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COUNTRY STUDIES ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

NOTING with satisfaction the Secretariat's growing interest in the fundamental aspects of Latin America's agrarian economy, which to date had not been sufficiently analysed owing to the understandable priority given to industrialization problems;

CONSIDERING that broader research into the many forms of agricultural activities is needed before programmes for the harmonious development of Latin-American economies can be formulated;

CONSIDERING that the capacity to import of most of the Latin-American countries depends largely on exports of primary products of agricultural origin, including the ability to import capital goods required for the development of their industries;

CONSIDERING that the technical improvement of agriculture in Latin America cannot be achieved solely through imports of capital goods, but also requires the expansion of the industries

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necessary for this advance;

RECOMMENDS that the Secretariat:

- (1) should continue, in collaboration with FAO, its studies of the agrarian economy of each Latin-American country;
- (2) should in all its research into the agrarian economy, proceed on the basis that the essential objects of economic development are to raise the standard of living of the rural workers and their families and to improve their institutions;
- (3) should, in these studies, specifically analyse the level of income provided by the various forms of agrarian activities, particularly those in which an adequate level of technical improvement has been reached;
- (4) should at the same time consider the potentialities which actually exist in Latin America for developing industries likely to ensure higher productivity in agriculture; and
- (5) should in the light of the resources and facilities which each Latin-American country can offer, study the possibility of setting up or expanding such industries within a plan for increasing intra-regional and international trade.