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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations has authorized the Economic Commission for Latin America to undertake investigations regarding the economic problems of Latin America, and to compile and evaluate data relating to the available resources of each Latin-American country so that an improved and more thorough economic and technological development may be achieved, counteracting at the same time, as far as possible, the effects of the last war on Latin-American economy and on the commercial relations between the countries of Latin America and between those countries and the rest of the world;

1. REQUESTS the Executive Secretary, within the resources and facilities at his disposal, and in collaboration with the specialized agencies in accordance with the agreements signed with the United Nations, and utilizing any relevant studies by those American non-governmental organizations which have been accorded consultative status by the Economic and Social Council, to undertake an Economic Survey of Latin America, having in mind its needs and greater development, and the strengthening of its economic relations with the rest of the world, and to present it to the next session of the Economic Commission for Latin America. To the extent applicable, its form should be that used in the Survey of the Economic Situation and Prospects of Europe prepared by the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe, and following the methods and systems, as appropriate, utilized by the regional commissions for Europe and for Asia and the Far East. To accomplish this the Executive Secretary shall:

- (a) Make a study of the current economic situation in Latin America specially dealing with agricultural activities, including pastoral, forest and fishery production of both foodstuffs and raw materials;

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with industrial and mineral production; with power resources; equipment; with distribution and transportation and with factors affecting the commercial and financial activities of each country;

(b) Analyze trade relations with Latin America and between Latin America and the rest of the world;

(c) Study and present the main characteristics and problems of the economic structure of Latin-American countries.

2. INVITES for this purpose the Latin-American member governments of the Commission:

(a) To provide the Executive-Secretary within the period of time to be stipulated with studies of their economies covering the relevant points mentioned in paragraph 1 (a) above prepared with the assistance of the Secretariat and of the Specialized Agencies where appropriate, on a common basis established by the Secretariat, so that the Commission's request for a study of the economy of Latin America may be met;

(b) To communicate to the Executive Secretary their plans and proposals for the further economic development and commercial progress of their countries; and

(c) To assist the Executive-Secretary wherever possible by the provision of such supplementary data as may be required for the purpose of this resolution.

3. STATES its desire that, as is required by its Resolution on Co-ordination, the Executive-Secretary should, as far as possible, carry out the foregoing tasks in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and taking into account Article 4 of Resolution 8 of the Ninth International Conference of American States.