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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FOURTH MEETING

Held at ECLA Headquarters, Santiago, Chile
on Friday, 14 February 1964, at 5.15 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. DAZA Chile

CONTENTS: - Consideration and adoption of the draft annual
report of the Commission to the Economic and
Social Council

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
COMMISSION TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Mr. RAMOS DE ALENCAR (Brazil) said that in the earlier reference to the gifts offered by various countries to the United Nations Building in Santiago, Chile, Brazil's name was omitted. At the Conference of Mar del Plata Brazil had offered to undertake the designing and execution of the gardens of the Building, at an estimated cost of 18,000 dollars; he wished to repeat that offer by the Brazilian Government, which was subject only to the inclusion of the corresponding allocation in the Brazilian Budget.

The CHAIRMAN said that a reference to the statement by the representative of Brazil would be included in the report of the present session.

Mr. VALDES (Secretary of the Commission) gave a summary of the various sections that made up the annual report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council, which the Committee of the Whole now had before it (E/CN.12/AC.57/15). He said that if the Committee so agreed, a summary of the statement made at the present meeting would be included in the final version of the report.

It was so agreed.

Mr. RAMIREZ (Honduras), Rapporteur, said that in accordance with the general principle laid down in the regulations concerned, all statements made during the debates were reported in an impersonal form. In fulfilment of his task as Rapporteur, he read out Part II of the draft report submitted by the secretariat, which covered attendance at the session and organization of work, a summary of the opening addresses made by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Chile and by the representative of Ecuador on behalf of the delegations; the progress report by the secretariat; and the debates of the Committee of the Whole on the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, United Nations technical assistance activities in Latin America, the United Nations Building in Santiago, Chile, the programme of work and priorities, and other business. He said that he had used the actual words of the draft report because he considered that it gave a complete account of the work of the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. RAMOS DE ALENCAR (Brazil) said that the wording of point (c) in paragraph 319 on page 72 of the report did not accurately reflect the course of action suggested by the representative of France at the previous meeting. As it stood, the text stated: "It was essential that such resources should not be available to the producers themselves - to avoid over-production -, but to the Governments of the producer countries." An essential element of the idea of the French representative was the allocation of the resources in question, which were to be devoted to the establishment of new industries in the developing countries. He asked the representative of France to confirm that that supposition was correct.

/Mr. LISETTE

Mr. LISETTE (France) said that his idea had been that part of the resources should be devoted to the maintenance of fair prices, and the remainder used by the Governments to encourage other sectors of general interest to the economic development of their countries.

Miss JESTER (United States of America) expressed her Government's great interest in ECLA's work, and in its plan of action for the future.

The CHAIRMAN said that in the absence of other comments, the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America to the Economic and Social Council was approved.

Mr. MAYOBRE (Executive Secretary of the Commission) expressed his gratitude on behalf of the secretariat for the co-operation of the Committee of the Whole and for its kind words, which would spur the secretariat to further efforts. He thanked the delegations for the gifts they had offered for the United Nations Building in Santiago, Chile, and apologized to the delegation of Brazil for the involuntary omission of Brazil from the list of donors. He hoped that at its next session, which was to be held in Santo Domingo, ECLA could make further contributions to industrialization and integration in Latin America.

The CHAIRMAN declared closed the tenth session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America.

The meeting rose at 6.15 p.m.