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capital goods, and to collaborate with national agencies in the preparation of specific projects for presentation to the appropriate international financing institutions, with a view to guiding the action they may take in order to attain the above-mentioned objectives through the combination of national and international resources.

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208 (IX). Regional integration

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the progress achieved in various countries in the process of programming the development of their economies,

Bearing in mind that it is desirable for the States parties to the Montevideo Treaty and the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration — as well as for countries intending to accede to them — to co-ordinate their development plans or policies with the new economic circumstances created by the existence of those instruments of regional integration,

Decides :

1. To recommend to the States parties to the Montevideo Treaty and the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration—as well as to countries intending to accede to them—that, in preparing and implementing their economic development plans and policies they take into account the new conditions in respect of markets, competition and regional integration possibilities created by the existence of the said Treaties ;

2. To recommend to the ECLA secretariat that, when so requested by the States parties to the Montevideo Treaty and the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration—as well as by countries intending to accede to them—it study the degree of compatibility of the targets established by those countries, and set forth in their programmes or in other expressions of the economic policy they propose to pursue, with the aims already set forth in the above-mentioned Treaties ;

3. To request the secretariat to co-operate with the Governments referred to, whenever it is asked to do so, in the co-ordination of their development programmes with the objectives of the Montevideo Treaty and the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration.

13 May 1961

209 (IX). Experts on labour questions

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that organized labour can make a valuable contribution to the study of the social problems of development, as well as supporting the national programmes deriving from the relevant recommendations,

Decides to recommend to the ECLA secretariat that it invite, when appropriate, experts on labour questions connected with the labour movement to seminars or meetings for the study of the social problems of development.

13 May 1961

210 (IX). Decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions

The Economic Commission for Latin America,
Bearing in mind :

(a) That the United Nations General Assembly adopted, at its fifteenth session, resolution 1518 (XV) recommending that steps be taken to decentralize United Nations activities in economic and social fields and make increased use of the regional economic commissions,

(b) That the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 793 (XXX) on the decentralization of activities and operations and the advantage of drawing, as fully as possible, on the services of the regional economic commissions, especially in the preparation and execution of programmes for advancing regional development in the economic and social fields,

(c) That the Secretary-General of the United Nations has submitted to the Commission, for consideration at its present session, document E/CN.12/564, in which the views of member Governments are requested on the measures which would be conducive to strengthening the regional economic commissions and increasing their participation in the programmes under way,

(d) That the Executive Secretary of the Commission has presented for consideration at the present session document E/CN.12/599 which sets forth an overall plan and, at the same time, specific initial measures for decentralizing the programmes for advancing regional economic development,

Considering :

(a) That on numerous occasions the member Governments have pointed out the advantages that would accrue from utilizing the services of the Commission as actively as possible and from proceeding to decentralize the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations,³⁸

(b) That the financial resources available for the technical assistance programmes are insufficient to cover all the projects in which the member Governments are interested, and that a periodic selection should therefore be made of the projects likely to be most beneficial for economic development and that they should be carried out as efficiently as possible by means of a continuous evaluation of results,

(c) That the knowledge and experience of the ECLA secretariat should be drawn upon as fully as possible in both the formulation and development of the projects,

(d) That the ECLA secretariat should be given the requisite staff to enable it to provide such services with all necessary efficiency,

Decides :

1. To take note with satisfaction of General Assembly resolution 1518 (XV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 793 (XXX), of the relevant document

³⁸ See ECLA resolution of 20 June 1950 (E/CN.12/192), reiterated in resolutions 12 (IV), 39 (AC.16), 85 (VI), 110 (AC.34), 125 (VII) and 144 (AC.40).

presented by the Secretary-General (E/CN.12/564) and of the report submitted by the Executive Secretary (E/CN.12/599);

2. To express its gratitude to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council for the measures which they have adopted to decentralize United Nations economic and social activities and to strengthen the regional economic commissions;

3. To concur in the opinion of the Secretary-General that, in order to intensify the participation of ECLA in United Nations operational activities it might be necessary to increase its staff resources as appropriate (see E/CN.12/564, paragraph 5 A);

4. To recommend to the Secretary-General that he proceed to carry out the projected decentralization and take steps to secure from the competent bodies of the United Nations the necessary resources for creating an operational technical assistance unit within the secretariat of the Commission, and to assign to it the specialized staff required to prepare and continue developing the technical assistance projects on the lines proposed by the Executive Secretary.

13 May 1961

211 (IX). Co-operation with the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Development Bank

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Takes note with satisfaction of the creation of an *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation consisting of the Director-General of the Organization of American States, the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recognizes that, while the three organizations maintain their independence and freedom of action, the working arrangements of the agreement as set forth in document E/CN.12/601 provide a suitable basis for intensifying the co-operative efforts of these organizations to assist Governments in accelerating their economic and social development,

Endorses the agreement on the understanding that this is a flexible arrangement which may be modified in the light of experience,

Recommends to the ECLA secretariat that it suggest to the Committee in question that, in its work of co-operation and co-ordination, it should maintain close contact with the specialized agencies of the United Nations which operate in Latin America and should ensure the co-ordination of the latter's activities with those of the organizations and agencies forming the Committee, in so far as their respective programmes make this advisable, establishing such mechanisms or arrangements as it may deem appropriate, in accordance with the working relations existing between them.

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212 (IX). Establishment of an ECLA office at Bogotá

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the establishment of an office of

the Economic Commission for Latin America at Bogotá would constitute a decentralization measure that would facilitate the execution of the Commission's projects relating especially to Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and British Guiana,

Bearing in mind that the Government of Colombia has offered to provide, without charge to the United Nations, the necessary premises for the operation of the said office, and has declared its willingness to grant the appropriate privileges and immunities to the office and to the international staff thereof,

Decides to recommend to the Executive Secretary of ECLA that an ECLA office be established at Bogotá, with the aim of facilitating the conduct of the studies and other activities undertaken by the Commission, especially in connexion with Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and British Guiana.

13 May 1961

213 (IX). Relations with inter-American agencies

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the desirability of the Commission's maintaining satisfactory co-ordination and co-operation with the representative inter-American agencies in the economic and social field, in the interests of smoothly integrated action to promote Latin America's economic development,

Bearing in mind that the Montevideo Treaty and the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration have recently been signed and the Inter-American Development Bank and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration created,

Decides:

1. To maintain close liaison with the Organization of Central American States, the Latin American Free-Trade Association, the Inter-American Development Bank, the secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration;

2. To request the Executive Secretary to adopt the necessary measures for co-ordinating the activities of the secretariat with those of the above-mentioned agencies.

13 May 1961

214 (IX). Report of the third 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 (E/CN.12/C.1/19) of its third session, at which important resolutions were adopted with a view to furthering the progress of regional integration,

Considering that the creation of the Latin American Free-Trade Association, under the terms of the Montevideo Treaty signed in February 1960 constitutes further progress towards the creation of a regional common market,