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AND OTHER MATTERS

Rapporteur's Report

The Committee met on 12, 13 and 14 September, with Dr. José López Isa (Delegate of Cuba) in the Chair.

As a basis for its discussions, the Committee took the following documents: Note by the Secretariat on Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council (doc. E/CN.12/380 and Conference Room Paper No. 1; Note by the Secretariat on co-ordination with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, which contains the joint statement of the Executive Secretary of ECLA and IA-ECOSOC on co-ordination at the secretariat level (doc. E/CN.12/381/Rev. 1) and the Programme of Work and Priorities, 1955-56 (Conference Room Paper No. 38).

General discussion took place of the co-ordination of the work between the Commission and the Inter-American and Social Council. Some Delegations stated that co-ordination between the two institutions had experienced some problems during the first years of the existence of the Commission, but that such problems had already been solved to the satisfaction of governments;

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in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its fourth and fifth sessions, all unnecessary duplication had been avoided in the work and a co-operation had been established between the two secretariats which was beneficial to both organizations.

To place these statements in concrete form, the delegation of Argentina presented a draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No. 40), which was adopted unanimously with slight drafting modifications at the meeting on 13 September and the text of which is available with this report (document E/CN.12/AC.32/2).

The Delegation of Uruguay, feeling that the present co-operation between the secretariats of ECLA and IA-ECOSOC could be even more efficacious through the adoption of other measures submitted a draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No. 39), by which the secretariat was requested to prepare a collection of the resolutions adopted so far by the Commission, so that member governments might have at their disposal the required background information on topics discussed at meetings of ECLA and IA-ECOSOC. This draft resolution also suggested that member governments of the American Continent, to the extent of their possibilities, include their representatives to IA-ECOSOC in their delegations to ECLA. This resolution was unanimously adopted on 13 September (document E/CN.12/AC.32/1).

/The Delegation

The Delegation of Peru emphasized the work which ECLA is carrying out on the economic problems of Latin America and the measures taken to reach solutions. This delegation felt that a knowledge and utilization of the work of the Commission by a greater number of individuals would contribute effectively to the progress and technical advance of the countries of the region. To this end, the delegation presented a draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No. 35) wherein governments were recommended to facilitate and encourage the diffusion of the Commission's work.

Some delegations felt that even if governments could contribute substantially to such diffusion, the ECLA secretariat could also assist in the work of its studies and accomplishments reaching a wider public. The draft resolution which was finally adopted on 13 September (Doc. E/CN/12/AC.32/3) grouped both ideas together, noting in the recommendation to the secretariat that this task be carried out within the budgetary limits of the Commission.

In order to avoid discrepancies between the Spanish, English and French texts of the resolutions adopted during the sixth session, it was agreed to nominate a drafting Committee composed of representatives of countries speaking the three working languages.

The Committee further considered the Programme of Work and Priorities, 1955-56 submitted by the secretariat (Conference Room Paper No. 38), which was fully discussed.

Some delegations considered that the description of some projects in the work programme were not in complete harmony with the text of the resolutions adopted by the Commission. To avoid any such discrepancy, the

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Committee decided to include the following paragraph in the final text of the document on the Programme of Work and Priorities 1955-56: "This document refers to the priority of projects and the way in which they will be carried out in 1955-56. The notes on the projects are given to identify them, but the pertinent resolutions are the official guide to their real and full scope."

During these discussions, several delegations referred to the importance of the priorities for some projects which the secretariat had not mentioned. It was similarly explained that a mention of the projects to which resolutions adopted by the Committee during the sixth session referred, would be subject to the final approval of the Commission in plenary session.

The delegates were in agreement with the Programme of Work and Priorities, 1955-56 proposed by the secretariat and this document was adopted unanimously in the light of the observations mentioned above.

The debates of this Committee are available as Summary Reports (docs.

E/CN.12/LC.32/SR.1, SR.2 and SR.3).