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DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE WORKING GROUP

ON AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING that the success of the programmes of agricultural credit in the Latin American countries depends to a great extent on technical training of a special nature;

CONSIDERING that the majority of the Latin American countries have had valuable experience as regards the organization and functioning of agricultural credit;

CONSIDERING that it is necessary to combine efforts and benefit from the experience acquired, making it available to each of the countries;

RECOMMENDS

a) that the Executive Secretary of ECLA, in consultation with the Director General of FAO, should urgently request from the Latin American countries information relating to the structure and methods of operation of their agricultural credit institutions and of their training centres and that the results of this enquiry be assembled in such a way that they reveal the needs of technical assistance and also the facilities which the Latin American countries may be able to  
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offer in order to collaborate in a cooperative programme of technical assistance,

b) that the ECLA/FAO Cooperative Unit submit the results of this enquiry to the pre-conference regional meeting of FAO which will meet in Montevideo in December 1950, without this preventing its subsequent analysis and consideration by ECLA, in order that it may serve as a basis for the elaboration of a plan for immediate action in the field of agricultural credit and within the limits of the financial resources which will be used for this purpose by the competent organizations of the United Nations and the organization of the American States,

c) that, as soon as the ECLA/FAO Cooperative Unit is in possession of the results of the enquiry mentioned above, copies be sent to the member countries of ECLA in order that they be able to study the said document.

d) that ECLA and FAO attempt to obtain preference, in the programme of technical assistance offered by the United Nations through its specialized agencies, for scholarships granted for professional training in activities connected with agricultural credit;

e) that with the cooperation of the Governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama, and other interested governments, and FAO and ECLA, a meeting of agricultural credit experts be convened in one of the Central American countries as soon as possible; the provisional agenda to be prepared by the FAO/ECLA Cooperative Unit, in consultation with the governments concerned.