Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Economic and Social Council, at its sixth session, had under consideration the question of the form of reports from its Commissions and decided to consider the matter again at its next session in the light of further experience and of certain information to be supplied by the Secretary-General.

In the meantime, however, it was the wish of the Council that Commissions should be invited to include in their reports (either in the body of the report or as annexes) draft texts of any resolutions which they propose for adoption by the Council arising out of their reports. It was distinctly felt that this arrangement should give satisfaction both to the Commissions, which would be able to present their proposals to the Council with greater precision, and to the Council, which would then work on an authoritative text. Also, this practice should materially assist the working of General Assembly Financial Regulation No 30 and the Council Rule of Procedure No 30.

In the past the Secretariat itself used to prepare for the consideration of the Council working papers eliciting from the reports of the Commissions draft resolutions on which the Council could act. The reason the Council now wishes that its Commissions themselves prepare these draft resolutions is that the Commissions, being fully conversant with the subject-matter, are obviously in the best position to formulate such precise texts in connection with their reports.

I should be grateful if you would call this matter to the attention of the Economic Commission for Latin America, in connection with the report which will be presented to the next session of the Council.

With best wishes for the success of your forthcoming session,

Yours sincerely,

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President of the Economic and Social Council.

To the Chairman of the
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