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Interdependence between the development of
Agriculture and the development of Industry

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING that the instability and low productivity of agriculture are due, among other reasons, to the fluctuations in effective demand and the insufficient use of modern techniques;

CONSIDERING that the fluctuations and low level of effective demand are due, in general, to the lack of balanced economic development and the low productivity of the less developed countries;

CONSIDERING that the efficient and balanced economic development and increased productivity of those countries would be effectively stimulated by their industrialization and mechanization;

CONSIDERING that the industrialization of Latin America is not incompatible with the development of agricultural production but is a necessary factor in its full development;

CONSIDERING that the solution of agricultural problems cannot be achieved solely by means of agricultural technique, but must be closely linked and integrated with the problem
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of industrialization and, in general, with the balanced economic development of the countries of Latin America;

CONSIDERING that the industrial development of Latin America not only contributes to the development of agriculture by raising and stabilizing the levels of effective demand, but also provides a number of the technical requisites essential to the increase of its productivity;

CONSIDERING that the supply to farmers, at prices and in conditions accessible to them, of agricultural machinery, equipment and accessories adequate for the needs of Latin America of fundamental importance;

RESOLVES:

- 1) To establish as a guiding principle for the future work by the Secretariat, whether it be carried out independently or in collaboration with the Specialized Agencies or any study of research organization, that any study dealing with the possibilities and needs of agricultural development in Latin America should take into account, as a basic factor, the close interdependence between agricultural and industrial development;
- 2) To establish as one of the primary requirements for achieving increased agricultural productivity the supply, at prices and in conditions accessible to farmers, of agricultural machinery, equipment and accessories adequate for the needs of Latin America.