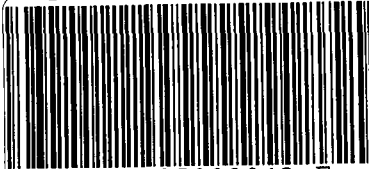


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REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE NO.1

Committee No.1 was organised by the plenary session of the Commission held on 7 June 1950; Sr. Alberto Baltra (Chile) and Sr. Fernando Zamora (Mexico) were appointed Chairman and Rapporteur respectively.

Committee No.1 examined problems connected with Economic Development, Technical Assistance, and Immigration, basing their discussion on the following working papers presented by the Secretariat:

- Economic Survey of Latin America 1949 (Document E/CN.12/164)
- United Nations Technical Assistance Programme (Document E/CN.12/171)
- The Secretariat's report on "Situation and Prospects of Immigration in Selected Latin American Countries" (Document E/CN.12/166, Add.1 to Add.9)

Professor Prebisch, Head of the Research Centre of the Commission, made a statement on the "Economic Survey of Latin America 1949" (E/CN.12/164), before the opening of the general debate. This statement (E/CN.12/AC.1/1) formed the basis of the Agenda of the Committee, which was submitted by the Chair and approved in the meeting held on 8 June. The Agenda contained the following items:

1. Economic development plans.

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2. Economic development and the growth of the gainfully employed population in relation to exports.
3. Economic development and the vulnerability of Latin American economies to external fluctuations and contingencies;
4. Coordination between the development of agriculture and that of industry and other activities in order to avoid a disequilibrium.
5. Desirability of examining the possibility of developing trade in industrial and agricultural products between the Latin American countries, despite general protective measures intended to promote development and avoid disequilibrium in the balance of payments..
6. Relation between economic development plans and technical assistance.

In the course of the discussion of this point, the Cuban Delegation suggested two additions to the Agenda (Document E/CN.12/AC.1/3) and the Mexican Delegation, proposed another agenda, (E/CN.12/AC.1/2).

During its first meeting the Committee agreed to form a Working Group to study immigration problems; it was made up of the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, France, The Netherlands, Panama and the United Kingdom.

/The Committee

The Committee as a whole met five times to discuss the items on the agenda. Statement 6 and the discussions which followed, stressed the importance of continuing the studies on economic development, and the necessity for the governments of a clear idea of the goals which determine the formulation of policies of economic development. There was also general agreement concerning the necessity of a more detailed definition of the principles of an anti-cyclical policy applicable to the Latin American countries.

Various important aspects of these general problems were submitted in great detail. They included the desirability of forestalling a disequilibrium which, through the reduction of the capacity to import, might obstruct the process of economic development, the need to divert the surplus active population to sectors of production important to the domestic market; urgency to coordinate the plans for industrial development with the improvement and promotion of agriculture; the importance to know better the capacity of the continental and extra continental markets to absorb Latin American products; the desirability to have a greater knowledge of affecting economic development; greater co-ordination of investment policy and the formation of domestic capital as well as the training of skilled labour with the intermediary goals

/of economic development;

of economic development; the need to maintain a high level of exports and avoid the illusions of antarchy; the urgency of promoting the development of the basic economic activities necessary to the economy and the population, etc.

When the general points of view of the delegations regarding the principal points of the Agenda were known, the Chairman consulted the Committee concerning the desirability of forming two other Working Groups to study the draft resolution which had been submitted to the Chair. During the meeting held on 14 June these two groups were set up as follows:

I) Economic Development and Anti-Cyclical Policy.

In the Chair: Brazil. Members: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, The Dominican Republic, The United Kingdom and The Netherlands.

II) Technical Assistance. In the Chair: The United States. Members: Ecuador, The United States, Salvador, France, Guatemala, Mexico, and Paraguay.

WORKING GROUP ON IMMIGRATION

This Working Group took note of the documents submitted to the Committee by ILO.

/It considered

It considered that it was not competent to make observations on "the aspects of migration concerning work and labour", but that ECLA was directly interested in the report and the conclusions of the ILO Preliminary Conference on Migration (Document E/CN.12/129) referring to Economic Development programmes and the financing of economic development in relation to Immigration. The Group expressed its agreement in principle with the report and its conclusions. It considered similarly that a study of the problem of immigration in relation to economic development is urgent and important and that the Executive Secretary should immediately set up, in collaboration with ILO and the other specialized agencies, a Working Party to study the relation between the economic development of Latin America and immigration. The resolution on Immigration (E/CN.12/191) was approved unanimously by the Committee.

#### WORKING GROUP ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

This Group considered two draft resolutions proposed by the Delegations of France and Mexico. (Documents E/CN.12/AC.1/19 and E/CN.12/AC.1/18). After a general debate in which it was established that there were no fundamental differences, the Mexican Representative withdrew his draft resolution, since the same ideas were implicit in the draft resolution proposed by the French Delegation. During the debates of the Working Group the

/Representative of Uruguay

Representative of Uruguay suggested that in the programmes of technical assistance it should be remembered that very often under-developed countries or those in an intermediate stage of economic development have at their disposal experts and resources which can be useful to countries of similar ecological and economic conditions. The Representatives of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras pointed out the need in certain cases, and within the technical Assistance Programme to include in the scholarships special training during a period long enough to enable them to learn the language of the country to which they are going. The Working Group on Technical Assistance presented a draft resolution to the committee which, with certain changes suggested by the Delegations of Uruguay, France and Argentina was approved unanimously (Document E/CN.12/192).

WORKING GROUP ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AND ANTI-CYCLICAL POLICY

This group considered the following draft resolution concerning problems of Economic Development and Anti-cyclical policy.

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Proposed by the Delegation of Cuba:

- Necessity of maintaining the demand for typical Latin-American exports (Document E/CN.12/AC.1/3)
- Protection of Domestic Production of foodstuffs, textiles, and medicines (Document E/CN.12/AC.1/4);
- Measures for the Development and Preservation of Production (E/CN.12/AC.1/5).

Proposed by the Delegation of Brasil:

- Potential competition of the other regions of the world to the export products of the Latin American countries (Document E/CN.12/AC.1/22).

Proposed by the Delegation of Chile:

- Anti-cyclical Policy (Document E/CN.12/AC.1/23)

The Working Group considered it was appropriate to establish a drafting committee formed by Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, and Cuba in order to consider the possibility of bringing together the various draft resolutions into a single document, which would contain in addition, the ideas and suggestions expressed in the statement made by several delegates and taking into account the conclusion of the Economic Survey for Latin America 1949 relative to economic development and anti-cyclical policy. The delegate from Mexico also contributed to the work of the drafting committee.

/ This committee

This committee drafted a resolution which was presented to the working group by the delegations of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba and Mexico.

In the working group this draft resolution gave rise to an important debate and considerable changes were introduced on the suggestion of several delegations and proposed by the Chilean delegation. The delegations of the United Kingdom and the United States of America reserved their right to discuss the draft in the committee.

This document includes ten basic points and is an attempt to enumerate systematically the fundamental principles to be taken into account in the formulation of a policy of Economic Development for the Latin American countries. It also recommends to the member governments of the United Nations the maintenance of the level of trade which will help the economic development of Latin America.

On the suggestion of the Cuban Delegation some changes were made in this text in the committee in order to obtain unanimous agreement of the Member Governments of ECLA on this important matter. The text of the recommendations on Economic Development and Anti-cyclical policy was approved by the majority of the members of the committee. The United States delegation abstained and reserved its right to make known its

/government's position



government's position at the next session of the commission (E/CN.12/194).

The committee also approved a draft resolution proposed by the Mexican delegation on distribution markets and prices of agricultural products for immediate consumption. This resolution confirms a similar resolution approved on 13 June during the second session of ECLA (E/CN.12/193).