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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening addresses
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Current economic trends and prospects
 - (a) Trends in production and the rate of economic development
 - (b) Balance of payments and foreign trade

Background documents:

Economic Survey of Latin America 1956 (E/CN.12/427 and Add.1 and Add.2)

Economic Bulletin for Latin America

Vol. I N° 2: articles on "The economic situation in Latin America during 1956", "Recent trends in United States imports of Latin American products" and "Exports and prices of selected products"

Vol. II N° 1: articles on "Preliminary review of the economic situation in Latin America during 1956" and "Recent developments and prospects in trade between Latin America and Japan"

5. Economic development problems and policy
 - (a) External vulnerability of the Latin American countries and remedial measures
 - (i) Import substitution and means of effecting it
 - (ii) The promotion of exports
 - (iii) The role of foreign investment
 - (iv) Monetary policy
 - (b) Disequilibrium between agricultural and industrial development and its implications for Government policy

/(c) Problems arising

- (c) Problems arising from the growth of the labour force in relation to changes in the economic structure
 - (i) Technical training
 - (ii) Investment and the transmission of technology
 - (iii) The rapid growth of urban centres and of employment in services
- (d) The technique of analysis and projections in the programming of economic development
 - (i) The use of projections in determining the aims of economic development policy
 - (ii) Programming, State action and private enterprise
 - (iii) Criteria and techniques for the selection, evaluation and preparation of individual projects within over-all programming

Background documents:

- Economic Survey of Latin America 1956, chapters I to VI (E/CN.12/427)
and The role of foreign investment in the capital formation and economic growth of Latin America (E/CN.12/427/Add.2)
- External disequilibrium in Latin America's economic development: the case of Mexico (E/CN.12/428 and Add.1)
- Economic Bulletin for Latin America, Vol. II N° 1: article on "Changes in employment structure in Latin America during decade 1945-55"
- The economic development of Argentina (E/CN.12/429)
- The economic development of Bolivia (E/CN.12/430 and Add.1)
- The economic development of Brazil (E/CN.12/364/Rev.1), United Nations publication, Sales N°: 1956-II.G.2
- The economic development of Colombia (E/CN.12/365/Rev.1), United Nations publication
- Manual of investment projects (E/CN.12/426 and Add.1)

The secretariat will present special documents on each item.

6. Economic development and integration of Central America.

Background documents:

- Progress report on the Central American economic integration programme (E/CN.12/431)
- The economic integration of Central America (E/CN.12/422), United Nations publication, Sales N°: 1956-II.G.4 (in Spanish); English version mimeographed

7. Social aspects of economic development

Background documents:

- Social aspects of economic development. Note by the secretariat (E/CN.12/437)
- The economic development of Bolivia (E/CN.12/430), relevant chapter

/8. Technical

8. Technical assistance for economic development

Background documents:

The Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: assistance rendered to the countries and territories of Latin America during 1956 (information paper prepared by the secretariat of the Technical Assistance Board)

Technical assistance activities in the ECLA region (E/CN.12/432)
Report on the joint ECLA/TAA economic development training programme (E/CN.12/433)

9. Industry, energy and mining problems

(a) The industrial sector

- (i) Report of the Latin American Meeting of Experts on Steel Making and Transforming Industries
- (ii) Standardization of steel products
- (iii) Pulp and paper

(b) Energy

- (i) Elements of an energy development policy
- (ii) Nuclear energy
- (iii) Hydraulic resources

(c) Trends and prospects in the exploitation of mineral resources

Background documents:

Problems of the steel making and transforming industries in Latin America (E/CN.12/425), United Nations publication, 2 vols.
 Vol. I. Report of the Sao Paulo Meeting
 Vol. II. Steel Making

Progress report of the Pulp and Paper Advisory Group for Latin America (E/CN.12/434)

Energy in Latin America (E/CN.12/384/Rev.1), United Nations publication

Economic Bulletin for Latin America

Vol. I N° 2: article on "Energy consumption in Latin America"

Economic Survey of Latin America 1956 (E/CN.12/427/Add.1)
 chapters VII, VIII and IX

Studies on the economic development of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil and Colombia, relevant chapters

10. Economic problems of agriculture (in co-operation with FAO)

- (a) The current agricultural situation
- (b) Agricultural productivity
- (c) Export prospects for agricultural and livestock commodities
- (d) Trends in timber production

Background documents:

Economic Survey of Latin America 1956 (E/CN.12/427), chapter X

/The selective

The selective expansion of agricultural production in Latin America and its relationship to economic development (E/CN.12/378/Rev.2), United Nations publication
Economic Bulletin for Latin America
Vol.I N° 1: article on "Recent trends in the exports and prices of some products"
Vol.I N° 2: article on "Exports and prices of some products"
Vol.II N° 1: article on "Possibilities for the expansion of wheat production in Brazil"
Prospects for Latin American trade in agricultural products (document presented by FAO)
Productivity of the coffee industry in El Salvador (E/CN.12/435)
Progress report on the study on coffee in Colombia (E/CN.12/436)
Note by the secretariat on a study of timber production trends in Latin America (E/CN.12/438)
Studies on the economic development of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil and Colombia, relevant chapters

11. Foreign trade

(a) Inter-Latin American trade

- (i) Current problems of inter-Latin American trade
- (ii) Payments
- (iii) Common market

(b) Repercussions of the proposed European common market on Latin American trade

Background documents:

Economic Survey of Latin America 1956 (E/CN.12/427), chapters II to VI
Study of inter-Latin American trade (E/CN.12/369/Rev.1), United Nations publication, Sales N°: 1956-II.G.3
Inter-Latin American trade: Current problems (E/CN.12/423), United Nations Publication (including the report of the first session of the ECLA Trade Committee)
Progress report by the secretariat on the work of the Trade Committee (E/CN.12/439)

12. Co-ordination with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council

Background documents:

Note by the secretariat (E/CN.12/440)

13. Programme of work and priorities for 1957/58

Background documents:

Progress Report by the Executive Secretary (E/CN.12/445)
Note by the secretariat on revision and concentration of the work programme (E/CN.12/441)
Note by the secretariat on resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of concern to the Commission (E/CN.12/442)
Compilation under subject headings of the resolutions adopted by the Commission (E/CN.12/443)

14. Consideration and adoption of the Commission's annual report to the Economic and Social Council

15. Date and place of the eighth session.