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2. To reaffirm the recommendation to governments contained in resolution 48 (V) on the desirability of employing the technique of programming in drawing up their development policies;

3. To recommend to the secretariat:

(a) That in its special studies on the different sectors of economic activity, and in particular in the field of industrial and agricultural productivity, it bear in mind the advisability of directing them towards the formulation of general development programmes;

(b) That research be continued principally on the monetary, fiscal exchange and trade systems and policies necessary for the execution of development programmes;

(c) That such research include methods for the best use of governmental budgets in the implementation of development programmes;

(d) That it continue the analysis of the basic structures of the economies of Latin American countries, and the study of the interrelated and complementary aspects of economic development, taking into account the economic structures of groups of countries on a regional basis;

(e) That, in co-operation with the Technical Assistance Administration, it make a study of the structure and operation of the organizations existing in the Latin American countries for preparing and putting into effect economic development programmes; that in this study it include public and private agencies directly concerned with the implementation of such programmes; and that it examine the need for and methods of co-ordination between the programming organizations and the agencies in question, taking into account the relevant experience of countries within and outside the region;

(f) That it present a report on the research recommended above.

#### SOCIAL FACTORS IN RELATION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Resolution 82 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955  
(E/CN.12/391)*

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering:*

(a) That the improvement of human conditions, the standard of living and the welfare of the peoples of the American continent is of fundamental concern to the member governments,

(b) That experience has shown that there are social factors which tend to accelerate or retard economic progress, and, conversely, economic factors which tend to accelerate or retard social progress, and that these problems are of fundamental importance for the formulation of an integrated and balanced economic and social development,

(c) That there is a close interdependence between economic progress and the social welfare of a country,

(d) That notwithstanding the work carried out by both international and national institutions, a broad field of social phenomena in Latin America in their relationship to economic development still remains to be explored, since social conditions in Latin America have peculiar characteristics which demand special studies, and

(e) That resolution 155 G (VII) of the Economic and Social Council recognizes the possibility that the economic problems for which the Regional Economic Commissions are responsible may present social aspects of great interest,

*Takes note with satisfaction:*

(a) Of the Progress Report on the Study on Social Conditions of Economic Development (E/CN.12/374) submitted by the secretariat; and

(b) Of the statement made by the Secretary-General at the present session of his intention to reinforce the secretariat of the Commission with specialists in social affairs; and

*Recommends:*

1. To the Latin American Governments that when they study and formulate plans of economic development or social policy, they take into account the interdependence existing between the economic and social factors, and that they encourage studies designed to clarify this reciprocal influence;

2. To the secretariat that, in co-operation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies concerned and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, it continue the study of these matters, giving special attention to those aspects which have practical importance, and make every effort to undertake an exchange of information and, as far as possible, co-ordination with institutions concerned with this type of problem.

#### MAN-POWER

*Resolution 83 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955  
(E/CN.12/392)*

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Noting with satisfaction* the progress report on the man-power study (E/CN.12/375) submitted by the secretariat, and

*Whereas:*

(a) An understanding of demographic problems and analyses of the existing situation and projections of man-power are fundamental elements for the study of the economic situation and for the preparation of programmes of economic development, as is apparent from many of the reports prepared by the secretariat, and

(b) It will be possible to make fuller use of such studies if they are carried out in close connexion with work relating to the problems of economic development in specific areas or countries and, in particular, with analyses and projections made for purposes of programming,

*Recommends* to the secretariat that in consultation with, and with the co-operation of, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations and in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, it continue the work begun on man-power in Latin America and seek to relate it in particular to the analyses and projections of economic development prepared by the secretariat.

#### ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF CENTRAL AMERICA

*Resolution 84 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955  
(E/CN.12/393)*

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Taking into consideration* that, in compliance with resolution 9 (IV), the Central American Economic Co-

operation Committee has submitted a report on its activities carried out between its second session held at San José, Costa Rica, in October 1953, and the extraordinary session, held at San Salvador, El Salvador, in May 1955, including the resolution approved at the latter,

*Bearing in mind* that the programme for the progressive and gradual economic integration of Central America has enjoyed the continued support of the Expanded Programme for Technical Assistance of the United Nations, furnished in accordance with the requests submitted to the Technical Assistance Board by the Governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, and

*Recognizing* that the implementation of this programme is helping to co-ordinate the economic development of Central America, to enlarge the regional market and to strengthen the bases for an increase in income and a rise in the standard of living,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction:*

(a) Of the report submitted by the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee (E/CN.12/366), and congratulates the Committee and the Governments represented on it on the practical and constructive manner in which its studies have been carried out, embodying a happy combination of the efforts of a group of Latin American Governments and the technical resources of the United Nations secretariat and of the other international organizations collaborating in this work, which has given concrete expression to the aspirations of the countries in question and the aims of the international organizations;

(b) Of the support given to the work of this Committee through the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and especially by the Technical Assistance Administration, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as of the collaboration of agencies of the Organization of American States;

2. *Reaffirms* its desire that the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee should pursue its endeavours to facilitate the economic integration of Central America; and

3. *Recommends* to the secretariat that it continue to carry out the studies and tasks required by this programme.

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

*Resolution 85 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955*

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering:*

(a) That the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance has successfully completed its fifth year and that it has led to appreciable results in the countries of Latin America,

(b) That the present world situation provides favourable prospects for the continuation and further development of this Programme,

(c) That the Latin American countries, through the experience they have obtained in utilizing technical assistance services, are convinced that such programmes should be more closely linked with their plans for economic and social development,

(d) That Latin America's experience also shows that technical assistance projects of a regional character have made it possible to achieve extremely valuable objectives through the joint efforts of governments and of organizations which participate in multi-national activities, and

(e) That the same experience further suggests that the possibility should be studied of satisfying more effectively the need for technical assistance which arises from the processes of economic development in the Latin American countries, and of giving greater flexibility to the system of allocation and application of technical assistance resources,

*Resolves:*

1. To take note with satisfaction of:

(a) The reports submitted by the Secretariat of the Technical Assistance Board and by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration on their activities in Latin America (documents E/CN.12/371, 372 and 372/Add.1);

(b) The report on the programme of training in problems of economic development carried out jointly by the ECLA secretariat and the Technical Assistance Administration (document E/CN.12/376);

(c) The support given by the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to (i) the economic integration project for Central America sponsored by ECLA's Central American Economic Cooperation Committee; (ii) the study of the pulp and paper industry carried out jointly by ECLA, FAO and TAA, and the corresponding meeting of experts; and (iii) the preparation of the study of the iron and steel transforming industry now being carried out jointly by ECLA and TAA, and the corresponding meeting of experts;

2. To reaffirm its interest in the activities of the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and to express its satisfaction at the efforts they have made to give an increasingly effective response to requests received from governments;

3. To recommend to the secretariat and to the appropriate technical assistance authorities that they take the necessary measures to make available to individual countries the benefits of the economic development training programme, referred to in paragraph 1 (b) above, through seminars, selected readings and special courses, using as far as possible graduates of that programme;

4. To recommend to the Latin American Governments that in formulating their technical assistance programmes they bear in mind the conclusions which may be derived from the analyses and projections of economic development which have been or may be carried out by economic programming organizations either in the countries themselves, or by the ECLA secretariat;

5. To recommend to organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance that they likewise bear in mind the said conclusions in their arrangements with the Latin American countries on their national technical assistance programmes;

6. To recommend to Latin American Governments that they bear in mind resolution 542 (XVIII) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and to suggest to them that, in formulating their national programmes, and in order to intensify the use of national and international technical assistance, and to co-ordinate requests for such assistance, they should consider, with due regard to their own circumstances, the possibility