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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING that the instability and low productivity of agriculture are due, on the one hand, to the fluctuations in the effective demand and, on the other, to lack of the essential technical requisites such as the mechanization of agricultural enterprises, the intensive use of fertilizers, the existence of adequate storage systems and in general, higher technical capacity on the part of farmers;

CONSIDERING that the fluctuations, in, and low level of, effective demand in general, result from the lack of balanced economic development and the low productivity of the younger countries;

CONSIDERING THAT, as indicated in Document E/CN.12/89 ("The Economic Development of Latin America and its Main Problems") presented to this Second Session, the intensive and balanced economic development of the younger countries and the increase of their productivity can only be achieved by industrialization and mechanization;

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CONSIDERING that, as also stated in the above-mentioned document, the industrialization of Latin America is not incompatible with the development of its agricultural production, but is an indispensable factor in that development;

CONSIDERING that, in view of the above considerations, solution of the agricultural problems cannot be attempted solely from the point of view of agricultural technique, but must be closely linked and integrated with the problem of industrialization and, in general, with the balanced economic development of the Latin American countries;

CONSIDERING also that the industrial development of Latin America not only contributes to the development of her agriculture by stabilizing and raising the level of effective demand, but also serves to provide it with a number of the technical requisites essential to the increase of productivity;

CONSIDERING, finally, that the supply of agricultural machinery, equipment and accessories adequate for the needs of the Latin American countries, at prices and in conditions accessible to them, is one of the fundamentally important technical requisites;

RESOLVES

a) to lay down as a guiding principle for future work by the Secretariat, whether carried out on its own or in collaboration with the United Nations Specialized Agencies or any other study or research /organs, that...

organs, that any study dealing with the possibilities and needs of agricultural development in Latin America, should take into account, as a basically important factor, the close interdependence between agricultural and industrial development;

b) and likewise to lay down that one of the primary requisites in the achievement of increased agricultural productivity, is the supply of agricultural machinery, equipment and accessories adequate for the needs of the Latin American countries at prices and in conditions accessible to them.

Havana, 7 June, 1949.