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**WORK OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
LATIN AMERICA AND ON CO-ORDINATION WITH
THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

Resolution adopted on 21 April 1953

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

CONSIDERING the position adopted at its fourth session to the effect that the Commission should not only be continued on a permanent basis but should broaden its functions and activities;

HAVING NOTED with satisfaction that, in accordance with the Commission's recommendation, the Economic and Social Council had, at its thirteenth session decided that the Economic Commission for Latin America should be continued on a permanent basis and had approved the amendments proposed to its terms of reference;

HAVING NOTED with equal satisfaction that the General Assembly at its seventh session had reviewed the work of the

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Commission, particularly in the field of economic development and related activities and in its resolution 627 (VII) had particularly commended the work of the Commission and stated that its activities should be further intensified;

CONSIDERING that the Commission, among other achievements, has conducted studies and research the continuance of which is of great importance for Latin America, and is carrying on practical activities which are of increasing value to the Latin-American countries; that owing to the high quality of its technical resources, is helping the governments of Latin America to orient economic relations both among their own countries and with the rest of the world, and that it has the authority to make recommendations to Member Governments;

CONSIDERING that in view of the foregoing considerations, the Commission should continue to work toward the accomplishment of its purposes, and that no changes in its structure and organization should prejudice the attainment of its objectives;

HAVING NOTED that there is adequate co-ordination at the Secretariat level between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council; that in particular this council by a resolution adopted on 21 February 1953, decided to note that this co-ordination was proceeding satisfactorily, and that the co-ordination of the studies and work of the two organizations largely depended on the arrangements made at that level;

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COMMENDS the respective Secretariats of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and of the Commission for what has been achieved to carry out the resolutions approved by each organization;

SUGGESTS that the activities of the Co-ordination Committee at the Secretariat level should be continued, taking into consideration the growth and nature of the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council;

NOTES with satisfaction that the fourth and fifth sessions of the Commission and the Extraordinary Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, held at Panama (1951) and Caracas (1953) have demonstrated the progress made in connexion with co-ordination at that level between the Commission and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council;

CONFIRMS the decisions adopted at its fourth session and in particular the recommendation to governments that they make the appropriate administrative arrangements, in accordance with their particular circumstances, with a view to achieving better knowledge of the studies and resolutions of the international agencies and also the highest possible degree of co-ordination of policy in the meetings of the said international bodies and agencies;

CONSIDERS that international meetings of an economic nature held in this hemisphere, particularly those of the

Economic Commission for Latin America and those of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, should be so scheduled as to avoid overlapping and to ensure adequate intervals between major meetings;

NOTES with approval the position adopted by the Executive Secretary of the Commission in the conversations conducted for this purpose with the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, as is expressed in document E/CN.12/311/Add.1/Rev.1; and

RECOMMENDS to the Executive Secretary, that in his conversations with the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, he take into account the desirability of scheduling, as a general rule, the Commission's sessions and the Extraordinary Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, so as to ensure a calendar of meetings making provision for adequate intervals between major conferences of an economic nature, without prejudice to the possibility of departing from such a schedule if the urgency and importance of the problems to be discussed should make this advisable.