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STUDIES CONCERNING COFFEE PROBLEMS

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING: That the meeting of Ministers of Finance or Economy, which convened in Quitandinha, Brazil, in November, 1954, unanimously approved a resolution providing that the Special Commission on Coffee of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council should make, through a special committee appointed from among its members, a detailed study of the world coffee situation and its prospects for the future; and that if this study should show the possibility of adopting measures of international co-operation capable of appreciably reducing the range of fluctuations in the price of coffee and keeping them within limits satisfactory for producers and consumers, the Special Committee should prepare draft texts suitable for attaining that objective, to be submitted for consideration to the member countries affected by the problem,

CONSIDERING: the great importance of the coffee industry not only to the coffee producing countries where its rate and state of development is a fundamental element in determining economic stability, but also for many

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coffee consuming countries, since it is a major factor in international trade and enables the coffee producing countries to purchase manufactured goods from the coffee consuming countries,

CONSIDERING: that Resolution 63 of the Fifth Session of the Commission recommended that the secretariat study, in collaboration with FAO and other intergovernmental bodies, in specified areas where coffee is the main source of income, those economic and technical aspects of coffee production which exert the greatest influence on economic development, and

CONSIDERING: that the progress report on this study, which has been made to the Sixth Session of the Commission, indicated that the completed study would provide information of considerable value to the governments of countries interested in the production and consumption of coffee,

REQUESTS: that the Secretariat and the FAO make available, both to the interested governments, and to the Special Commission on Coffee of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, whatever information resulting from the studies on the coffee industry in which they are now engaged, they feel would be of interest; and

EXPRESSES the hope that the Special Commission on Coffee of Inter-American Economic and Social Council will endeavour to complete the study in which it is engaged in the shortest possible time and make its results available to governments in international trade in coffee so that they may be in a position to judge whether, and the extent to which, it may be possible to adopt measures of international co-operation designed to stabilize world coffee markets and the possible nature of such measures.