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<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. CRESPO ORDOÑEZ	Ecuador
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. MARTINEZ	El Salvador
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. BILLARD	Argentina
	Mr. CEVALLOS TOVAR	Bolivia
	Mr. DA SILVEIRA	Brazil
	Mr. BERTENS	Chile
	Mr. TORRES	Dominican Republic
	Mr. FILLIOS	France
	Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Guatemala
	Mr. RIGAUD	Haiti
	Mr. ROBLES	Mexico
	Mr. RADHAKISHUN	Netherlands
	Mr. CANTARERO	Nicaragua
	Mrs. WYLIE	United States of America
	Mr. WEISS	Uruguay

Also present:

Representative of a specialized agency:

Mr. MARRAMA	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
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Representatives of inter-governmental  
organization:

Mr. TAYLOR	Inter-American Economic and Social Council
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Secretariat:

Mr. AQUINO	Secretary of the Committee
Mr. BARR	Chief of the Agricultural Division

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (CONFERENCE ROOM PAPERS Nos. 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54)

The CHAIRMAN, in answer to a question of Mrs. WYLLIE (United States), explained that any purely drafting changes in the English texts should be discussed with the Committee Secretary after the meeting.

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY BRAZIL (Conference Room Paper No. 47)

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Guatemala) thought that the resolution should be broadened to authorize ECLA to treat the problem of the unification as well as the validity of agricultural statistics.

After an explanation from the Brazilian delegate and the Secretary of the Committee to the effect that the Inter-American Statistical Institute was already studying the matter of statistical unification, the Guatemalan suggestion was withdrawn.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution submitted by Brazil (Conference Room Paper No. 47) with minor drafting changes.

The draft resolution submitted by Brazil (Conference Room Paper No. 47) was approved with the drafting changes.

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY ECUADOR (Conference Room Paper No. 48)

After a discussion on the real meaning of the instructions given to the Executive Secretary of ECLA in the third paragraph of the operative part of the resolution, Mr. ROBLES (Mexico) proposed, and the majority of the Committee agreed with him, that the sampling method was not an alternative to but only a complement of agricultural censuses.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution submitted by Ecuador (Conference Room Paper No. 48) with minor drafting changes.

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The draft resolution submitted by Ecuador (Conference Room Paper No. 48) was approved with the drafting changes.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON LAND REFORM (Conference Room Paper No. 49)

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution on land reform (Conference Room Paper No. 49) with minor drafting changes.

The draft resolution on land reform (Conference Room Paper No. 49) was approved with the drafting changes.

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY EL SALVADOR (Conference Room Paper No. 50)

Mr. WEISS (Uruguay) said that the subject of the resolution, the study of the coffee industry, was a matter which came under the responsibility of FAO, not ECLA. Even though the resolution recommended co-operation between FAO and ECLA, he thought that the terms of reference of each organization must provide for some division of labour.

After a discussion in which several delegates expressed support for the resolution, Mr. AQUINO (Secretary of the Committee) pointed out that the aim of the resolution was to relate the coffee study to the general problem of economic development, and hence definitely within ECLA's terms of reference.

Mrs. WYLIE (United States) asked that the Institute of Agricultural Sciences should be added to the organizations mentioned in the first paragraph of the operative part.

Mr. DA SILVEIRA (Brazil) said that preferably the names of so many organizations should not appear in the text of the resolution, and suggested that the general words otros organismos intergubernamentales could be used with the understanding that they referred to IA-ECOSOC and the Institute of Agricultural Sciences.

/Mrs. WYLIE

Mrs. WYLIE (United States) agreed to the Brazilian proposal, which was to be mentioned in the summary record.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Guatemala) moved that ECLA's Executive Secretary be requested to study technical as well as economic aspects of coffee production, plus amending the first paragraph of the operative part of the resolution.

The Guatemalan amendment to the first paragraph of the operative part of the draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No. 50) was approved.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution submitted by El Salvador (Conference Room Paper No. 50) as amended.

The draft resolution submitted by El Salvador (Conference Room Paper No. 50) was approved as amended.

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY NICARAGUA (Conference Room Paper No. 51)

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution submitted by Nicaragua (Conference Room Paper No. 51) with some drafting changes.

The draft resolution submitted by Nicaragua (Conference Room Paper No. 51) was approved with the drafting changes.

Mrs. BELLARD (Argentina) took the Chair.

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY BRAZIL (Conference Room Paper No. 52)

Mrs. WYLIE (United States) moved that the fifth paragraph of the operative part be amended to refer to international as well as inter-regional trade.

Mr. DA SILVEIRA (Brazil) accepted the modification, although with the expressed understanding that the addition would in no way alter the emphasis he had wished to place on inter-regional trade.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution submitted by Brazil (Conference Room Paper No. 52) as amended.

The draft resolution submitted by Brazil (Conference Room Paper No. 52) was approved as amended.

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY HAITI (Conference Room Paper No. 53)

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Guatemala) disagreed with the use of the word alarmante in the second paragraph of the preamble. The reduction in banana production in Guatemala was not "alarming". It had been found that the crop exhausted the soil and that the country was not sharing fully in the economic benefits of the industry.

The CHAIRMAN, in response to requests by the Haitian and other delegates, requested the delegates of Guatemala, Haiti, the United States of America and El Salvador to form a working group to draft acceptable texts in the working languages. The other delegates of the Committee should be consulted privately for their approval of the final texts in order that the resolution could be submitted to the plenary and to avoid holding another meeting of the Committee.

It was agreed that Guatemala, Haiti, the United States of America and El Salvador should form a working group to draft the final texts of the resolution submitted by Haiti (Conference Room Paper No. 53)

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY HAITI (Conference Room Paper No. 54)

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Guatemala) thought that the resolution should recommend the study of semi-hard as well as hard fibres.

Mr. RIGAUD (Haiti) and Mr. ROBLES (Mexico) pointed out, however, that such an extension of the study would involve the consideration of

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practically all fibres, since many are substitutes for hard fibres, with the result that the study would become impossibly large.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution submitted by Haiti (Conference Room Paper No. 54) with minor drafting changes.

The draft resolution submitted by Haiti (Conference Room Paper No. 54) was approved with the drafting changes.

Mrs. WYLIE (United States) thought that the Committee should express its recognition of the budget limitations of ECLA which might prevent the completion of the studies requested.

The SECRETARY explained that the Executive Secretary had already been charged with the preparation of a list, which would be submitted in plenary, of priorities for the studies which had been recommended by the various Committees.

The meeting rose at 2.40 p.m.