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STUDIES OF THE COFFEE INDUSTRY IN RELATION TO  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

CONSIDERING that the production of and trade in coffee are of great importance to the economy of several Latin-American countries;

CONSIDERING that with the present technical levels of cultivation and processing of coffee, the efficiency of labour is very low because it is impossible to mechanize important phases of the productive process;

CONSIDERING that the aforesaid characteristic of coffee cultivation tends to keep large sections of the population at low income levels;

RECOMMENDS the Secretariat:

To study, in collaboration with FAO and other inter-governmental bodies, in specified areas where coffee is the main source of income, those economic and technical aspects of production which exert the greatest influence on economic development.

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