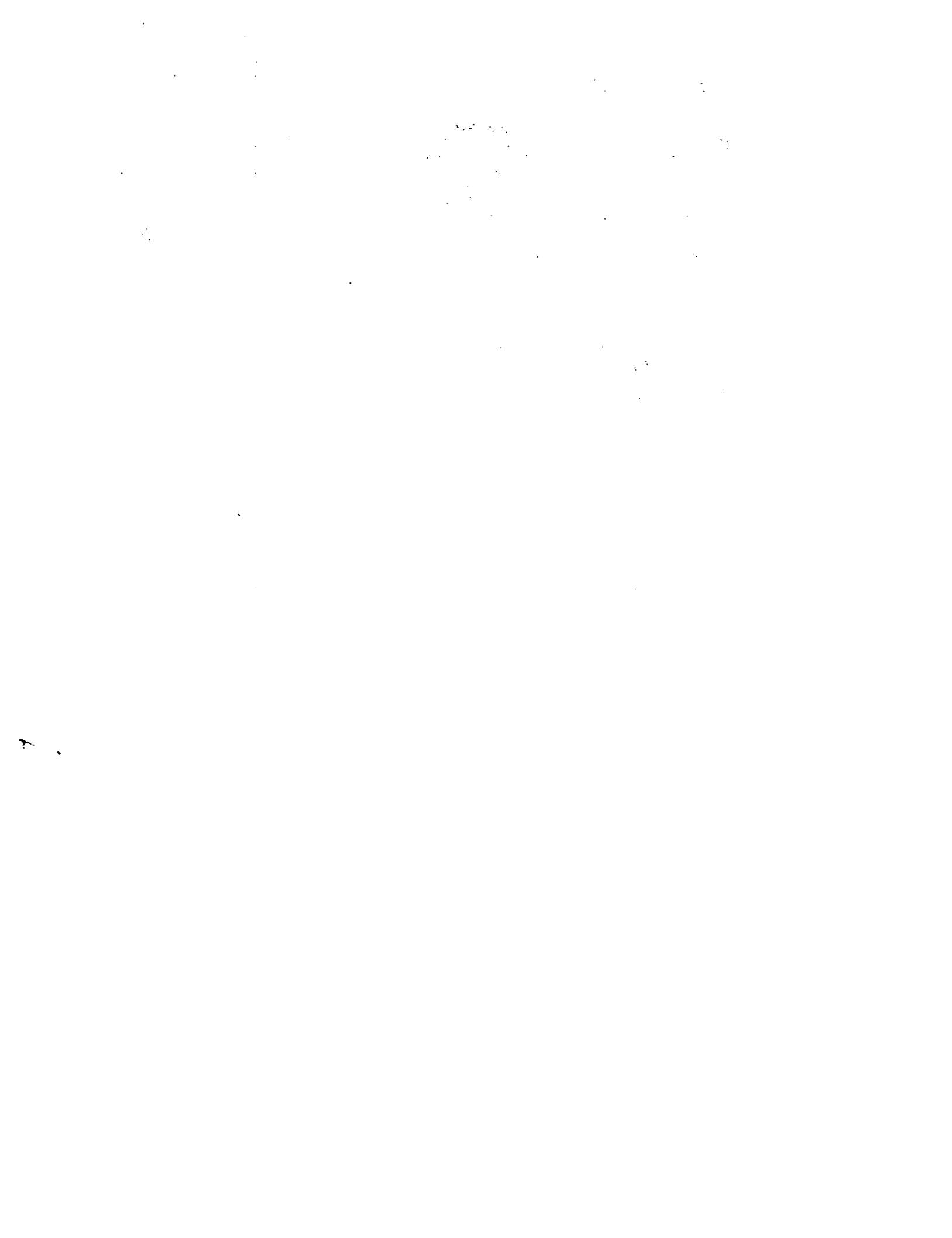
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MEETING ON THE PROBLEMS OF REGIONAL  
INTEGRATION OF THE ECONOMICALLY RELATIVELY  
LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Organized by the Economic Commission  
for Latin America

Guatemala City, 23-28 October 1967

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA



1. Background information

At its eleventh session, held at Mexico City in May 1965, the Commission adopted resolution 254 (XI) requesting the secretariat to prepare, on the basis of the work already done and any that might be undertaken for the purpose, a preliminary study on the problems of the relatively less developed countries and Latin American economic integration for submission to Governments. The Commission also decided "to include, as part of its regular programme of work, continuing activities for the purpose of analysing and formulating solutions to the problems encountered by the relatively less developed countries in the process of Latin American economic integration, in order to lessen the differences in levels of development between them and the other countries of the region".

In compliance with this mandate, the secretariat prepared and submitted to the twelfth session of the Commission at Caracas in May 1967 a document entitled The economically relatively less developed countries and Latin American integration (E/CN.12/774 and Adds. 1-2). The secretariat also established a permanent work programme for studying the problems of those countries.

Under the terms of the same resolution, the secretariat was also requested "to convene, in due course, a meeting of high-level government representatives of the relatively less developed countries for the purpose of evaluating the results of the study and taking decisions on the proposals made".

The representatives of those countries agreed, at the Commission's twelfth session, that the meeting should be held sometime this year at Guatemala City. The secretariat has accordingly arranged the meeting for 23 to 28 October 1967.

The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss measures and proposals for promoting regional integration in such a way as to further economic and social development in those countries. The discussions may also furnish guidelines for action to be taken by international organizations over the next few years in the interest of the economically relatively less developed countries of the region.

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The provisional agenda for the meeting reflects the vast field to be covered. However, the object of the meeting is not to make an exhaustive examination of all the questions relating to each agenda item, but to highlight the main issues at the present stage of development and attempt to formulate a programme of action containing specific proposals. To that end and to provide a basis for the discussions, the secretariat prepared the document on The economically relatively less developed countries and Latin American integration: approaches and recommendations (ST/ECLA/Conf.29/L.2), which deals with the various subjects in the same order as they appear in the provisional agenda.

2. Provisional agenda

- I. Development and regional integration problems of the economically relatively less developed countries
  1. Integration of infrastructure
  2. Agricultural integration
  3. Industrial integration
  
- II. Integration instruments in relation to the situation of the economically relatively less developed countries
  1. Trade policy
  2. Sectoral agreements
  3. Multinational projects and border development programmes
  4. Fiscal incentives
  5. Regional and international co-operation, financing and technical assistance
    - (a) Co-operation and financing
    - (b) Technical assistance
  6. National and regional promotion machinery
  7. Internal decisions and measures
  
- III. Role of the economically relatively less developed countries in the process of economic integration
  1. The economically relatively less developed countries members of the Latin American Free-Trade Association (ALALC)
  2. Relations between ALALC and the Central American Common Market
  3. Other economically relatively less developed countries of the region
  4. Sub-regional agreements
  
- IV. Conclusions and action programme

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both primary and secondary data collection techniques. The primary data was gathered through direct observation and interviews with key stakeholders. Secondary data was obtained from existing reports and databases.

The third section details the statistical analysis performed on the collected data. It describes the use of descriptive statistics to summarize the data and inferential statistics to test hypotheses. The results show a clear trend in the data, which is discussed in the following section.

The final part of the document provides a comprehensive conclusion based on the findings. It highlights the key insights gained from the study and offers practical recommendations for future research and implementation. The author also acknowledges the limitations of the study and suggests areas for further exploration.