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Chairman: Mr. MARTINEZ BAEZ Mexico (Chairman of the Fourth Session of ECLA)

Later: Mr. MARTINEZ SANCHEZ Cuba

Members:

Mr. HASPERUE BECERRA	Argentina
Mr. NAVAJAS MOGRO	Bolivia
Mr. CAMILLO DE OLIVEIRA	Brazil
Mr. VALVERDE VEGA	Costa Rica
Mr. ALIENES	Cuba
Mr. BALTRA CORTES	Chile
Mr. VITERI LAFRONTE	Ecuador
Mr. GLOWER VALDIVIESO	El Salvador
Mr. BOHAN	United States of America
Mr. DE SEYNES	France
Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES	Guatemala
Mr. JEANTY	Haiti
Mr. CALIX MONCADA	Honduras
Mr. NEWTON	Netherlands
Mr. MCCULLOUGH	Panama
Mr. ZAMORA MILLAN	Mexico
Mr. MORALES MACEDO	Peru
Mr. TAYLOR	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. LLUBERES PEÑA	Dominican Republic
Mr. MACEACHEN	Uruguay

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. MENDEZ	International Labour Organization (ILO)
Mr. CASSERES)	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Mr. TERVER)	
Mr. CORDOVA)	
Mr. MARTINEZ OSTOS	International Monetary Fund
Mr. WENDLING	International Refugee Organization (IRO)

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

Miss ALDAPE CANTU	World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)
Mr. DU BOUCHET	Organization for Standardization
Mr. GALVEZ	National Association of Manufacturers (USA)

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Secretariat:

Mr. OWEN Assistant Secretary-General in Charge
 of Economic Affairs

Mr. PREBISCH Executive-Secretary, ECLA

Mr. CASTILLO Assistant Executive-Secretary, ECLA

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN announced that, in accordance with a decision taken by the officers of the Commission, the four Committees would be constituted during the morning. Declaring the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development open, he asked Mr. Martínez Sánchez (Cuba) to take the Chair.

Mr. Martínez Sánchez (Cuba) took the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Committee for the honour bestowed upon him and expressed the hope that the Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development at the current session would do work which would prove useful to all the peoples of Latin America.

ELECTION OF THE RAPPORTEUR

Mr. ALIENES (Cuba) nominated the representative of Ecuador to the office of Rapporteur

Mr. BALTRA CORTES (Chile), Mr. CAMILLO DE OLIVEIRA (Brazil), MR. MORALES MACEDO (Perú), Mr. MacEACHEN (Uruguay) and Mr. BOHAN (United States) supported the nomination.

The representative of Ecuador was unanimously elected Rapporteur.

/MR. VITERI

Mr. VITERI LAFRONTE (Ecuador) thanked the Committee on behalf of the delegation which he headed and announced that Mr. Alvarado Olea, former Ecuadoran Minister of Economy who had held a similar position at ECLA's first session, would assume the office of Rapporteur.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK (Conference Room Paper No.1)

The CHAIRMAN asked the members of the Committee for their comments on the agenda items assigned to the Committee and on any alterations they might wish to make.

Mr. BALTRA CORTES (Chile) said that the item entitled "Effects of the United States defence programme on trade with Latin America", which was listed under item 4 of the agenda, should likewise be considered by the Ad Hoc Committee on International Trade. In that connexion, the respective competence of the two Committees should be made clear in order to avoid overlapping.

Mr. ALIENES (Cuba) thought that the Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development should deal only with long-range problems. The question under discussion was of a short-term nature and should therefore be withdrawn from the agenda of the Ad Hoc Committee of Economic Development and transferred to that of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Trade.

Mr. MacEACHEN (Uruguay) shared the view of the representatives of Chile and Cuba; the question was one of a short-term nature which did not come within the scope of the Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Chilean and Cuban proposals were not identical. Before a vote was taken, they should be reconciled.

Mr. BALTRA CORTES (Chile) associated himself with the Cuban proposal to refer item 4 to the Ad Hoc Committee on International Trade.

The Cuban proposal was unanimously adopted.

Mr. CAMILLO DE OLIVEIRA (Brazil) thought that item 7 "ECLA and FAO joint work programme" should be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Co-ordination and General Questions.

Mr. ALIENES (Cuba), Mr. BOHAN (United States), Mr. MACEACHEN (Uruguay) and Mr. LLUBERES PEÑA (Dominican Republic) supported the Brazilian proposal.

Mr. HASPERUE BECERRA (Argentina) observed that the title of item 7 did not indicate clearly whether reference was made to study of the joint work programmes of ECLA and FAO, or to the effects of that work on economic development. In the latter case, the question would fall well within the competence of the Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development.

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive-Secretary) conceded that the title of item 7 might be redrafted. It was clear that there was a direct connexion between the work programme and economic development. He would prefer nevertheless that examination of item 7 should be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Co-ordination.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the Brazilian motion to refer item 7 to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Co-ordination and General Questions.

/The Brazilian

The Brazilian motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. TAYLOR (United Kingdom) proposed that items 11 and 14 on the agenda be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Functions of ECLA.

Mr. MacEACHEN (Uruguay) was of the opinion that the study of item 8 should be entrusted to the Ad Hoc Committee on Co-ordination, and not to the Ad Hoc Committee on International Trade.

Mr. ALIENES (Cuba) observed that this was not a plenary meeting and that it was the function of the respective committees to make decisions on items that concerned them.

The CHAIRMAN supported the view of the Cuban representative, and invited the Committees to decide the order in which the agenda should be taken.

Mr. HASPERUE BECERRA (Argentina) proposed that the agenda would be maintained in its present form.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that matters of a general nature might be considered first, and that examination of specific matters, such as those bearing on the Economic Survey of Latin America in 1950, be put aside until later. He suggested that item 5 should be examined before any other.

Mr. HASPERUE BECERRA (Argentina) acknowledged that general matters should be taken before specific questions. For that reason, it seemed to him, first place should be given to the examination of the first two sub-items of item 4.

/Mr. ALIENES

Mr. ALIENES (Cuba) thought the Economic Survey of Latin America in 1950 bore upon only one element of the economic situation. He insisted that item 5 should be examined before item 4.

Mr. ZAMORA MILLAN (Mexico) supported the Argentine proposal; the 1950 Economic Survey would be a good point of departure.

The CHAIRMAN noted that the majority favoured the Argentine proposal. He asked if the Cuban representative was prepared to withdraw his motion.

Mr. ALIENES (Cuba) said he was ready to withdraw his proposal. In the course of the debate, however, the Committee would be compelled to reverse its decision.

The CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the Argentine motion to place item 4 at the head of the agenda.

The Argentine motion was adopted.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.

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