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on Tuesday, 2 May 1967, at 5:20 p.m.

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Chairman: Mr. HERNANDEZ SOLIS (Venezuela)Rapporteur: Mr. MENDEZ (Colombia)

#### OPENING OF THE SESSION

Mr. QUINTANA (Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America), in the absence of Mr. Campos Salas, Chairman of the eleventh session of the Commission, declared the twelfth session open.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. MENDEZ (Colombia) nominated Mr. Hernández Solís (Venezuela), as Chairman.

Mr. PARDO (Bolivia) and Mr. LISETTE (France) supported the nomination.

Mr. Hernández Solís (Venezuela) was elected Chairman by acclamation and took the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking on his own behalf and on that of the delegation of Venezuela, thanked all the other delegations for the honour they had conferred upon him by electing him Chairman of the twelfth session.

Mr. SOUTO-MAIOR (Brasil) nominated Mr. García Reynoso (Mexico) as First Vice-Chairman.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Cuba) and Mr. FREIRE (Uruguay) supported the nomination.

Mr. García Reynoso (Mexico) was elected First Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. MAYOBRE (Venezuela) nominated Mr. Wright (Jamaica) as Second Vice-Chairman.

Mr. KING (Guyana) and Sir Keith UNWIN (United Kingdom) supported the nomination.

Mr. Wright (Jamaica) was elected Second Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. M. MARTINEZ (Honduras) nominated Mr. Méndez (Colombia) as Rapporteur.

Mr. BARALL (United States of America) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Méndez (Colombia) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES

The CHAIRMAN suggested that two committees should be set up, one on development planning which would be mainly concerned with item 5 of the provisional agenda, and the other on trade policy and integration

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which would deal with item 6 and, if possible, item 7. A Chairman and a Rapporteur should be elected to conduct the business of each of the committees. He further suggested that an informal working group headed by a Chairman should be established, to deal with agenda item 8. Items 4, 9 and 10 would be dealt with at plenary meetings.

It was so agreed.

Mr. HOYOS (Peru) nominated Mr. Pardo (Bolivia) as Chairman of Committee I.

Mr. Pardo (Bolivia) was elected Chairman of Committee I by acclamation.

Mr. SANCHEZ MENDEZ (Costa Rica) nominated Mr. González Campo (Guatemala) as Rapporteur of Committee I.

Mr. González (Guatemala) was elected Rapporteur of Committee I by acclamation.

Mr. PARDO (Bolivia) nominated Mr. Cuéllar (El Salvador) as Chairman of Committee II.

Mr. Cuéllar (El Salvador) was elected Chairman of Committee II by acclamation.

Mr. FAESLER (Mexico) nominated Mr. A. Martínez (Argentina) as Rapporteur of Committee II.

Mr. G. Martínez (Argentina) was elected Rapporteur of Committee II by acclamation.

Mr. FREIRE (Uruguay) proposed that, in view of the importance of item 8, which was to be considered by the Working Group, the Group should be open to all representatives who had any suggestions to make regarding the Commission's future programme of work.

It was so agreed.

Mr. BARALL (United States of America) nominated Mr. M. Martínez (Honduras) as Chairman of the Working Group.

Mr. M. Martínez (Honduras) was elected Chairman of the Working Group by acclamation.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the provisional agenda (E/CN.12/782) should be adopted.

The agenda was adopted.

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Mr. QUINTANA (Executive Secretary of ECLA) welcomed the delegations to the twelfth session, particularly those of Barbados and Guyana, whose countries, having become independent and sovereign States, had been admitted to full membership of the Commission. He expressed appreciation to Venezuela for the generous hospitality it had extended to the Commission. It was very significant that almost immediately after the Conference of the Presidents of America at Punta del Este, the delegations of the countries represented at that Conference were privileged to meet in the native land of Simón Bolívar, a symbol of the integration of Latin America as envisaged at the Conference.

He also expressed his gratitude to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the confidence shown him by appointing him Executive Secretary of the Commission. He assured the delegations that he would make every effort to carry on the work of the Commission, with the help of the secretariat.

The meeting rose at 6:50 p.m.