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ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT WORKING PARTY CONSTITUTED BY
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION

Resolution of 23 June 1948

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

HAVING IN MIND the request made by the Economic and Social Council at its Sixth Session (Resolution 103 - VI) to study and make recommendations, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization on co-ordinated action to increase the production of foodstuffs by the elimination of supply shortages;

RECOGNIZING the urgent nature of problems which were created by an extended period of shortages of foodstuffs, and recognizing the need for raising the nutritional level of the peoples of Latin America as well as of other regions;

CONSIDERING the importance of agriculture in relation to the economies of the Latin American countries, to industrial activities, and to world trade, and considering that an increased supply of foodstuffs would be of very great assistance in raising the standards of living;

REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the United Nations to consult with the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization with a view to:

1. The setting up as soon as possible, for the purpose of fulfilling Resolution 103 (VI) of the Economic and Social Council, a Joint Working Party between the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and that of the Food and Agriculture Organization. The task of the Joint Working Party would be the study, in

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collaboration with the Governments and other specialized agencies and inter-governmental organizations concerned, of co-ordinated action to increase the food production of Latin America without depleting the fertility and capacity of the soil, by dealing with supply shortages of machinery and equipment, fuels, electric power, fertilizers, inland transport and equipment of terminal stations and ports, insecticides and fungicides, expert assistance and technological information;

2. The rendering of assistance by the Joint Working Party in the collection of data on matters which concern the Food and Agriculture Organization for the preparation of its current reports on the condition of cattle and agricultural production, and for the Economic Survey which is to be prepared by the Economic Commission for Latin America;

3. The presentation of the findings of the Joint Working Party to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization and to the Economic Commission for Latin America, at the next Session of the Commission, when the adoption of further measures will be considered.