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RESOLUTION 340 (AC.66) ADOPTED AT THE EIGHTH
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE

The secretariat has pleasure in enclosing for the information of the delegates, a copy of Resolution 340 (AC.66) on the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, adopted at the Eighth Extraordinary Session of the Committee of the Whole.

A brief summary follows of the implementation of the different points covered by this Resolution.

As may be seen from the Report of the Activities and Programme of Work of ILPES, and as the Resolution indicates, the Institute considers its three main functions and the objectives it pursues to be those laid down in the Resolution, i.e., the basic purpose of the action taken by ILPES is to strengthen the planning machinery and planning processes of the Latin American countries through advisory services, and personnel training and research programmes.

In November 1974, Mr. Luis Eduardo Rosas, appointed as laid down in the Resolution, took up the post of Director of ILPES.

The Executive Secretary of ECLA and the Director of ILPES have been in contact with governments and national and international agencies with a view to obtaining new resources to support the activities of ILPES, in accordance with the objectives and aims assigned to the Institute by the Governments.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) continued to give ILPES its support, and extended its assistance to a fourth phase, which began on 1 July 1974.

The project supplies resources to a value of US\$ 3,799,750 and will continue until 30 June 1977.

In addition to these resources, Chile contributed US\$ 85,000 and Honduras US\$ 15,000.

On 1 November 1974, a UNDP official was appointed Liaison Officer between UNDP, ECLA and ILPES.

340 (AC.66) LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission
for Latin America

Considering that under resolution 220 (AC.52), adopted by the Committee of the Whole of ECLA at its ninth session, held in June 1962, the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) was established in the form and with the organization which it has retained until the present,

Recognizing that the work done by ILPES has afforded effective assistance to the Governments of many Latin American countries in their efforts to organize planning machinery, prepare development plans and strategies and carry out research and personnel training activities,

Considering that the basic functions of ILPES respond to permanent needs of Latin America in the field of economic and social planning.

Judging that the complexity of the problems and circumstances surrounding the economic and social development of Latin America, as well as those that are apparent in the world as a whole, render it increasingly advisable that ECLA and ILPES should deal with them jointly, with the greatest possible unity of action and along common lines, while maintaining the Institute's own identity,

Recognizing that this unity of action requires a new framework for the Institute's activities and a change in the structure of its administrative authorities,

Bearing in mind that the responsibilities which the Governments wish to assign to ILPES and ECLA jointly are such as to require the establishment of a guiding body to serve as a permanent link with the national agencies responsible for planning in the Latin American countries,

Recalling that the Commission has repeatedly recommended that the United Nations should provide ILPES with stable and sufficient resources to carry out its duties,

Expressing its gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme for its participation in and constant support of ILPES and to the Inter-American Development Bank for its contribution to and encouragement of the Institute's activities,

Taking into account resolution 319 (XV), adopted by the Commission at its fifteenth session, and the proposals contained in the report of the Governing Council of ILPES submitted to the Committee of the Whole at its eighth extraordinary session (E/CN.12/AC.66/2),

Resolves:

1. To direct that the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), established by resolution 220 (AC.52) of the ninth session of the Committee of the Whole, become a permanent institution of the Commission, with its own identity and responsible directly to the Executive Secretary of ECLA, who shall represent it before the member Governments;

2. To determine that, having regard to the opinions expressed by the Governments in the course of the discussion held by the Committee of the Whole and set forth in section C.1 of part I of the report of the present session, the broad objectives and functions of the Institute shall continue to be those indicated in paragraph 1 of the said resolution 220 (AC.52);

3. To provide that the Director of ILPES shall be appointed according to the procedure which the Secretary-General of the United Nations may determine, be in charge of directing the activities and operations of the Institute and be responsible for its management to the Executive Secretary of ECLA;

4. To provide also that the Executive Secretary of ECLA may negotiate with Governments or other national and international bodies the contracts or arrangements that may be necessary for the provision of the Institute's services, on the understanding that contracts or arrangements with national agencies shall be made with the approval of the Governments concerned;

5. To determine that the Executive Secretary of ECLA, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, shall be authorized to accept such contributions to the financing of the Institute's activities from Governments, international agencies, foundations and public and private institutions as may help to finance the Institute's activities in accordance with its aims and purposes and with the guidelines laid down for it by the Governments.

6. To recommend to the Latin American Governments that they request the Administrator and Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to continue giving support to the activities of ILPES;

7. To request the Executive Secretary of ECLA to prepare, on behalf of the Governments of Latin America and in consultation with them and with the United Nations Development Programme, a preliminary project of assistance to the activities of ILPES, bearing in mind the guidelines laid down in this resolution, for submission by those Governments to the United Nations Development Programme before the eighteenth session of its Governing Council;

8. To recommend that the member countries should increase their voluntary contributions to the Institute;

9. To address, in addition, to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme a request that the Executive Secretary of ECLA, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, be designated executing agent of the Institute's project.

10. To recommend also that the United Nations Development Programme should appoint a liaison officer of the appropriate level to ECLA headquarters.

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Further resolves:

1. To establish, on a provisional basis, a technical committee of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, consisting of representatives at the appropriate level of the ministries of the countries of the Latin American region having the following functions:

(a) To act as the senior guiding body for the Institute's planning activities in the fields assigned to it;

(b) To serve as an advisory body for the Executive Secretary of ECLA, with respect to the implementation of the work programmes of ILPES and the evaluation of their results; and

(c) To review and approve the work programmes of ILPES;

2. To thank the distinguished Latin Americans who have served as members of the Governing Council of ILPES in the course of its operations for their valuable contribution to the efficient conduct and guidance of its activities.