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Believing it to be essential, for the purposes of the regional symposium, to have reports from the various countries on the status of their respective industrialization processes, which will be discussed together with the documentation prepared by the secretariat,

Being aware of the importance of ensuring that the findings and conclusions of the regional symposium will constitute an adequate basis for Latin America's contribution to the discussions at the international symposium so that its experience may be compared on that occasion with that of other developing regions,

1. Calls upon member countries to support and take part in the regional and international symposia;
2. Requests the secretariat to invite the specialized agencies and other inter-governmental organizations concerned to co-operate and participate in the work of the Latin American regional symposium;
3. Accepts the secretariat's suggestion that the regional symposium should be held, in co-operation with the Centre for Industrial Development, in February 1966 at Santiago, Chile, in preparation for the subsequent international symposium;
4. Requests the Latin American member countries to prepare national studies on the present status of their respective industrialization processes for presentation at the regional symposium;
5. Recommends that the secretariat should provide all possible assistance to Governments of member States in the preparation of the studies on their industrial development.

14 May 1965

251 (XI). Economic integration of Latin America

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recognizing the urgent need to give greater impetus to the process of economic integration among the Latin American countries with a view to accelerating the economic and social development of the region as a whole and of each of the countries it comprises,

Taking into account the proposals for promoting an acceleration in the integration process contained in the documents submitted to the Commission at its eleventh session and, in particular, in those entitled: "A contribution to economic integration policy in Latin America" (E/CN.12/728) and "Evaluación de las negociaciones de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Libre Comercio" (E/CN.12/717), and the comments on the economic integration of Latin America made at the current session,

Considering that in its resolution 18 (IV), the Trade Committee requests the secretariat to submit specific or alternative recommendations for decision by the Latin American Governments with respect to problems that constitute major obstacles to current integration processes,

Bearing in mind that the studies in question should be examined by national experts so that the Governments may hold consultations and decide on the most suitable formulas for expediting integration,

Bearing in mind further that resolution 112 (IV) of the fourth session of the Conference of Contracting Parties to the Montevideo Treaty provides that a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contracting Parties is to be convened some time between 1 April and 31 August 1965 for the purpose of adopting policy decisions designed to accelerate the process of economic integration and complementarity,

Considering that it is indispensable to co-ordinate the activities of all regional and inter-governmental bodies concerned with integration in order to enable the Latin American countries, in good time, to take whatever action they deem necessary to give impetus to the process of integration and regional co-operation,

1. Recommends to the secretariat, in its capacity as technical adviser to the Latin American Free-Trade Association and the Central American Common Market, that, in close co-ordination with the secretariats of both bodies, it should re-examine the formulas and alternative possibilities set forth in document E/CN.12/728, with due regard for any studies, proposals and opinions recently formulated by the Governments of the member countries, Latin American organizations and experts, and should frame specific proposals for short-term and long-term action to extend and expedite the process of integration. Government experts of the Latin American countries should take part in the aforesaid activities, and agencies working in the field of economic integration may be consulted, as well as other experts on the subject;

2. Authorizes the secretariat to establish, when it deems this expedient, ad hoc working groups to consider special aspects of integration, namely:

- (a) Future joint action in the field of trade policy;
- (b) Co-ordination of agricultural policy;
- (c) Regional investment policy;
- (d) The solution of payments problems and financial and monetary co-ordination;
- (e) Regional policy on transport and communications;
- (f) Legal and institutional aspects of a co-ordinated programme of action aimed at accelerating the integration process;

3. Draws the attention of the secretariat to resolution 10-M/64 adopted at the Third Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the ministerial level, in connexion with the technical and financial assistance provided by the executing agencies of the Alliance for Progress for specific programmes and projects to expedite the integration process in Latin America;

4. Requests the secretariat, in carrying out the work described in the present resolution, to bear in mind the situation of the countries with inadequate markets for the development of certain types of activities and the less developed countries, in order to ensure that they take an active part in the regional integration processes and share in the benefits to be derived therefrom;

5. Requests the secretariat, as soon as the studies referred to in paragraph 2 are completed, to transmit to the Governments of member States the conclusions and short-term and long-term proposals resulting from the studies assigned to it under this resolution, with a view to enabling Governments to consult each other and take, in good time, the necessary decisions for strengthening and accelerating the gradual integration of Latin America;

6. Requests the secretariat to convene the Trade Committee prior to 15 December 1965, so that it may adopt such recommendations as it deems appropriate to accelerate integration and economic complementarity in Latin America on the basis of: (a) the progress made in the Latin American Free-Trade Association; (b) the progress made in the integration process of the Central American Common Market; (c) the various alternatives for specific action suggested by ECLA under paragraph 2 of this resolution; and (d) any other background material made available to ECLA by Governments.

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252 (XI). Trade policy

The Economic Commission for Latin America.

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, meeting at Geneva in 1964, recommended the abolition of the preferential treatment granted by developed countries to some developing countries which implies discrimination against other developing countries, pari passu with the application of effective international measures providing at least equivalent advantages to the developing countries at present benefiting therefrom and before the end of the United Nations Development Decade,

Considering that it is of vital interest to the Latin American countries that this recommendation should be effectively implemented,

1. Recommends that the Governments of member States should give special priority to their urgent efforts to prevent all discriminatory treatment in trade affecting the exports of the Latin American countries or to eliminate such discrimination where it exists in accordance with the recommendations in annex A.II.1, part II, paragraph 6, of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. Requests the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to take such action as it may deem appropriate with respect to the elimination of discriminatory treatment; in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the aforesaid Conference.

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