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Resolves to request the Executive Secretary to include this subject in the agenda of the fourth session and to collect the necessary data and background material.

(j) TRADE WITH EUROPE

Resolution of 19 June 1950 (E/CN.12/200)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind the report presented by the Executive Secretary on Trade Trends and Policies of the Latin American Countries (E/CN.12/165) and the Executive Secretary's Note on Trade Studies and Meetings of Trade Experts (E/CN.12/168),

Considering that the causes which have been impeding the expansion of trade between Latin America and Europe still exist, and that the resulting damage should be ended,

Considering that inconvertibility continues to be one of the main obstacles to the expansion of trade between Latin America and Europe,

Considering that experience has shown that bilateral payment agreements, although contributing to an improvement of the situation, do not constitute an entirely satisfactory solution of the problem for some of the countries concerned,

Considering that the difficulties to which reference has been made are due to the changes which have taken place in the structure of foreign trade not only of Latin America, but also of Europe,

Considering that because of time limitations the report (E/CN.12/165) included only a few of the Latin American countries,

Requests the Executive Secretary:

1. To prepare, in agreement with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, a study, to be undertaken jointly by both secretariats, on ways and means to expand trade between Latin America and Europe on bases which are practicable and equitable to the interests of both groups of countries;

2. To continue the studies on international trade trends and commercial policies of the Latin American countries, country by country;

Authorizes the Executive Secretary to call informal meetings of experts on foreign trade if and when he considers it opportune;

Requests the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this resolution to the fourth session.

(k) INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE

Resolution of 19 June 1950 (E/CN.12/201)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Taking into account the report prepared by the International Monetary Fund, submitted to the consideration of the Commission during the second session in June 1949, and the report on Trade trends and policies of the Latin American countries (E/CN.12/165) presented by the Executive Secretary,

Considering that the competitive nature of the economies of the Latin American countries is partly a consequence of the stage of their economic development, and that future developments may offer opportunities for their economies to become complementary,

Considering that, according to the information contained in document E/CN.12/165 mentioned above, there are possibilities of co-ordinating efforts in certain types of production, particularly those which might become specialities for trade within the region, thus affording the advantages of large-scale production,

Takes note with satisfaction of the report on Trade trends and policies of the Latin American countries (E/CN.12/165) presented by the Executive Secretary;

Requests the Executive Secretary:

1. To prepare studies on a small number of products or services which may offer opportunities for specialization and may lead to an expansion of trade between the Latin American countries, or between some of them, keeping in mind that in their initial phase such studies shall be of an exploratory and experimental nature;

2. To study also other means of expanding trade within the region.

(l) MARITIME TRANSPORT

Resolution of 19 June 1950 (E/CN.12/202)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the importance of maritime transport to the economic development of Latin America,

Bearing in mind that maritime shipping costs constitute a significant element in the balance of payments of the Latin American countries,

Considering that the question of maritime freight rates is currently under study by the Commission on Commercial Co-operation of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council,

Takes note of the recommendations of the fourth session of the United Nations Commission on Transport and Communications to the Economic and Social Council that the subject "Problems of Maritime Shipping Affecting Latin America" should be withdrawn from the agenda of that Commission and its study left to other competent bodies;

Requests the Executive Secretary, pending a decision by the Economic and Social Council and in order to avoid duplication of work, to consult with the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council with a view to co-operating in the study being undertaken by the latter body.

(m) COLLABORATION WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Resolution of 20 June 1950 (E/CN.12/203)

The Economic Commission for Latin America

Takes note of the progress report of the Executive Secretary on co-operation with other international

organizations and in particular with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (E/CN.12/170) and of the joint statement made by the Executive Secretaries respectively of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and the Economic Commission for Latin America (E/CN.12/AC.4/2);

Reaffirms its policy of avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort, and consequently the resolution adopted at its second session on co-operation between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and on co-ordination of the work of the two bodies (E/CN.12/153); and

Commends the Executive Secretary for his collaboration with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and other international organizations and requests that this collaboration be continued and strengthened.

(n) CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

Resolution of 20 June 1950 (E/CN.12/204)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Taking note of the memorandum presented by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization regarding the economic measures intended to increase the available supplies of educational, scientific and cultural materials in the territory of the Economic Commission for Latin America (E/CN.12/172),

Welcomes the collaboration established between the secretariats of the Commission and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

Fully supports the efforts of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to increase the available supplies of such materials and to obtain the abolition of trade and other barriers which prevent their free circulation;

Recommends that the governments of member States co-operate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, supporting its efforts in this field of action, including the consideration of ways and means to obtain or make available all possible sources of these materials;

Requests the Executive Secretary, within the means at his disposal and in collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to take the necessary action to convene a meeting at the Economic Commission for Latin America headquarters of a small working group, made up of members of the two secretariats and experts and including representatives of the non-governmental

organizations, which shall collaborate closely with other organizations of the United Nations, for instance, with the Economic Commission for Europe, in order to :

(a) Study conditions concerning the production, distribution and dissemination of educational, scientific and cultural materials in the region;

(b) Draw up, in collaboration with the governments of member States, lists of the requirements of these materials, according to their urgency;

(c) Investigate to what extent these requirements can be met by materials of domestic or regional origin, and at the same time to study ways of increasing the production of such materials in the region and to what extent it will be necessary to import from countries outside the region;

(d) Investigate, in the case of imported materials, possible sources of supply;

(e) Recommend to the governments of the region the sources of supply of these materials, whether domestic, regional or other countries;

Hopes that the governments of member States will extend all possible facilities for the free entry and exit of scientific, cultural and educational exhibitions which have no commercial purpose.

(o) WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES

Resolution of 20 June 1950 (E/CN.12/206)

The Economic Commission for Latin America

Takes note of the statement by the Executive Secretary on the work programme and priorities;

Endorses the priority list suggested therein with the understanding that the Executive Secretary will make every effort to complete as much of the programme as possible prior to the fourth session.

(p) DATE AND PLACE OF THE FOURTH SESSION

Resolution of 20 June 1950 (E/CN.12/207)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind rules 1 and 2 of its rules or procedure,

Expressing its thanks to the Government of the Republic of Mexico for its generous invitation to hold the fourth session of the Commission in Mexico City,

Resolves that the fourth session of the Commission will be held in Mexico City, Mexico, in May 1951, at a date to be fixed by the Executive Secretary in order to ensure advance distribution of reports and documents in accordance with the rules of procedure.