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165 (VIII). Peaceful uses of atomic energy

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Having studied secretariat document E/CN.12/526, containing the report of the mission sent to Latin America by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA),

Considering the increasing importance of the study and application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes,

Considering the shortage of personnel trained in the different branches of atomic energy,

Considering that, in these circumstances, it is the direct responsibility of Governments to encourage the necessary study and research that will provide the technical personnel that each country will require in future,

Decides:

1. To recommend to the Latin American Governments that they should promote to the fullest possible extent the study of matters connected with the peaceful uses of atomic energy;

2. To recommend that support should be given to the studies undertaken in Latin America by IAEA and their co-ordination with the activities of the Inter-American Atomic Energy Agency;

3. To request the Governments that have not yet established them, to organize programmes suitable to their capacity, which would include the training of personnel in the various branches of the generation and utilization of nuclear energy and its derivatives.

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166 (VIII). Water resources

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the importance of the adequate utilization of water resources for Latin America's economic development,

Considering that, pursuant to resolution 99 (VI), a preliminary study has been undertaken of the situation as regards water resources in Latin America and their present and future utilization and that special studies have been carried out in connexion with Chile, Northern Patagonia (Argentina) and Ecuador,

Considering that the work undertaken under the aforesaid resolution is progressing satisfactorily,

Considering that in carrying out the resolution in question invaluable assistance has been rendered by several of the international bodies concerned especially the Technical Assistance Administration and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO),

Decides:

1. To request the secretariat to continue the work begun with the aim of extending the studies in progress to other countries and river basins in Latin America;

2. To request the Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations, WMO and other interested agencies to continue their co-operation with the secretariat in these studies;

3. To request the secretariat to enter into communication with the Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development, so as to enable the studies undertaken, apart from their practical value for the countries concerned, to be of use also in the preparation of the Fund's studies on the utilization of water resources.

22 May 1959

167 (VIII). Programme appraisal for 1959-64

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting the decision of the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 664 (XXIV), to request an appraisal of the scope; trends and cost of the United Nations regular programmes in the economic and social field in 1959-64,

Considering that the appraisal of the Commission's work programme for the period 1959-64, as it appears in the report by the secretariat entitled "Preparation for programme appraisal for 1959-64" (E/CN.12/500), underlines the ever increasing importance of the Commission's function in undertaking important studies and promoting joint action in the different activities related to the economic development of Latin America,

Takes note with satisfaction of the general purport of the report by the secretariat; and

Requests the Economic and Social Council and the other United Nations bodies concerned to give all possible consideration to this report.

22 May 1959

168 (VIII). Report on the second session of the Trade Committee

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the Trade Committee, created by virtue of resolution 101 (VI), has presented to it the report of its second session, at which highly important resolutions designed to promote the establishment of the common market were adopted,

Decides:

1. To take note with satisfaction of the report of the second session of the Trade Committee;

2. To request the secretariat to accord the highest priority to the work recommended in the various resolutions adopted by the Trade Committee; so that the Committee may be able to hold its third session at the earliest possible date.

22 May 1959