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of Latin-American economists in the field of economic development;

Considering that it is essential to formulate general and coherent programmes or plans that cover both the successive goals to be attained in the various phases of economic development and the means or instruments for achieving them;

Considering that such programmes and plans must be drawn up and executed under the direction of economists who are expert in questions regarding the development of the economies of Latin-American countries, and that at the present time sufficient experts with the requisite qualifications are not available;

Considering that existing theories and practices in the field of economic development are the result of the experience of the industrialized countries and cannot always be adapted to the under-developed countries, and that most Latin-American countries are at present in the latter category;

Noting with satisfaction that the secretariat of the Commission is studying the economic development problems of the region on a continuing basis and has contributed significantly to the understanding of these problems;

Noting the suggestion made by the Executive Secretary to the effect that ECLA offers special opportunity for in-service training of Latin-American economists in economic development (E/AC.34/6, paragraphs 67-68);

Requests the Executive Secretary to arrange for the establishment of an ECLA Centre for Economic Development,

and to work out in consultation with the Director-General of the Technical Assistance Administration, administrative and financial provisions to cover the training aspects of the activities to be carried on in the Centre;

Requests that interested member Governments consult with the Executive Secretary with a view to presenting the appropriate requests with regard to this matter to the Secretary-General;

Recommends that interested member Governments transmit to the faculties and schools of economics and to any other Latin-American university centres where economics are taught, the opinion of ECLA to the effect that they should introduce into their curricula courses on economic development, and that they should direct their teaching towards the need for economic development; and

Recommends that the Executive Secretary co-ordinate the activities of the Centre with those of international specialized agencies and university faculties and schools, and with those of such other research and study centres as he deems appropriate.

CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION OF NON-AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

5 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 16 June 1951*
(E/CN.12/276)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council (E/1946) providing (a) for the pro-

motion of a systematic survey and inventory of non-agricultural resources; and (b) for the holding of international conferences to deal with particular problems of non-agricultural resources;

Considering that the resolution in question requests the regional economic commissions "to consider the present resolution and to make such recommendations" as they would consider useful;

Considering that the resolution calls for consultation, when appropriate, with the regional economic commissions to explore the scope and subject matter of any particular conferences which may be desirable;

Taking note of the statement of the Executive Secretary on "measures relating to international action for conservation and utilization of non-agricultural resources" (E/CN.12/231);

Takes note that surveys and inventories of non-agricultural resources in Latin America and the systematic compilation of such information would constitute an important means of furthering the economic development of the region; and

Recommends that in planning conferences of this nature, the Secretary-General take into consideration points 1 to 10 suggested by the Executive Secretary in his note on measures relating to international action for conservation and utilization of non-agricultural resources (E/CN.12/231).

IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS

6 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 16 June 1951*
(E/CN.12/283)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the contribution which migration can make to the economic development of the individual countries of Latin America;

Notes with satisfaction the progress report submitted by the Executive Secretary on the work done by the Committee on Economic Development and Immigration created under resolution E/CN.12/191, approved at the third session of the Commission;

Takes note, among other interesting developments in the field of immigration in Latin America, of:

(a) The work done by the Joint Uruguayan-Italian Commission in charge of the planning of immigration in relation to agricultural development, which has resulted in plans for the establishment of a model farm, called a "Pilot Farm", under the direction of technicians of both countries, the purpose of which will be to adapt the immigrant to the economic and environmental conditions of the country of immigration, so as to secure the advantage of his assimilation on a basis satisfactory to himself and useful to the economy of the recipient country;

(b) Of the work done in Peru, such as the study on land settlement in the region of the Rio Huallaga;

(c) Of other similar joint activities carried on, on the one hand, by the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Ecuador, and, on the other hand, by organizations from Italy and the Netherlands;

Having reviewed the work and experience of the Committee on Economic Development and Immigration and noting the special interest which other international organizations (particularly the ILO, as well as FAO and IRO) have in the field of migration and the scale of development of their activities in this field;

Taking into account the Executive Secretary's statement on the implementation of resolution E/CN.12/191 (E/CN.12/AC.12/3);

Recommends that the Executive Secretary consult with the executive heads of other international organizations concerned with this problem with a view to the establishment, by the interested organizations, of an Inter-Agency Regional Co-ordination Committee on Migration which will meet when necessary to review progress and co-ordinate action in the field of migration in Latin America;

Requests the Executive Secretary to continue full co-operation with other international agencies on the economic aspects of migration, including participation in the Inter-Agency Regional Co-ordination Committee on Migration, if established;

Further requests the Executive Secretary :

(a) to prepare, as appropriate, background studies on the economic aspects of immigration and, in particular, to complete in conjunction with the other international organizations concerned (if possible, before the ILO Conference on Migration to be held at Naples in October 1951) the study of migration in relation to economic development requested by the Commission at its third session, and to circulate this study to Governments as soon as it is completed;

(b) to invite, pursuant to resolution E/CN.12/191 of the third session of ECLA, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to take part, when appropriate, in the work of the Co-ordination Committee referred to above, as a means of providing for the study of financial provisions adequate for the formulation and implementation of immigration plans of the Latin-American countries;

(c) to arrange for appropriate reports on activities undertaken under this resolution to be furnished to the next meeting of the Commission;

Suggests to interested member Governments that they should discuss, at an early stage, their needs for advice or assistance in the field of migration, with the Executive Secretary of ECLA and with the Director-General of FAO or the Director-General of the ILO, or with their regional representatives, as they may see fit;

Requests the Executive Secretary, and invites the Directors-General of the ILO and of FAO, to consider jointly the matters raised under the preceding paragraph, with a view, if appropriate, to the formulation of requests for technical assistance;

Recommends that Latin-American countries circulate among themselves information as to their experience in the field of immigration and land settlement, and keep ECLA, the ILO, FAO and IRO informed;

Recommends that member Governments carry out studies which will lead to concrete plans on immigration and land settlement, and

Recommends that member Governments send representatives to the ILO Conference on Migration, which will take place at Naples in October 1951.

CONTINUATION OF THE ECONOMIC SURVEY OF LATIN AMERICA AND STUDIES IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON A PERMANENT BASIS

7 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 16 June 1951*
(E/CN.12/274)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that it is desirable to continue, on a permanent basis, the analysis of the economic phenomena of Latin America which the Secretariat has begun; and taking into account that, in the light of experience, a distinction should be made between the examination of recent developments and trends in the various economies, on the one hand, and the studies of economic development, on the other :

Recommends that the Executive Secretary :

1. *Continue, on a permanent basis, the preparation of an annual economic survey including a systematic examination and interpretation of recent developments and trends in the economy of Latin-American countries;*

2. *Continue, on a periodic basis, the studies of economic development, including the following subjects :*

(a) *The economic development of each of the Latin-American countries;*

(b) *The interpretation of the different aspects of the process of economic development;*

(c) *The comparative analysis of the problems of development in the different Latin-American countries and of the measures being taken to solve them; and*

(d) *The examination of development plans and programmes and of their results.*

ECONOMIC AND LEGAL STATUS OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA

8 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 16 June 1951*
(E/CN.12/273)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that it is desirable that comprehensive and accurate information be available concerning the economic and legal status of foreign investments in the countries of the region as one of the means for expediting the flow of private foreign capital to the countries of Latin America;

Requests Governments which have not already done so to reply as soon as possible to the Secretariat's questionnaire on foreign investments (E/CN.12/222/Rev.1); and

Requests the Executive-Secretary, on the basis of such replies and other relevant information, to complete and publish the report already begun on the status of foreign investments in Latin America.