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	hir.	SUMMERS	Canada
	Mr.	ESCOBAR)	Chile
	Mr.	FUENZALIDA)	
	Mr.	SAMPER	Colombia
	${ m Mr}$.	AZOFDIF4	Costa Rica
	Mr.	SIRRANO	Cuba
	Mr.	LOOR	Ecuador
	ır.	PEÑA	El Salvador
	Mr.	BRUNEAU	France
	Wr.	CORLETO	Honduras
	hir.	LUBBERS	Kingdom of the Netherlands
	Mr.	NAVARRETE	Mexico
	Mr.	SANDOVAL	Paraguay
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	Mr.	TAYLOR	United Kingdom of Great
			Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr.	BINGHAM	United States of America
	${ m Mr}_{ullet}$	MALDINI	Uruguay
	Mr.	LEDESIA	Venezuela

ALSO PRESENT:

Observers from States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission:

Mr.	SCHWALD	Austria
Mr.	PIROCH	Czechoslovakia
Mr.	MURANEN	Finland
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Mr.	RUICA	Romania
Mr.	BASSOLS	Spain
Mr.	MARTENSON	Sweden
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Mr. MINES

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Mr. CRAF

Representatives of specialized agencies;

Mr. ROMERO

United Nations

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

International Monetary

Fund

Mr. VIRGAS

Mr. BRAND

World Health Organization

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations:

Miss DELHAYE

European Economic

Community

Mr. REY ALVAREZ

Inter-American Develop-

ment Bank

Mr. DELONS

Inter-Governmental

Committee for European

Migration

Mr. HLGAÑA

Organization of American

States

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Category A: Mr. AGUIRRE

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

Category B: Mrs. CASSAGNE

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Women

Mrs. MORRISON

International Federation

of Women Lawyers

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Secretariat:

Mr. Alfonso SANPA CRUZ

Mr. BALBOA

Mr. BERTHOUD

Deputy Executive Secretary Secretary of the Committee (economic development) Secretary of the Committee (social development)

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (concluded)

(a) Draft resolution on income distribution submitted by the delegation of Chile (Conference room paper N° 27)

Mr. FUENZALIDA (Chile) presented the draft resolution and stressed the need to forge ahead with the study of income distribution by social groups for tax policy purposes since the concentration of income in certain categories was a source of social tension which might jeopardize the increase in savings capacity aimed at by development programmes.

Mr. NAVARRETE (Mexico) proposed that the word "even" should be replaced by "equitable" in the second preambular paragraph, and that the third preambular paragraph should be amended to read: "Recognizing that the above-mentioned increase in net capital formation must basically derive from internal effort, and that in this connexion a redistribution of income in the Latin American countries may afford an additional source of productive domestic savings of considerable magnitude, which can be supplemented, in the over-all context of development policy, by international financial and technical co-operation".

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After a short discussion in which Mr. FUENZALIDA (Chile), Mr. TAVORA (Brazil) and Mr. CORLETO (Honduras) took part, both amendments were approved.

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) suggested that the words "State action" in the fourth preambular paragraph should be replaced by the words "economic policy" and that the word "strata" in operative paragraph 2 should be replaced by the term "groups".

It was so decided.

Mr. NAVARRETE (Mexico) suggested that it should be made clear in operative paragraph 3 that the national surveys on income distribution which the secretariat was recommended to undertake should be carried out at the request of the countries concerned.

It was so decided.

Mr. BALBOA (Secretary of the Committee) pointed out that, in the opinion of the secretariat, the resolution did not limit its powers to pursue the studies which it had been recommended to undertake on the subject.

The draft resolution as a whole was approved unanimously

(b) Draft resolution on planning (Conference Room Paper Nº 30/Rev.1

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) proposed that the words "control and execution" in the first preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 1 should be replaced by the words "execution and evaluation".

It was so decided.

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Mr. CORLETO (Honduras) suggested that operative paragraph 2 should be deleted because it was a repetition of the draft resolution that had just been approved.

It was so decided.

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) requested that the words "visits for the" appearing in operative paragraph 3 should be deleted.

It was so decided.

Mr. CORLETO (Honduras) proposed that a new operative paragraph should be added recommending the Governments to establish sectoral planning offices.

After a discussion in which Mr. FUENZALIDA (Chile),
Mr. TAVORA (Brazil), Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) and Mr. NAVARRETE
(México) took part, it was agreed to add the following paragraph:
"To recommend to countries that, in addition to the central
planning offices, they consider the advisability of establishing
sectoral offices at the ministerial level or autonomous bodies,
in order to render the ever-all planning process more effective".

The draft resolution as smended, was approved.

(c) Draft resolution on the programming of social development submitted by the delegations of Brazil, France and Mexico (Conference Room Paper Nº 31)

Mr. LUBUMPS (Netherlands) remarked that, despite their undoubted importance, social development research techniques were still imperfect. Hence it was advisable that the secretariat should collaborate in that connexion with the new United Nations Research Institute for Social Development which was to be established at Geneva in 1964,

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Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) suggested that the word "still" should be deleted from the third preambular paragraph.

Mr. PEÑA (El Salvador) proposed that in the Spanish version of the same paragraph, the word "pasos" should be replaced by the word "etapas".

Both amendments were approved.

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) requested that in the Spanish version the word "afectan" be replaced by "obstaculizan" in operative paragraph 2.

Mr. PENA (El Salvador) requested that in the same paragraph it should be made clear that "our countries" referred to "the Latin American countries".

Both amendments were approved.

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) proposed that the word "economic" should be deleted from operative paragraph 3 as unnecessary, and that in sub-paragraph (b) of the same paragraph "communities" should be substituted for the expression "population centres".

Mr. PEÑA (El Salvador) suggested that, in the same subparagraph (b) the words "and means" should be added after the word "methods".

Operative paragraph 3 was approved with the amendments proposed.

Mr. BERTHOUD (Secretary of the Committee) read out the new operative paragraph recommended by the Netherlands delegation:

"To maintain, in fulfilling this task, the closest possible co-ordination with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to be established at Geneva in 1964".

The text was approved.

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The draft resolution, as amended, was approved.

(d) Draft resolution on the planning of education and economic and social development submitted by the delegations of Costa Rica and Chile (Conference Room Paper N° 32).

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) commented on the third preambular paragraph and suggested that the final version should read as follows:

"Considering that it is essential for the regions's educational systems to be developed by means of a planning process whereby the structure and product of these systems can be dynamically adjusted to the urgent needs created by population growth and to the requirements in human resources for purposes of development."

In the operative paragraph beginning with the word "Stresses" he suggested that in the Spanish version the word "ilustrada" be replaced by the word "concretada". Finally, in the second last paragraph of the same operative part, he requested that the words "and productivity" should be deleted.

The proposed amendments were approved.

The draft resolution, as amended, was approved.

(e) <u>Draft resolution entitled "Declaration of Mar del Plata"</u> presented by the delegation of Ecuador (Conference Room Paper Nº 29)

Mr. MALDINI (Unusuay) proposed that the draft resolution should not be considered, as it was political in character. He recalled that Committee II had followed the same course in a similar case.

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Mr. TAVORA (Brazil), Mr. SAN HIGUEL (Argentina), Mr. JORLETO (Honduras), Mr. NAVARILIE (Mexico) and Mr. SANDOVAL (Paraguay) supported the proposal.

Mr. LOOR (Ecuador), admitting that his draft resolution was political in character, said that in it he was trying to reflect the anxiets aroused by secretariat documents E/CN.12/680 and E/CN.12/660.

Mr. TAVORA (Brazil), speaking on a point of order, said that before the debate proceeded, the Committee should decide whether or not it was going to examine the draft resolution.

Mr. ESCOBAR (Chile) proposed that a vote should be taken forthwith to decide whether or not the draft resolution was in order.

By 7 votes to 2, with 6 abstentions, the draft resolution was declared out of order.

(f) Draft resolution on external financing (Conference Room Paper N° 28/Rev.2)

Mr. TAYLOR (United Kingdom) suggested that the words "make every endeavour" in operative paragraph 2 should be replaced by the expression "study the possibility of".

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) asked the United Kingdom representative if he would be prepared to accept the word "consider" instead of the word "study" in the amendment which he had just proposed.

Mr. TAYLOR (United Kingdom) agreed.

Paragraph 2, as amended, was approved.

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Mr. TAVORA (Brazil) proposed that operative paragraph 3 should be drafted to read as follows: "To recommend to the member countries that they subordinate their internal and external financing schemes to the objectives of national development plans, both in the public and in the private sector".

Mr. ESCOBAR (Chile) said that, while the purpose behind the amendment was highly desirable, it seemed to him utopian. Moreover, the sense of the original proposal lay in co-ordination not subordination.

Mr. TAVORA (Brazil) understood the objection and said that his sole purpose had been to ensure that the primary objectives of the national development plans were not lost from sight.

Mr. SAN MIGUEL (Argentina) proposed that the paragraph in question should be worded as follows: "To recommend to member countries that the formulation of their internal and external financing policies should be consistent with the development programmes of the public and private sectors".

Mr. BINGHAM (United States) thought that it should be made clear that "member countries" meant "Latin American member countries".

Operative paragraph 3, as amended, was approved.

The draft resolution as a whole, as amended, was approved.

Mr. LOOR (Ecuador), referring to the draft declaration of Mar del Plata which had been presented by his delegation and declared out of order, requested that the following point should be included in the record:(1) That the delegation of Uruguay

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had submitted a proposal, which had been supported by five delegations, including that of Brazil; (2) That, while the proposal had been under discussion, and the representative of Ecuador had had the floor, the representative of Brazil had introduced another proposal, different from the first; (3) That the delegation of Ecuador had protested at the interruption and because, while he had the floor, the Chairman had accepted another proposal, submitted by the representative of Chile; (4) That, although the delegations of Brazil and Uruguay had not withdrawm their respective proposals, the Chairman had ruled that a vote should be taken on the Chilean proposal, without allowing the provious discussion required by the rules of procedure; and (5) That the results of the vote had been: 7 in favour, 2 against, and 6 abstentions. Despite the fact that it had not obtained a majority, the Chairman had announced that the Childan proposal had been approved and gone on to other business. For all those reasons, his delegation would protest most energetically against that unintentional but unsatisfactory treatment, and against the irregular procedure followed in dealing with the draft resolution submitted by his country.

STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS

Mr. AGUIRRE (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions) stated, with the permission of the Chairman, that without social progress economic development was not possible, and that development must follow progress or it would never be achieved.

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Consequently, in applying the solutions which had been proposed before and were being proposed again at the current session, to the problems of under development in Latin America, the participation of democratic trade unions must be admitted. Only thus could the peoples be associated with the efforts of Governments and of the regional planning and assistance agencies.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.