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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
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Pan American Sanitary Organization, to obtain the financial assistance necessary for the continuation and extension of the Centre's operations and for the establishment of the Central American demographic research centre.

16 May 1963

239 (X). Natural resources

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Having examined General Assembly resolution 1710 (XVI) on the United Nations Development Decade, the report of the Secretary-General entitled *The United Nations Development Decade: proposals for action*⁴⁹ and the report on natural resources in Latin America (E/CN.12/670 and Add.1-5) prepared by the secretariat,

Considering that the efforts to expedite economic growth in the Latin American countries call for the maximum and most effective utilization of the region's natural resources,

Considering further that up to the present the knowledge of such resources is very fragmentary and insufficient, since there are no adequate systematic inventories and little progress has been made in their evaluation,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report by the secretariat on Latin America's natural resources, existing knowledge concerning them and the relevant research that is required (E/CN.12/670 and Add.1-5);

2. Recommends to the Governments of the Latin American countries:

(a) That they should redouble their efforts on a permanent and continuing basis to complete the inventory and evaluation of their natural resources and extend scientific and technical research in this field, as part of their economic and social development;

(b) That they should establish specialized bodies for that purpose in order to undertake research on, and the administration of, the various natural resources and, where such bodies already exist, grant them priority budget treatment for the efficient fulfilment of their functions;

(c) That universities and technical training institutes should give special attention to the training of scientists and technicians in the different subjects related to the utilization of natural resources, renewable or non-renewable;

(d) That they should establish maximum co-ordination between technical services and those responsible for the conduct of economic affairs in each country;

3. Requests the secretariat and the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, in co-operation with the appropriate international agencies and with the object of finding solutions to problems of common interest, to promote research on the region's natural resources and to extend the knowledge of techniques for their evaluation, through joint action based on systematic programmes, both short-term and long-term, as part of Latin America's economic and social development, and to that end to encourage the interchange of information, the standardization of technical terminology and nomenclature, the completion of general and specific studies of that nature and the organization of meetings and conferences of experts;

4. Requests the international agencies operating in the region to co-ordinate their efforts as far as possible and to develop coherent action on the basis of systematic programmes, both short-term and long-term, focusing particular attention on regional studies which involve joint action by several countries and bodies;

5. Expresses its appreciation of the contribution being made by the Special Fund in respect of natural resources and stresses the importance to the Latin American countries of the expansion of such activities, particularly where highly specialized and costly processes are required.

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240 (X). Date and place of the eleventh session

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind paragraph 15 of its terms of reference and rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,

Considering the invitation from the Government of the Dominican Republic to hold the eleventh session of the Commission at Santo Domingo,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of the Dominican Republic for its generous invitation;

2. Decides to hold its eleventh session at Santo Domingo in April 1965, or in the following month if this should prove necessary as a result of the consultations to be held by the Executive Secretary of the Commission with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Government of the Dominican Republic.

16 May 1963

PART IV

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America covering the period 17 February 1962 to 17 May 1963 (E/3766/Rev.3) and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report;

2. Endorses the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

⁴⁹ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.II.B.2.