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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

Note by the secretariat

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, at its ninth session (New York, 6 and 7 June 1962), adopted resolution 220 (AC.52), by virtue of which the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning was created. Part B, paragraph 3 of this resolution reads as follows:

"The Governing Council shall submit to ECLA, prior to its 1966 session, a proposal designed to ensure the continuity of the Institute, in accordance with the aims referred to in ECLA resolution 199 (IX), paragraph 7." 1/

At its seventh session (New York, December 1965) the Governing Council of the Institute adopted a resolution whose text was transmitted in due course to the Executive Secretary of ECLA and is reproduced in the following pages. The secretariat has pleasure in submitting it to the consideration of the delegations attending the eleventh session of the Committee of the Whole of the Commission, in connexion with item 6 of the provisional agenda.

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1/ The text of the said paragraph 7 is as follows: "Decides to declare that it is confident that the Institute established under the auspices of ECLA with the support of the Special Fund will in time become an agency directed and maintained by the Latin American Governments".

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE  
LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
PLANNING AT ITS SEVENTH SESSION  
(NEW YORK, 16 AND 17 DECEMBER 1965)

The Governing Council of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning,

Bearing in mind that in part B, paragraph 3 of ECLA resolution 220 (AC.52), which was adopted on 7 June 1962, and by virtue of which the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning was created, it was requested to submit to ECLA, prior to the latter's 1966 session, a proposal designed to ensure the continuity of the Institute;

Considering that in the Plan of Operation of the United Nations Special Fund project (INST/2 CD.I/1), dated 8 June 1962, it is noted that the Governing Council of the Institute shall submit such a proposal to ECLA;

Considering likewise that in the said Plan of Operation, paragraph 2, explicit reference is made to the intention expressed in ECLA resolution 220 (AC.52) that the Institute should be a permanent body at the service of planning in the Latin American countries;

Acknowledging with satisfaction the substantial support and the considerable resources which the Institute has received from the Latin American Governments in furtherance of its work;

Acknowledging with similar satisfaction the significant contributions made by the United Nations Special Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), thanks to which it has been possible to inaugurate and carry out the first phase of the Institute's activities;

Bearing in mind, likewise, the valuable co-operation in the said activities obtained from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) (Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO)), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Organization of American States (OAS) and other international and national agencies, both public and private;

/Having reviewed

Having reviewed at its half-yearly sessions, and particularly at the present seventh session, the progress achieved by the Institute both in respect of the training of personnel and in the fields of research and of technical advisory assistance to Governments;

Observing (a) that the Institute's training activities have helped to qualify officials and specialists from the Latin American countries, and that this has been an important factor in the progress of planning in the countries concerned; (b) that this aspect of its functions has been fulfilled (i) through an annual basic training course for such technical cadres, relating both to over-all programming and to programming for the major sectors of economic activity, (ii) through intensive courses, which have been held in almost all the Latin American countries, and several of which, as is noted with satisfaction, are being followed up by national agencies and with national resources, and (iii) through special courses established by the Institute in conjunction with UNESCO and PASB to meet training requirements in the fields of educational and health planning;

Observing, moreover, that the work of the Institute has helped to strengthen planning activities through progressively increasing advisory assistance to Governments in the establishment of procedures and instruments conducive to the formulation of their development programmes, and that in this connexion note is taken with satisfaction of the significant support given by Governments to the project for the expansion of the Institute's activities which enabled it to broaden its advisory services and pursue advisory assistance programmes covering the phase of execution of development plans;

Noting that in the field of research work the Institute has helped to improve planning methods and techniques, and, in particular, has introduced new ones aiming at the co-ordination of national plans with a view to economic integration; has promoted the preparation of textbooks and manuals with the aim of disseminating planning methods and procedures in various sectors; and has undertaken a body of basic research work on economic and social development and planning problems in Latin America;

/ Considering that

Considering that the Institute was created by the Governments under the aegis of ECLA, and that its objectives meet real and growing requirements deriving from the Latin American countries' efforts to speed up their economic and social development;

Taking into account that in relation to the said requirements, the headway made in planning processes and the experience of the Latin American countries with respect to the valuable services provided by the Institute have generated a steadily increasing demand for the services in question,

Decides:

1. To recommend to the Latin American Governments that they adopt the measures required to ensure the continuity and intensify the activities of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning;

2. To recommend to ECLA that at the 1966 session of its Committee of the Whole appropriate provision be made for the maintenance and intensification of the Institute's activities, so that it may continue to further the advance of the planning process, and, in particular, that resolutions be adopted with the aim of:

- (a) Securing the Government Counterpart Contribution required for the continuity of the relevant United Nations Special Fund project;
- (b) Formulating such recommendations as the Committee of the Whole may deem appropriate, for the purpose of obtaining the fullest possible financial support from the United Nations Special Fund and from IDB;
- (c) Maintaining the effective co-operation established with FAO, ILO, UNICEF, PASB, UNESCO, and other international and national agencies, both public and private, which participate in the work of the Institute;

3. To request the Director-General of the Institute that he do his part to promote negotiations with the Latin American Governments, the United Nations Special Fund and IDB with a view to obtaining the financing required for the continuity of the Institute's activities,

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on the basis of the aims pursued by its programme of work and the resources that the programme and aims in question necessitate;

4. To request the Director-General of the Institute, in addition to co-operate in the formulation of the draft plan of operation, the conduct of the other necessary proceedings and the implementation of the resolutions adopted by ECLA with respect to the continuity of the Institute's activities.

(17 December 1965)