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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RESEARCH IN THE AMAZON AREA
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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA CONSIDERING:

- a) the importance which the development of the great wealth existing in the Amazon Basin represents for the nations concerned and for this continent, and the benefits for the welfare and progress of humanity to be derived from its utilization.
- b) that the Amazon area includes several countries which cover approximately half the territory of South America, and comprises an enormous animal, vegetable and mineral potential.
- c) that the size and extent of these areas requires joint and co-ordinated action for their utilization by the countries concerned, and
- d) that the resolution adopted on June 1949 at the second session of ECLA/E/CN.12/151 attached great importance to the study of this topic, RECOMMENDS:
- 1. That the ECLA secretariat and FAO, with the collaboration of the specialized international agencies, carry out a joint preliminary study of the whole Amazon area, insofar as this is possible;

- 2. That on the basis of the foregoing study they build up a programme of research designed to promote the utilization and development of the resources of the Amazon Basin;
 - 3. That the countries concerned
 - a) exchange information, through the ECLA secretariat and FAO, on their experience and research in the area in question, and
 - b) co-operate fully in the carrying-out of the studies mentioned.