



# **ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA**

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**  
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Taking note of the general concern at the weakness of the machinery for disseminating the useful and copious studies and other work of the Commission to the widest possible areas of public opinion in Latin America, particularly in connexion with economic integration, foreign trade and industrialization on a regional basis,

1. Requests the secretariat to convene, before the end of 1965, a meeting of a limited number of experts on economic information and publicity, appointed in their personal capacity;

2. Requests the meeting to prepare the programme of action provided for in resolution 223 (X), and, particularly to suggest specific measures for securing the timely and extensive dissemination of the Commission's documentation among centres of education and private-sector organizations in Latin America, inter alia, so that they may have at their disposal the necessary information for their efforts on behalf of regional economic co-operation and integration;

3. Requests the secretariat to give the highest priority in its work programme for 1965-1967 to convening the meeting referred to in paragraph 1 and to report to the Governments of States members of the Commission at the next session of the Committee of the Whole on the recommendations of the meeting and the action taken by the secretariat to secure their prompt implementation.

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## 258 (XI). Communications

### The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the economic, cultural and political integration of Latin America cannot be achieved without a full understanding and real rapprochement among its peoples and that modern and increasingly comprehensive systems of communications are an essential requirement for the attainment of this purpose,

Bearing in mind that, in the seventeen years since it was established, ECLA has not been requested to study the subject of communications, though they are the most important means of spreading information and, consequently, of disseminating science and technology for economic development, and that no study of Latin American conditions can be complete unless it includes that aspect,

Having taken note of document 50, adopted at the third meeting of the Regional Plan Committee for Latin America of the International Telecommunication Union, recommending that ECLA should be requested to initiate studies on communications,

1. Recommends to Governments that they should include measures for improving means of communication in their national development plans;

2. Requests the secretariat to take the necessary steps, to the extent that its resources allow, to co-operate effectively with the Regional Telecommunication Group for Latin America and to ensure co-ordination among the various international bodies capable of assisting it in this field, particularly with respect to the projects relating to the inter-American telecommunication network;

3. Requests the secretariat to include in ECLA's work programmes aspects relating to the study of and progress achieved in communications in the region, and to request the Economic and Social Council, when appropriate, to allocate the funds that may be required for this purpose.

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259 (XI). Date and place of the twelfth session

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind paragraph 15 of its terms of reference and rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,

Considering the invitation from the Government of Venezuela to hold the twelfth session of the Commission at Caracas, on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the founding of that city,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Venezuela for its generous invitation;

2. Decides to hold its twelfth session at Caracas in April 1967, or in the following month if this should prove necessary as a result of the consultations to be held by the Executive Secretary of the Commission with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Government of Venezuela.

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