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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT  
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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA:

RECOGNIZING:

- a) that according to official statistics, production of animal origin is expanding in the Latin American countries at a slower rate than aggregate crop and livestock production,
- b) that in consequence of this slow rate of increase, a considerable decline in per capita meat consumption has been registered during the last seven years in several countries, to the serious detriment of the dietary standards of the population,
- c) that a greater encouragement of production of animal origin would contribute decisively to a better balance between crop and livestock production, as well as between these two sectors and general economic development,
- d) that a lack of accurate over-all information on the factors retarding the progress of stockbreeding and of production of animal origin in the region,
- e) That the need to accelerate the development of production of animal origin in Latin America has been the object of special resolutions at a number of international meetings, particularly the Third FAO Regional Meeting on Food and Agriculture Programmes

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and Outlook in Latin America, held at Buenos Aires in September 1954,

f) That at the said meeting a recommendation was made to FAO that in co-operation with ECLA and other appropriate organizations, it should carry out a study on the possibilities of accelerating the development of stockbreeding; and on the measures to be adopted for this purpose, and

g) That close and satisfactory collaboration and understanding exists between the ECLA secretariat and FAO to undertake a joint study of Latin America's agricultural problems,

RESOLVES:

1. That the ECLA secretariat and FAO be requested to take appropriate steps to include in their joint work programme, to accord the highest possible priority, to the study on the development of stockbreeding to which reference is made in the above-mentioned resolution adopted at the Third FAO Regional Meeting;

2. That this study include, inter alia, the following basic aspects:

a) An analysis of the technical and economic factors hindering livestock production and improved supplies of animal origin in Latin America, and thus obstructing better dietary standards;

b) The possibilities and outlook for developing livestock activities in the Latin American countries;

c) The measures to be adopted to promote the development of stockbreeding and the consumption of products of animal origin;

3. That for the above ends typical areas be chosen which are representative of the different ecological and economic conditions in which stockbreeding activities are carried out in Latin America.