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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. EUVALDO LODI	Brazil
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. GIORDANO BRUNO ECCHER	Uruguay
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. PORTELA	Argentina
	Mr. ALCAZAR	Bolivia
	Mr. MOURA	Brazil
	Mr. MARTONEZ	Chile
	Mr. ISAZA	Colombia
	Mr. GARRIDO	Dominican Republic
	Mr. CRESPO ORDÓÑEZ	Ecuador
	Mr. GLOWER V.	El Salvador
	Mr. DE TINGUY DU POUET	France
	Mr. NORIEGA MORALES	Guatemala
	Mr. RIGAUD	Haiti
	Mr. ALVARADO TROCHEZ	Honduras
	Mr. MARTINEZ BAEZ	Mexico
	Mr. JONG BAW	Netherlands
	Mr. CANTARERO	Nicaragua
	Mr. Mc CULLOUGH	Panama
	Mr. URBIETA FLEITAS	Paraguay
	Mr. BARETO	Peru
	Mr. JACKSON	United Kingdom
	Mr. BOHAN	United States of America
	Mr. CASAS BRICEÑO	Venezuela

/Also present:

Also present:Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. MARRAMA	Food and Agriculture Organization
Mr. FORCART	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Mr. DEL CANTO	International Monetary Fund
Mr. SCHMIDT	World Meteorological Organization
Mr. FERREIRA	World Health Organization

Representatives of inter-governmental organizations:

Mr. TAYLOR	Inter-American Economic and Social Council
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Representatives of non-governmental organizations:Category A:

Mr. STEBELSKI	International Chamber of Commerce
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Category B:

Mr. FABIO LUZ FILHO	International Co-operative Alliance
Mr. MERLIN	World ORT Union
Mr. STEINBERG	Jewish World Congress
Mr. KINGSTON	Inter-American Statistical Institute

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. SWENSON	Assistant Director
Mr. BLOUGH	Representative of the Secretary General
Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Secretary to the Conference

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF COMMITTEES

The CHAIRMAN recalled that the Chairmen and Rapporteurs of the six committees set up to deal with the various aspects on the Commission's agenda had been elected the previous day. They were now to be installed in their offices, after which it would be necessary to settle the composition of each committee. All member States had the right to be represented on each of the committees, if they so wished.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Conference) said that the size of some delegations might not allow them to participate in the work of all the committees and asked delegations, in order to facilitate and ensure the continuity of the work, to be good enough to

the committees on which they would be prepared to be permanently represented. That would not preclude delegations from attending individual meetings at will.

The CHAIRMAN announced the appointment of Mr. Santos Ventura (Argentina) as Chairman, and Mr. Casas Briceño (Venezuela) as Rapporteur of Committee 1 which was to examine the current economic situation and prospects. Under Mr. Ventura's able guidance, fruitful results might confidently be expected.

Mr. SANTOS VENTURA (Argentina) thanked the Commission for the honour done to him and pledged himself to do his utmost to ensure the success of the Committee's deliberations.

/The following

The following countries signified their intention to participate regularly in the work of Committee 1: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Haiti, Mexico, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The CHAIRMAN announced the appointment of Mr. Martínez Baez (Mexico) as Chairman and Mr. MacCullough (Panama) as Rapporteur of Committee 2. Committee 2 was to deal with problems of economic development and technical assistance and its Chairman needed no introduction; his contribution to ECLA's work was already known to all. Useful recommendations likely to hasten the future prosperity of the Latin-American peoples were confidently expected from its work.

Mr. MARTINEZ BAEZ (Mexico) expressed his appreciation for the honour which he interpreted as a mark of esteem for his country. Committee 2 had a very important task but, with the loyal collaboration of all, he was sure that its work would be carried to a successful conclusion.

The following countries signified their intention to participate regularly in the work of Committee 2: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

The CHAIRMAN announced the appointment of Mr. Sepulveda Contreras (Chile) as Chairman and Mr. Cantarero (Nicaragua)

/as Rapporteur

as Rapporteur of Committee 3 which was to discuss the development of the iron and steel industry in Latin America and possibilities for the development of the pulp and paper industry, together with problems concerning related industries. The importance of the work for the future of Latin America was obvious and he was satisfied that, under its Chairman's able direction, the Committee would obtain satisfactory results.

Mr. SEPULVEDA CONTRERAS (Chile) expressed his appreciation of the honour done to his delegation by his appointment. The Committee would apply itself to its important task with the utmost energy.

The following countries signified their intention to participate regularly in the work of Committee 3: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, France, Mexico, Netherlands, Paraguay, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The CHAIRMAN announced the appointment of Mr. Crespo Ordoñez (Ecuador) as Chairman and Mr. Glower V. (El Salvador) as Rapporteur of Committee 4.

Committee 4 would deal with agriculture which was one of the most important topics of the session. A well developed, highly mechanized agriculture must form the basis for industrialization and was essential for the economic development of the under-developed countries. The majority of the population of the Latin-American countries was composed of rural workers whose standard of living was still
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extremely low and it was essential to improve their productive capacity by providing them with machinery and technical assistance.

Mr. CRASPO ORDÓÑEZ (Ecuador) thanked the Commission for the honour done to his country, and said he would do his utmost to assist in the solution of the serious problems with which the Committee was faced.

The following countries signified their intention to participate regularly in the work of Committee 4: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, United States of America, Venezuela.

The CHAIRMAN announced the appointment of Mr. Urbieta Fleitas (Paraguay) as chairman and Mr. Vilàs Boas (Brazil) as Rapporteur of Committee 5.

It was unnecessary to emphasize the importance of the problems facing that Committee. The results of its work would serve as an example for the treatment of other regional problems such as that of the Amazon Basin at future ECLA meetings.

Mr. URBIETA FLEITAS (Paraguay) expressed thanks for the honour done to his country and paid tribute to the work of ECLA and to the hospitality of the Brazilian Government.

Intra-regional agreements were of primary importance in the development of the Latin-American economy and the

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Committee would do its utmost to reach an agreement defining intra-regional trade not only on technical bases but also on that of the community of interests of the countries in the River Plate Basin.

The following countries signified their intention to participate regularly in the work of Committee 5: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay.

The CHAIRMAN announced the appointment of Mr. Noriega Morales (Guatemala) as Chairman and Mr. de Tinguy Du Pouet (France) as Rapporteur of Committee 6.

The problem before Committee 6 was delicate since it was essential for ECLA and IA-ECOSOC to work in the closest co-operation; he was confident that the Committee would achieve excellent results and proffered his best wishes for the success of its mission.

Mr. NORIEGA MORALES (Guatemala) expressed appreciation of the honour done to his country.

While the problem before the Committee was delicate, it was not excessively difficult since representatives were familiar with the functions allocated both to ECLA and to IA-ECOSOC.

Moreover, there were so many urgent problems that he was sure there would be ample work for both bodies; it was merely a question of dividing it between them to the best advantage.

The following countries signified their intention to

/participate regularly

participate regularly in the work of Committee 6: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Netherlands, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Mr. JACKSON (United Kingdom) asked whether delegations that did not undertake to be regularly represented in a committee would have the usual right to make known their views and vote in any meeting that they might wish to attend.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Conference) answered in the affirmative.

Mr. ORDÓÑEZ (Ecuador) was concerned as to how committees would take their decisions in the absence of a fixed quorum. Unless a minimum quorum was laid down, controversial issues might have to be discussed anew in plenary meeting, with resultant loss of time.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Conference) explained that under the Commission's rules of procedure, the committees could adopt their own rules of procedure when they met. There was therefore no need for any decision in the matter by the plenary. Moreover, all committee decisions and ~~recommendations were automatically~~ ~~subject~~ to approval by the plenary.

An exchange of views on the matter followed, in which Mr. ECCHER (Uruguay), Mr. ISAZA (Colombia), Mr. ORDÓÑEZ (Ecuador), Mr. RIGAUD (Haiti), Mr. GARRIDO (Dominican Republic), Mr. BARRETO (Peru) and Mr. BRICENO (Venezuela) participated.

The CHAIRMAN, summing up, said that, in accordance

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with the rules of procedure, the matter would be left for decision to each committee.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.