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(b) Determination of the trade position of the items included in the above-mentioned schedules, in the light of the status quo commitment accepted by the developed countries at Geneva;

(c) Determination of the set-backs resulting from the reintroduction or raising of customs duties or non-tariff restrictions on particular products and evaluation of their effects on the Latin American countries;

(d) Trends in the international prices of the principal primary commodities exported by the Latin American countries and significance of the fluctuations in the purchasing power of those countries in terms of the prices of the goods they have to import;

(e) Effect of the elimination of trade preferences and of the compensatory measures that can be adopted for the benefit of the developing countries which relinquish such discriminatory preferences;

(f) Scope and general and particular features of agreements on commodities which are of importance to the Latin American countries and whose international markets suffer from short-term or long-term disequilibria;

(g) Possible forms and characteristics of a general and non-discriminatory preferential system to encourage exports of manufactures and semi-manufactures from the developing to the developed countries;

(h) Schedule of manufactures and semi-manufactures which the Latin American countries could export if import duties and equivalent restrictions were eliminated or substantially reduced in the markets of the industrialized countries;

(i) Reporting on the measures adopted by the industrialized countries and international financial institutions in response to recommendation A.IV.1 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

4. Requests the secretariat, when carrying out these studies, to take full account of the work being done in this field by other regional bodies and to endeavour to establish close liaison with them for the purpose of the studies;

5. Recommends the Governments of States members of the Commission to co-operate as fully as possible with the secretariat in order that the work assigned to it in connexion with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development may be carried out as effectively as possible.

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254 (XI). The relatively less developed countries and Latin American economic integration

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that Latin American economic integration can only be achieved through fair sharing of the development opportunities created by a larger market,

Considering that to that end it is necessary to define adequately the position of the relatively less developed countries and to ensure their effective participation in the industrial development of the region,

1. Decides to include, as part of its regular programme of work, continuing activities for the purpose of analysing and formulating solutions to the problems encountered by the relatively less developed countries in the process of Latin American economic integration, in order to lessen the differences in levels of development between them and the other countries of the region;

2. Requests the secretariat:

(a) To prepare, on the basis of the work already done and any that may be undertaken for the purpose, a preliminary study on these problems, to be submitted to Governments during the first half of 1966;

(b) To continue giving special attention in this study to identifying industries of regional importance and to existing problems of trade policy, intra-regional trade, transport and communications and to submit specific proposals on the machinery and procedures that might be established within the Commission for the purpose of organizing and carrying on the activities provided for in paragraph 1 above;

(c) To convene in due course a meeting of high-level government representatives of the relatively less developed countries for the purpose of evaluating the results of the study and taking decisions on the proposals made, and to submit the relevant reports to the Commission at its twelfth session.

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255 (XI). Programme of work and priorities

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the changes introduced by the secretariat in the presentation of the programme of work and priorities, with a view to specifying precisely each of the research projects constituting the work programme for 1965-1967, with an indication of the resources assigned to each of these projects, all of which implies the establishment of priorities concerning the work to be done in relation to the need for research and analysis of development problems and policy,

Considering further that the Commission has been preparing its programme of work and priorities on a biennial basis since 1952,

Taking into account that in this way the Commission seeks to comply with the directives of the Economic and Social Council tending to relate work programmes with their budgetary implications,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the form in which the secretariat has presented the programme of work and priorities for 1965-1967 and in particular of the attempt made to relate the programme to available resources and to include details of staff required for the execution of individual projects;