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of that higher spiritual union which is implicit in the historical origin and destiny of the Central American countries,

*Taking into account* the report by the secretariat<sup>20</sup> describing the co-operation rendered by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other specialized agencies, as well as the assistance given to the Committee by the secretariat through its Mexico Office,

*Decides:*

1. To place on record the feeling of sympathy with which the delegations present view this movement towards Central American economic integration in furtherance of the ideal of Central American solidarity, and to take note with deep satisfaction of the activities carried out by the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee during the year 1957-1958 and of the work of the secretariat and those United Nations organs which provide technical assistance for the Central American Economic Integration Programme;

2. To congratulate the Committee on the progress achieved and to express the hope that its forthcoming session may be productive of decisions and measures which will increasingly strengthen the positive results of the Programme;

3. To congratulate the secretariat also on the advisory functions which it has performed and to extend these congratulations especially to the staff of the Mexico Office of ECLA and its Director, Mr. Víctor L. Urquidí, who has so efficiently carried out the work assigned to him, both in connexion with the required research and studies, and in association with the Governments members of the Committee.

7 April 1958.

#### 141 (AC.40). 1960 census of the Americas

*The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering* that, at its fourth session held at Rio de Janeiro in 1954, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in its resolution 50/54 recommended to Governments that they take a census every ten years from 1950 onwards, and that they carry out analytical studies on the essential characteristics of population, housing and agricultural activities in their respective countries,

*Bearing in mind* the document entitled "1960 Census of the Americas",<sup>21</sup> in which the secretariat reports on the relevant project of the Inter-American Statistical Institute,

*Taking into account* the value to the countries concerned and to the Commission of the data that can be obtained from carefully organized censuses,

1. *Reiterates* to the Latin American countries that recommendation of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in the aforesaid resolution;

2. *Recommends* to the member Governments that they do everything in their power to co-operate in the Inter-American Statistical Institute's project for a 1960 census of the Americas.

7 April 1958.

<sup>20</sup> E/CN.12/AC.40/10.

<sup>21</sup> E/CN.12/AC.40/12.

#### 142 (AC.40). Tenth anniversary of the Economic Commission for Latin America

*The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Bearing in mind* that it is now ten years since the United Nations established this Commission, which has rendered such useful services to the Latin American Countries in the economic field,

*Emphasizing* the importance of its work for inter-Latin American economic co-operation,

*Considering* that it is needful and desirable that the activities of the Commission during the first ten years of its existence should be made as widely known as possible,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the United Nations for the establishment of this Commission, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary;

2. *Requests* the countries members of the Commission and all those taking part in its work that they continue to co-operate closely with the Commission in order to promote the more effective fulfilment of its aims and objectives;

3. *Requests* the countries members of the Commission that they collaborate with the United Nations in publicizing the Commission's activities;

4. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to take the necessary steps to publish, at the earliest opportunity and in whatever form it may deem most effective and appropriate, a volume containing a methodical and homogeneous account of all those aspects of the Commission's activities during the first decade of its existence which serve to indicate, together with the work achieved, the aims by which it is guided in its pursuit of the economic progress of Latin America.

7 April 1958.

#### 143 (AC.40). United Nations building in Santiago

*The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering* the generous and repeated offer of the Government of Chile to donate to the United Nations a plot of land for the erection of a building for its offices in Santiago,

*Taking into account* resolution 1224 (XII) concerning this offer, adopted by the General Assembly on 14 December 1957,

*Having examined* the report by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the proposals for financing this building,<sup>22</sup>

1. *Reiterates its thanks* to the Government of Chile for its kind offer;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of General Assembly resolution 1224 (XII) and of the Secretary-General's report;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Secretary-General will expedite the work he has undertaken in this connexion so that the project for the United Nations building in Santiago will soon become a reality.

7 April 1958.

#### 144 (AC.40). Technical assistance

*The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Bearing in mind* the studies entitled "Technical assistance activities in Latin America",<sup>23</sup> prepared by the

<sup>22</sup> E/CN.12/AC.40/6.

<sup>23</sup> E/CN.12/AC.40/5.