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INCLUSION OF A NEW RULE IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION

(Note from the Government of the United States of America)

with a Note by the secretariat

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

On 26 October 1960 the Government of the United States of America sent a note to the Executive Secretary, a copy of which is attached. In this note, requesting that an amendment be made in the Commission's rules of procedure, the United States Government refers to rule 56 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, which reads as follows:

"Draft resolutions, and substantive amendments or motions, shall be introduced in writing and handed to the Secretary General, who shall circulate copies to the representatives twenty-four hours before they are discussed and voted upon, unless the Council decides otherwise."

In view of the above proposal, the secretariat has included this matter as item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda of the ninth session of the Commission, in accordance with rule 8 (d) of the Commission's rules of procedure.

American Embassy
Santiago, Chile,
October 26, 1960.

Dr. Raul Prebisch
Executive Secretary,
Economic Commission for Latin America,
Santiago.

Dear Dr. Prebisch:

The United States wishes to have included in the agenda for the Ninth Session of ECLA, an item incorporating the substance of Rule 56 of the Economic and Social Council in ECLA's rules of procedure. Preferably, this item should be the second on the agenda.

My government would like to suggest the following as the language for the new rule:

"Draft resolutions, and substantive amendments or motions, shall be introduced in writing and handed to the Executive Secretary, who shall circulate copies to the representatives at least twenty-four hours before they are discussed and voted upon, unless the Commission decides otherwise."

Adoption of the suggested amendment should prevent the possibility of a situation arising in the Economic Commission for Latin America, such as has already occurred in the case of another Regional Commission, of resolutions, etc., being adopted before sufficient consideration could be given to their implications.

Please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

William L. Krieg
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.