THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
Santiago, Chile, 8 and 9 January 1970

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
OF THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL PLANNING
The Governing Council of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning,

Whereas in the Plan of Operation drawn up by the United Nations Development Programme (Special Fund) for the second phase of the Institute's activities, it is stated that "the Institute is intended to be a permanent body", and whereas this intention had originally been expressly declared in resolution 220 (A/52) of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA), by virtue of which the Institute was established,

Whereas the said Plan of Operation lays it down that the Governing Council shall actively explore possibilities for future financing of the Institute and shall submit a concrete proposal in this respect to ECLA prior to its 1970 session,

Considering that the Institute was created by the governments under the aegis of ECLA, that at the sessions of the Commission they have given it their unfailing support, and that they recently reaffirmed this support at the Lima session (April 1969) in resolution 286 (XIII),

Acknowledging with satisfaction the significant backing accorded and the resources assigned to the activities of the Institute by the Latin American governments, not only through their direct contributions to the project, but also through services rendered and the disbursements implied by the participation of government officials in training courses and, as counterpart staff, in advisory services and research,

Expressing its appreciation of the substantial contributions made by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (Special Fund) and by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to the Institute during Phase II, to enable it to pursue and expand its activities,
Bearing in mind likewise the valuable co-operation in those activities extended by the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO) through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB), the Organization of American States (OAS), and other international and national agencies, both public and private, together with the generous contribution made by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the important co-operation of France,

Having reviewed, in the course of its meetings, and particularly at the special informal session held in Mexico in September 1969 and at the present thirteenth session, the progress achieved by the Institute in the fields of training, research, and technical advisory services to governments, and in its publications programme,

Considering that the Institute's objectives are in line with real and growing needs of the Latin American countries in relation to their economic and social development efforts, and that consequently demand for its services has been steadily increasing,

Taking into account the particular significance of the Institute's potential role in Latin America in relation to the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Having studied thoroughly, at the present session, the proposals submitted by the Director-General to the Governing Council respecting the future activities and financing of the Institute (INST/L.18),

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1. To draw special attention to the part the Institute is called upon to play, within Latin America and with respect to co-ordination of plans and the planning process in general, in the Second United Nations Development Decade, bearing in mind the mandate concerning the Institute formulated by the Governments members of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) in resolution 289 (XIII), which was adopted by the Commission at its session in Lima (Peru);

2. To attach the highest importance to the selective stepping-up of the Institute's activities in the fields of training, research and advisory services, and to the new lines of action proposed by the Director-General, particularly in the following respects:

   (a) Promoting meetings of Latin American planning agencies and setting up (with the co-operation of other international agencies) a mechanism for establishing contact between the various countries and pooling their experience, in order (i) to strengthen the planning process; (ii) to gain a better knowledge and understanding of Latin America's problems; and (iii) to carry out a systematic survey of plan implementation;

   (b) Co-operating with international and national agencies in the study of preinvestment projects, for the purpose of bringing them into line with the research and investment requirements implicit in national development plans;

   (c) Co-operating in the co-ordination of United Nations technical assistance so that it may increasingly take into account the countries' most urgent needs;

   (d) Sponsoring seminars for the discussion of experience in respect of economic policy and inviting eminent Latin Americans to the Institute, so as to reap the benefit of the experience in question in working out ideas and building up a more comprehensive knowledge of development problems;

   (e) Disseminating,
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(f) Co-operating in planning activities connected with regional and subregional integration movements, in all matters falling within the Institute's field of competence, and at the request of governments;

3. To recommend that in the undertakings listed above the Institute should continue to seek still closer co-ordination with ECLA and with other agencies;

4. To request the Director-General of the Institute to take whatever steps he may deem appropriate to approach the Latin American governments, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), with a view to obtaining the financing required to enable the Institute to continue its activities on a permanent footing, along the lines laid down in its programme of work, and on the basis of the resources which that programme implies;

5. To recommend to member governments and to the ECLA secretariat that at the forthcoming session of the Commission appropriate measures be adopted to guarantee the permanence and adequate level of the Institute's activities, through whatever resolutions may be necessary to that end;

6. To formulate a recommendation to the effect that UNDP should allocate the financing required for the permanent nucleus of the Institute referred to by the Director-General in his proposals in document INST/L.18, and should study the possibilities of providing ad hoc financing for specific Institute activities under the United Nations technical assistance programmes;

7. To recommend that IDB should continue to give the Institute its backing and financial support, either on the same lines as hitherto, or by seeking ways and means of financing such Institute activities as are of common interest to the two institutions;

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8. To reaffirm its support of the activities the Institute is called upon to undertake, and to express its confidence that the projected endeavours to ensure the stability of the Institute's work will be crowned with success.

Santiago, Chile, 9 January 1970