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a view to achieving wider understanding of the studies and resolutions of international agencies, and also the highest possible degree of co-ordination of policy at the meetings of these international bodies and agencies;

2. *Invites* the IA ECOSOC to appoint an official (*funcionario*) of the Organization of American States, to study, jointly with an official (*funcionario*) of the United Nations designated by ECLA, the measures which they consider necessary and adequate to ensure that co-ordination at the governmental level may be achieved in a practical and positive manner, and to submit their conclusions to the subsequent meetings of ECLA and IA ECOSOC for their approval;

3. *Recommends* that the Executive Secretary maintain direct and close contact with such governmental organs as each Government will designate.

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The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Decides to appoint the Executive Secretary, Mr. Raúl Prebisch, to represent the Commission as envisaged in the penultimate paragraph of the preceding section of this resolution.

VIII. WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES

32 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 16 June 1951*
(E/CN.12/285)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Having considered the statement of the Executive Secretary on work programme and priorities 1951-1952 (E/CN.12/243);

Considering that it is desirable to establish a system of priorities for the work entrusted to him;

Considering the resolutions on the concentration of efforts and resources adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council; and in particular,

Considering the order of priorities established by the Economic and Social Council for activities relating to the economic development of under-developed countries;

Expresses its approval of the Executive Secretary's statement (E/CN.12/243) and especially of the work programme and order of priorities established in it;

Draws the attention of the Economic and Social Council to its work programmes and priorities, as submitted by the Executive Secretary in the statement approved by the Commission, including its financial implications;

Notes that the principal objective of the Commission's activities is directly to promote the economic development of the various countries of the region and to solve current economic problems relating to economic trends;

Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that, in reviewing its work programme for the remainder of 1951 and for the year 1952, it should take into account the fact that the Commission is the most recently created regional commission of the Council, and is experiencing

a period of normal growth and expansion of its activities, and that its budget is considerably smaller than those of other similar organs of the Council;

Expresses the hope that the Commission will enjoy the same opportunities to develop its activities as the other regional commissions of the Council, established prior to the Economic Commission for Latin America, with the necessary resources made available to it;

Requests the Economic and Social Council to take appropriate measures for an adequate increase in the funds available to the Commission, with a view to ensuring the continuation of those activities which are assigned a high priority in the statement of the Executive Secretary on work programme and priorities 1951-52.

IX. AMENDMENT TO RULES OF PROCEDURE

AMENDMENTS TO RULES 3, 10, 25 AND 38 OF THE COMMISSION'S PRESENT RULES OF PROCEDURE

33 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 16 June 1951*
(E/CN.12/270)

The Economic Commission for Latin America
Decides :

1. To amend rule 3 of the rules of procedure to read as follows :

“ Rule 3

“ The Executive Secretary shall ensure that, at least thirty days before the commencement of a session, member Governments shall receive a notice of the opening date of the session, together with a copy of the provisional agenda and at least two copies of each of the reports, studies and documents which are to be considered during the session.

“ Such reports, studies and documents shall be submitted to member Governments in the language which they indicate, in accordance with the provisions of rule 42 of the rules of procedure.”

2. To add a paragraph to rule 10 reading as follows :

“ In the event that a member Government does not receive the reports, studies and documents to be considered during a session thirty days in advance, as provided in rule 3, it shall have the right to request that the items to which those reports, studies and documents refer should be excluded from the agenda, and the Commission shall immediately grant such a request.

“ Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, if, when an item is submitted for consideration by the Commission, three quarters or more of the members accredited to attend a given session insist that it should nevertheless be discussed, that majority decision shall prevail.”

3. To add the following phrase to rules 25 and 38 :

“ except as provided in the third paragraph of rule 10 of these rules of procedure.”