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to prevent this process from interfering with the normal patterns of trade; and

2. To request FAO:

(a) To take appropriate measures for the immediate reopening of the register of members of the Consultative Sub-Committee on Surplus Disposal of the Committee on Commodity Problems, to allow the enrolment of countries which have not yet subscribed;

(b) To adopt the necessary measures to enable the Consultative Sub-Committee on Surplus Disposal to undertake a thorough study of the problem covered by its terms of reference, and especially of the application of practical procedures for the disposal on a global basis of existing surpluses in general;

(c) That, in view of the urgency of the problems of surpluses and the rapidity with which this problem must be solved, the advisability be considered of arranging for more frequent meetings of the Committee on Commodity Problems; and

(d) That the Committee on Commodity Problems continue and expand its study of procedures aimed at avoiding further surpluses which harmfully interfere with normal trade patterns.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES

*Resolution 96 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955*  
(E/CN.12/405)

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering:*

(a) The importance of the iron and steel industry and its related transforming industries to the economic development of Latin America, and

(b) That the secretariat, in accordance with resolution 57 (V), has submitted a preliminary report on the Iron and Steel Transforming Industries in Selected Latin American Countries (E/CN.12/377), and, in co-operation with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, is preparing the Second Meeting of Experts on the iron and steel and transforming industries, to meet at São Paulo, Brazil, in 1956,

*Expresses satisfaction* with the report mentioned above; and

*Recommends* to the secretariat:

1. That research related to the iron and steel industries be continued and extended to other interested Latin American countries;

2. That in co-operation with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and other institutions concerned, preparations go forward for the Meeting of Experts to be held at São Paulo, Brazil, in June 1956; and

3. That in collaboration with member governments, with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and with other institutions concerned, the committee of experts proposed in resolution 57 (V) be convened to advise on the various pertinent problems.

THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

*Resolution 97 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955*  
(E/CN.12/406)

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering:*

(a) That the secretariat, in accordance with resolu-

tion 59 (V), has undertaken a preliminary study on the chemical industry, and

(b) The growing importance of that industry to the economy of the Latin American countries, and the existence of abundant raw materials in some of them,

*Recommends* to the secretariat:

1. That the studies begun on the chemical industry be continued and extended to as many countries as possible; and

2. That, when justified by the work programme and with the co-operation of the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations and other specialized agencies concerned, it convene a Meeting of Experts on the chemical industry to review the studies and to consider, in general, the technical and economic aspects relating to the development of this industry.

THE PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY

*Resolution 98 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955*  
(E/CN.12/407)

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Taking into consideration:*

(a) That the secretariat, in compliance with resolution 58 (V), organized, in co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations and the Government of the Republic of Argentina, a Meeting of Experts on the Pulp and Paper Industries in Latin America, which met in Buenos Aires in 1954 and submitted a report on this subject (E/CN.12/370),

(b) That the importance of the pulp and paper industry for economic development and the need for additional research were made clear both by the Meeting of Experts and in their report, and

(c) That the secretariat has set up a Joint Group of Experts on the economics, construction and administration of pulp and paper mills—working on the basis of wood fibres, bagasse and other materials—and on forestry, to give advice on the solution of such problems to Latin American governments which request it, the group in question having been formed on the initiative of the Meeting mentioned above and in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations,

*Takes note with satisfaction:*

1. Of the report presented by the secretariat on the Latin American Meeting of Experts on the Pulp and Paper industry; and

2. Of the formation of the Group of Experts mentioned above.

ENERGY AND WATER RESOURCES

*Resolution 99 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955*  
(E/CN.12/408)

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering:*

(a) That an adequate supply of energy is an important factor for economic development,