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COMMITTEE IV

(Work Programme, Coordination, with IA-ECOSOC
and Miscellaneous Matters.)

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SECOND MEETING

Held at La Paz on Monday, 27 May, 1957 at 10.30 a.m.

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Commission's programme of work for 1957/58.

PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. ISIDORO MARTINEZ	Argentina
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. MORERA	Costa Rica
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. PICO	Argentina
	Mr. GISBERT	Bolivia
	Mr. OLIVEIRA CAMPOS	Brazil
	Mr. HALES	Chile
	Mr. GINEBRA	Dominican Republic
	Mr. CHAVEZ	Ecuador
	Mr. DUARTE	El Salvador
	Mr. RICHARD	France
	Mr. ARIS	Guatemala
	Mr. MONDRAGON	Honduras
	Mr. BRAVO	Mexico
	Mr. CLEMENT	Panama
	Mr. BUSSALLEU	Peru
	Mr. BARNES	United Kingdom
	Mr. RANDALL	United States of America
	Mr. DEL CAMPO	Uruguay
	Mr. HERNANDEZ	Venezuela

ALSO PRESENT:

Observers from
Member States:

Mr. VESELY	Czechoslovakia
Mr. ERASHOV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

/Representatives of

Representatives of
specialized
agencies:

Mr. LAGNADO	International Labour Organisation
Mr. MOSER	Food and Agriculture Organization

Observers from inter-governmental organizations:

Mr. IRAÑETA	Inter-American Economic and Social Council
Mr. ROYER	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. MALINOWSKI	Chief, Regional Economic Commissions Section United Nations
Mr. SWENSON	Deputy Director, Economic Commission for Latin America
Mr. URQUIDI	Director, Economic Commission for Latin America, Mexico Office
Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Secretary of the Committee

DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE WORKING GROUP
(Conference Room Paper No. 37)

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution on programming by sectors and areas, and preparation, presentation and evaluation of projects, which had been approved by the Working Group (Conference Room Paper No. 37).

The draft resolution was approved unanimously

COMMISSION'S PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1957/58
(Conference Room Papers Nos. 55 and 56)

The CHAIRMAN opened the discussion on the Commission's programme of work for 1957/58 and referred the members of the Committee to the relevant documents before them.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Committee), referring to the tentative programme of work and priorities for 1957-1958 (Conference Room Paper No. 55), drew attention to the fact that the secretariat itself had eliminated two projects: project No. 22 (Factors affecting agricultural production), because its objectives were largely covered by projects Nos. 14 to 19, and project No. 32 (Mining), because of the limited resources of the secretariat.

In reply to a question asked by Mr. HALES (Chile), Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Committee) explained that the cost of the study of Latin American timber production and consumption trends and prospects was specifically mentioned in Conference Room Paper No 56 because it could not be carried out within the ordinary budget of the Commission and would
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entail additional expenditure. Its financial implications would therefore be submitted to the Economic and Social Council, which would then report to the General Assembly. The same considerations applied to the special meeting on Mining Industry which was also mentioned in Conference Room Paper No. 56.

Mr. HALES (Chile), supported by Mr. GISBERT (Bolivia), proposed that a high order of priority should be maintained to the study of Latin American timber production and consumption trends and prospects.

It was so agreed.

Mr. GISBERT (Bolivia), supported by Mr. HALES (Chile), proposed that a high order of priority should be assigned to the special meeting on mining industry.

It was so agreed.

Mr. HALES (Chile), supported by Mr. GISBERT (Bolivia), felt that the Department of Economic and Social Affairs should carry out project No. 12, namely, the study of the influence of taxation on private capital exports, with all possible speed.

Mr. ROYER (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) referred to the secretariat's statement that it could not, within its existing staff resources, collect and circulate full information on customs duties and trade treaties of the individual Latin American countries, as required under Project No. 41 (Conference Room Paper No. 55, page 19). He pointed

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out that the information in question was readily available at GATT Headquarters in Geneva.

Mr. RANDALL (United States of America) said that it was somewhat difficult to discuss a document (Conference Room Paper No. 55) which had been distributed just before the meeting, and which, moreover, referred to resolutions that had as yet to be approved by the Committees concerned. In particular, he wished to have more time to study the criteria adopted by the Working Group for the revision of the Commission's work programme and priorities in compliance with Council resolution 630 A.1 (XXII), as he understood that there might have to be some additions. He therefore proposed that the Committee should adjourn until the following morning, when it would also be able to examine the Rapporteur's report.

It was so agreed.

Mr. RANDALL (United States of America) said that in the Working Group his delegation had voted in favour of the criteria for the revision of the Commission's work programme and priorities on the understanding that the explanations given on that occasion by the Executive Secretary would be reproduced together with the criteria themselves. He requested that that should be done.

It was so agreed.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Committee) pointed out that it was customary in ECLA to set up a small drafting committee, composed of Spanish, English and French speaking representatives, to review all the resolutions in their final form.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the drafting committee in question should be composed of the representatives of Bolivia, the United States of America and France.

It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.