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Items 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and  
15 of the agenda

INTERIM REPORT  
OF THE  
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE CO-ORDINATION AND GENERAL QUESTIONS

At its second plenary meeting, the Commission agreed to set up an Ad Hoc Committee on Co-ordination and General Questions and elected Mr. Huddicourt (Haiti) as Chairman.

At its first meeting, the Committee elected Mr. Gómez Robles (Guatemala) as Rapporteur.

The following agenda items were allocated to the Committee:

Item 7 ECLA and FAO joint work programme.

Progress report on the joint work programme of ECLA and FAO (document E/CN.12/229)

Item 8 Measures to increase the availability of supplies of educational, scientific and cultural materials (joint ECLA/UNESCO inquiry).

Progress report on measures to increase the availability of educational, scientific and cultural materials in Latin American countries (document E/CN.12/230)

Item 10 South American Petroleum Institute (item referred by the Economic and Social Council).

Note on the South American Petroleum Institute (document E/CN.12/232).

Item 11 Co-ordination between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council

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Statement by the Executive Secretary for the Ad Hoc Committee established under resolution 295 (XI) B of the Economic and Social Council (document E/AC.34/6).

Item 12 Relations with non-governmental organizations

Note on revision of rules of procedure (document E/CN.12/233).

Item 15 Regulation of passenger traffic on the Inter-American Highway (item proposed by the United States Government).

Note by the Executive Secretary (document E/CN.12/238).

The Committee has held six meetings to date and has adopted resolutions on all the items submitted for its consideration except two: Co-ordination between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and Regulation of passenger traffic on the Inter-American Highway.

The Committee took the following action on the other items of its agenda:

Item 7 - ECLA and FAO joint work programme

The Committee adopted the resolution contained in document E/CN.12/AC.14/1.

Item 8 - Measures to increase the availability of supplies of educational, scientific and cultural materials

The Committee agreed to note with satisfaction the progress report on measures to increase the availability of educational, scientific and cultural materials in Latin American countries (document E/CN.12/230) and to urge governments, as soon as possible, to transmit their replies to the questionnaire referred to in that document. Nevertheless, that item is not being submitted for  
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consideration to the plenary meeting in view of the fact that the Committee of International Trade, which is also dealing with it, has not yet taken a decision respecting the question.

Item 10 - South American Petroleum Institute

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

TAKES NOTE of document E/CN.12/232 concerning to the South American Petroleum Institute submitted by the Executive Secretary; and

CONSIDERING

(a) That the Economic and Social Council has requested the Economic Commission for Latin America to advise the Council on the application of the South American Petroleum Institute for consultative status in category B;

(b) That the activities of the South American Petroleum Institute are such as would further the economic development of the Latin American countries and that its collaboration may therefore be of use to the organs of the United Nations concerned,

DECIDES to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it should accord to the South American Petroleum Institute consultative status in category B.

Item 12 - Relations with non-governmental organizations

The Committee adopted the resolution contained in document E/CN.12/AC.14/3.

The Committee also adopted a resolution on the importance of forests and forest production in the economy of Latin America

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(document E/CN.12/AC.14/5) and another resolution on the Agricultural Training Centre (document E/CN.12/AC.14/6).

The final and comprehensive report of this Committee will be submitted to the plenary meeting when the Committee has completed consideration of all the items on its agenda.

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