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173 (AC.45). CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, Taking into account the fact that the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee presented in due course a report on its activities (E/CN.12/533-E/CN.12/CCE/184) in which it reviewed those carried out between June 1958 and September 1959, and that the secretariat has reported on the progress of the work since that period (E/CN.12/AC.45/4),

Considering that, on 2 September 1959, the Governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua signed the Central American Agreement on the Equalization of import Duties and Charges and the attached Protocol,

Decides:

- 1.. To take note with satisfaction of the report presented by the Central American Co-operation Committee and of the supplementary document E/CN.12/AC.45/4;
2. To express to the Committee and the Governments members thereof its satisfaction at the signature of the Central American Agreement on the Equalization of Import Duties and Charges, a development of supreme importance for the economy of Central America as a whole and of each of its countries;
3. To declare its interest in the continuance and intensification of the work which the Committee has been carrying out in co-operation with the ECLA secretariat to promote the economic integration of Central America;
4. To thank the authorities responsible for the Technical Assistance Programme and, in particular, TAO, FAO and the other specialized agencies of the United Nations and the Organization of American States, for their contributions, both in general and in various specific fields, to the success of the work of the Economic Co-operation Committee;
5. To request the secretariat and the bodies taking part in the Economic Integration Programme to continue to co-operate as actively as possible in the development of the work involved, and to bear in mind, as far as possible, when preparing their over-all technical assistance projects for Central America, the requirements of the Integration Programme.

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