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DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE III

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

CONSIDERING that pursuant to resolution 10 (IV) approved by the Commission at its Fourth Session at Mexico (E/CN.12/278), the Secretariat has submitted a "Preliminary Study of Possibilities for the Development of the Pulp and Paper Industry in Latin America" (E/CN.12/294), carried out jointly with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, which is currently conducting a world wide study of this industry;

CONSIDERING that the conclusions continued in that study indicate that Latin-American resources may become the basis for an industry which would fully satisfy the regional demand for pulp and paper, and which would effectively help to meet the growing world demand for these products in the future;

CONSIDERING that it is of the utmost importance to press forward research into the possibilities of developing the pulp and paper industry in Latin America, to the point of settling clearly the technical and economic conditions governing this development;

NOTES with satisfaction the Preliminary Study submitted and the close co-operation achieved between the Secretariat of the Commission and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization;

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RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary should:

- I. continue, in conjunction with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and with the collaboration of the Technical Assistance Administration and other specialized agencies interested in the subject, the research begun in the Preliminary Study, by means of economic studies similar to those on iron and steel, for the purpose of determining:
 - (a) the possibility of utilizing Latin-American resources on a rational and permanent basis for the development of the pulp and paper industry, with special emphasis on the technique of using tropical and sub-tropical wood;
 - (b) the possibility of establishing any other forestry industries integrated with pulp and paper, that may lead to better utilization of the forests and help to reduce the cost of pulp and paper;
 - (c) the prospects of finding domestic or foreign markets for pulp, paper and the products of the related integrated industries;
 - (d) the possibility of utilizing for the purpose of developing the pulp and paper industry bagasse and certain other industrial or agricultural by-products which are considered to be very important;
- II. organize, in conjunction with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the Technical Assistance Administration, and in accordance with the said resolution 10 (IV) approved by the Commission at its fourth session (E/CN.12/278), a meeting of experts to consider the results of the research work recommended above and, in general, to consider the economic and technical aspects of the pulp and paper industry;

RECOMMENDS the governments of States Members of the Commission to collaborate to the fullest extent possible in advancing the studies and in arranging the meeting of experts.