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REPORT ON FORESTS AND FORESTS' PRODUCTION  
IN LATIN AMERICA

Chile: draft resolution

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,  
HAVING EXAMINED ECLA document No E/CN.12/235 Report on  
Forests and Forests' Production in Latin America:

CONSIDERING that forests cover more than 40 percent of  
Latin America, an area which represents about one-quarter of  
the forests of the world, so that Latin America has a greater  
proportion of forest area than any other continent:

CONSIDERING that even though the present needs of Latin  
America as to the consumption of lumber, are small, and its  
forest resources, as has been noted, are abundant, the lumber  
industry in Latin America cannot satisfy those needs, and that,  
on the contrary, the balance of trade in lumber is unfavourable,  
as is demonstrated by the fact that Latin American lumber  
importations amount to 75 million dollars annually, whereas  
exportations amount to 63 million dollars annually;

CONSIDERING THAT, within a short time the consumption of  
lumber could increase greatly for reasons of urgency such as the

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need to develop building to relieve the existing housing shortage;

CONSIDERING that the world's needs constantly are increasing, as is reflected by the shortage of sawn lumber, especially in Europe and the Far East, and by the world-wide inadequacy of the supply of wood pulp;

CONSIDERING that only by making the best possible use of new technical methods of processing and utilizing forest products can growing national and international needs be satisfied; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the exploitation of forest wealth would enable those countries whose economy is founded on only a few agricultural products or essential raw materials to diversify their production;

R E S O L V E S:

1. TO TAKE NOTE, with satisfaction, of the report on the Importance of Forests and Forests' Products in the Latin American Economy (Document No. E/CN.12/235), which is a result of the joint work of ECLA and FAO (Document E/CN.12/229);
2. TO RECOMMEND to the Executive Secretariat that work such as this, which is the product of co-operation between Specialized Agencies and other international organisms, be continued;
3. TO RECOMMEND to the Member Governments that, in preparing or carrying out their programmes of forest and lumber development, they take into consideration the study which is contained in Document E/CN.12/235;
4. TO REQUEST the Economic and Social Council, through the corresponding agencies of the United Nations, to give to the

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Member Governments who request it, adequate technical assistance for the purposes to which reference is made in (3) above; and

TO ASK the Economic and Social Council to recommend to the Specialized Agencies dealing with credit that, in allocating their resources, they pay due attention to the financing of programmes for the development of forestry and the lumber industry.

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