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STATISTICS

Resolution of 24 June 1948

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING:

1. That the knowledge and the comparability of statistics, which will give a true picture of each of the American Republics in their territorial, demographic, economic, sanitary, social and cultural aspects, are indispensable for studying plans and agreements directed towards the better utilization of the economic potential of each country, both for national and for continental progress;
2. That various international conferences of experts, at which all of the American Nations have been represented have agreed on specific technical methods and procedures for providing official figures on a comparable basis with respect to various activities, with a view to organizing or developing them;
3. That the Economic and Social Council, at its Fourth Session adopted Resolutions No. 41 and 51 to promote the standardization of statistics among the American nations and to provide technical assistance in taking the Census of 1950, in connection with which the Food and Agriculture Organization has been rendering efficient collaboration;
4. That, on the other hand, the improvement in providing national statistics is directly related to the increased administrative and economic interest in this subject on the part of Governments as well as

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to the development of their fields of investigation and study;

5. That the United Nations and the Organization of the American States have their own statistical departments to which considerable importance is attached, and these departments often require facts and figures from their respective member nations; and

6. That the Population Census, and the census on cattle and agricultural industries to be taken in 1950 are intended to establish - on standardized technical bases to enable comparisons to be made - the existing economic and social conditions in the various American Republics, for the purpose of organizing their common existence on a level of greater understanding and mutual benefit;

**RESOLVES:**

1. That in fulfillment of the Resolution on Co-ordination and, making use of the methods of standardization established by the Statistical Commission and by the Statistical Office of the United Nations, the Executive Secretary shall collaborate when so requested by the Secretariat of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in the formulation of the questionnaire to Governments which will serve both for the Buenos Aires Conference (see Bogota Resolution VIII), and to provide the data which the Executive Secretary can use in the performance of the tasks with which he has been charged;

2. That wholehearted support be given to the Population Census of the world, and the Agricultural Census, both of which are to be taken in 1950; and

**RECOMMENDS** that Member States exchange technical documents on statistics, an exchange which could be effected through the Statistical Bureaux of each nation;

**EXPRESSES** its gratitude to the Statistical Commission of the Economic and Social Council, to the Statistical Office of the United Nations to the Food and Agriculture Organization, and to the Inter-American Statistical

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Institute for their endeavours to standardize and improve international statistical methods, and suggests that they give special attention to the assistance which the governments of Latin America require in this respect.

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Resolved that the members of the Association be authorized to send a delegate to the National Convention to be held at New York City on the 15th of September next.

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