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of creating, if they have not already done so, a specific national technical assistance organization or service which would have among its objectives, the following:

(a) To integrate technical assistance at the national level in terms of the country's objectives in the field of economic and social development;

(b) To determine the number and type of experts, as well as the other forms of technical assistance, which a general or specific plan of economic and social development may require for its complete formulation and execution;

(c) To evaluate those national technical resources which can be used for the economic development of other countries of the region;

7. To recommend to member governments that they take steps to carry out resolution 584 B-III (XX) of the Economic and Social Council, which urges States participating in the Expanded Programme to give their support to the Programme, financially and otherwise, on an expanding basis; and

8. To suggest to the appropriate authorities of the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme:

(a) That they take into account those technical assistance projects of a continuing character which countries request within the framework of their general economic development plans, in accordance with the established system for drawing up national technical assistance programmes;

(b) That they also take into account those regional projects of a continuing character which are of fundamental importance to the Latin American countries as a whole, or to specific groups of countries;

(c) That they give due consideration to the types of projects mentioned in (a) and (b) above in the distribution of funds available under the Expanded Programme; and

(d) That they study the possibility of satisfying still 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.

#### PRODUCTIVITY

*Resolution 86 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955  
(E/CN.12/395)*

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Taking note of resolutions 416 E (XIV) and 560 (XVIII) of the Economic and Social Council, and*

*Considering:*

(a) That the Latin American countries need to reduce as far as possible the wastage of resources of every kind, in order to place the region's future development on a firmer basis, and

(b) That it is, however, essential that in the pursuit of this aim due regard be paid to the protection of employment and wage levels, as well as of standards of living and working conditions in the countries concerned,

*Recommends to the secretariat:*

1. That, at the moment it deems opportune, a pilot study be prepared containing a specific analysis of the various technical, economic and social factors affecting productivity in the Latin American economy;

2. That in carrying out this study an attempt be made to determine guiding principles as to which sectors of economic activity are so important to over-all economic development that they should be granted priority when measures designed to increase productivity are put into effect;

3. That in any future studies on specific industries which may be undertaken, it devote special attention to the problems of productivity and the measures advisable for its improvement through joint action on the part of the state, the entrepreneur and the worker; and

4. That the findings, in collaboration with other national and international organizations, of the pilot study referred to above be submitted to committees of experts on this subject so that action may be taken at both the national and international levels.

#### SELECTIVITY AND PRODUCTIVITY IN AGRICULTURE

*Resolution 87 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955  
(E/CN.12/396)*

*The Economic Commission for Latin America*

*Considering:*

(a) That the expansion of agricultural production in Latin America is one of the necessary bases for the region's economic development,

(b) The conclusions reached in the joint ECLA/FAO study on the need of selectivity in the expansion of Latin America's agriculture, and expressing its satisfaction at the collaboration of the two organizations in this type of study,

(c) The desirability of broadening the scope of such studies in order to complete the factual basis for the effective programming of agricultural development,

(d) That fundamental knowledge which enables conclusions to be reached on problems of labour productivity and the profitability of agricultural investment, ecological conditions in each country, and other factors, is an indispensable prerequisite for the success of such programming, and

(e) That labour productivity is closely linked with the density of population,

*Recommends:*

1. That FAO and the ECLA secretariat continue and extend their joint studies on the selective expansion of agricultural production in Latin America; and

2. That the ECLA secretariat and FAO jointly proceed with their research into the productivity of labour and capital in Latin America's agricultural activities, taking into due account the diverse problems which arise from existing differences in densities of rural population.

#### CO-ORDINATION OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMMING

*Resolution 88 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955  
(E/CN.12/397)*

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering:*

(a) That a satisfactory co-ordination of national agricultural development programmes would be desirable, so that available resources might be more fully utilized and inter-Latin-American and world trade intensified,