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95. In its resolution 111 (AC.34) the Committee of the Whole took note with satisfaction of the achievements of the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee, and stressed the importance of the support given to the work of the Committee, under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, by TAA and some of the specialized agencies of the United Nations. The Committee of the Whole also congratulated the Governments represented on the Co-operation Committee on the practical and constructive manner in which the work had been carried out. It recommended the secretariat to continue implementing that important programme of the Commission in co-operation with the Central American Governments and international agencies.

CO-ORDINATION WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

96. The Committee considered the report presented by the secretariat on co-ordination between ECLA and IA-ECOSOC (E/CN.12/AC.34/6), and heard a statement by the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council on the co-operation of the two secretariats in the implementation of their respective programmes. In its resolution 112 (AC.34), the Committee recorded its satisfaction at the degree of co-ordination between the two organizations achieved at the secretariat level.

97. In view of the possibility that the Buenos Aires Economic Conference convened by the Organization of American States for September 1956 might be postponed until 1957, some delegations expressed their concern lest

the new date to be fixed should be inconveniently close to that already established for the seventh session of the Commission, which was to be held in May 1957 in La Paz, Bolivia.

98. In its resolution 112 (AC.34), the Committee of the Whole expressed its hope that a reasonable interval would be allowed between the final date set for the Buenos Aires conference and the session at La Paz.

CREATION OF A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING

99. A proposal for the creation of a Regional Centre for Demographic Research and Training in Latin America, which was submitted to the consideration of the Committee of the Whole (E/CN.12/AC.34/7 and Add.1), gave rise to considerable discussion. While the need for the establishment of such a Centre was recognized by all delegations, some representatives stated that they were not in a position to express a final opinion as to the location of the proposed organization. In order to reconcile the differing points of view expressed in connexion with the draft resolution submitted, the Committee set up a working party. The working party submitted a revised text, which was adopted unanimously by the Committee as resolution 113 (AC.34).

PROGRAMME OF WORK

100. In adopting the eighth annual report of the Commission, the fifth Committee of the Whole approved the programme of work and priorities for 1956-1957 set forth in chapter VI below.

IV. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution 110 (AC.34)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

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

Having examined (a) the report of the Technical Assistance Board of the United Nations (E/CN.12/AC.34/3) and (b) the report on technical assistance activities in Latin America (E/CN.12/AC.34/4) prepared by the Technical Assistance Administration,

Considering the information given on the measures adopted by the General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the United Nations for an experimental decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration, which implies the transfer of several staff members to the Santiago and Mexico offices of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction of the content of the two reports;*

2. *Takes note with satisfaction of the measures adopted by the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, since it hopes that by these means fuller advantage may be taken of technical assistance activities in Latin America, and that the work of the two bodies may be more efficiently co-ordinated for the benefit of the development of the region;*

3. *Expresses the hope that the secretariat of the Commission will inform member Governments, at whatever intervals it thinks fit, of the progress of technical assistance activities carried out as a result of this decentralization, without having to delay until the periodic meetings of the interested agencies of the United Nations take place.*

14 May 1956.

Resolution 111 (AC.34)

ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF CENTRAL AMERICA

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

Considering that, in compliance with resolution 9 (IV), the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee has submitted a report on its activities carried out between its extraordinary session held at San Salvador, El Salvador, in May 1955, and the third session, held at Managua, Nicaragua, from 23 to 29 January 1956, including the resolutions approved at the latter,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction:*

(a) *Of the report submitted by the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee (E/CN.12/AC.34/5), and congratulates the Committee and the Governments concerned on the practical and constructive manner in which the work has been carried out;*

(b) Of the support given to the work of the Committee through the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and especially by the Technical Assistance Administration, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as of the collaboration of agencies of the Organization of American States;

2. *Recognizes* that the secretariat, through the happy combination of its efforts with those of the Governments and other international agencies, has succeeded in bringing this programme to the stage of practical achievement;

3. *Reaffirms* its desire that the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee should pursue its endeavours to facilitate the economic integration of Central America;

4. *Recommends* the secretariat to continue its work and to carry out the studies that are considered necessary for the successful fulfilment of the programme.

14 May 1956.

Resolution 112 (AC.34)

CO-ORDINATION WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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

Considering that the secretariat has presented a report on co-ordination between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the secretariat level (E/CN.12/AC.34/6),

Considering that the Buenos Aires Economic Conference, sponsored by the Organization of American States and planned for September 1956, may possibly be postponed,

Considering that, as far as possible, the dates of this conference should not conflict with those of the seventh session of the Commission, which will be held at La Paz, Bolivia, in May 1957,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the degree of co-ordination achieved at the secretariat level;

2. *Expresses the hope* that a reasonable interval will be allowed between the date finally set for the Buenos Aires Economic Conference and that established for the seventh session of the Commission.

14 May 1956.

Resolution 113 (AC.34)

REGIONAL CENTRE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING

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

Recognizing the importance of demographic research and training in the economic and social development of Latin America,

Aware of the assistance which a Latin American Centre for Demographic Research and Training could provide to the Economic Commission for Latin America or other regional organizations in the discharge of their responsibilities,

Taking into account the responsibilities of the Population Commission and the Statistical Commission of the Economic and Social Council in the field of demographic research and training,

Mindful of the proposal made by the Government of Chile, to which reference is made in the document "Demographic factors of economic development" (E/CN.12/AC.34/7),

1. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to serve, on behalf of the Commission, on any technical advisory board or other similar body which may be established in connexion with the Centre mentioned above;

2. *Recommends* to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having examined the report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America dealing with the establishment of a Regional Centre for Demographic Research and Training in Latin America,

"1. Accepts with pleasure this proposal, which it considers to be a wise practical measure for the attainment of the objectives expressed in Council resolution 571 B (XIX) and, consequently, an effective means of meeting important requests for technical assistance in this context and of encouraging the study of demographic problems likely to be of interest to the United Nations and the Latin American Governments;

"2. Expresses its belief that the Population Commission and the Statistical Commission, as appropriate, will be in a position to provide technical and policy guidance for the work of such a Centre;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to create, at the earliest possible date, a Regional Centre for Demographic Research and Training in Latin America, in consultation with the Governments concerned, in collaboration with the Government of the country in which the Centre is established and in close association with the specialized agencies and other interested organizations."

15 May 1956.

Resolution 114 (AC.34)

ECONOMIC SURVEY

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

Considering that the Commission, in a resolution adopted at its first session (E/CN.12/59), requested the Executive Secretary to undertake an economic survey of Latin America, that the Commission in a resolution adopted at its second session (E/CN.12/150) requested the Executive Secretary to prepare further basic surveys of Latin American economic conditions along the lines indicated in the resolution adopted at the first session, and that the Commission in a resolution adopted at its fourth session (E/CN.12/274) recommended to the Executive Secretary that he continue, on a permanent basis, the preparation of an annual economic survey,

Considering that the secretariat has stated that the *Economic Survey* covering the previous year cannot be