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3. *Considers that*, according to the experience of a large number of countries, during the brief period in which the Technical Assistance Administration has enjoyed the collaboration of the secretariat of the Commission, the efficiency of the Technical Assistance Programme in Latin America has considerably increased;

4. *Expresses* its interest in the continuation of the experiment in the decentralization of technical assistance in Latin America;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account, in evaluating the experimental decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration services, the views of the Latin American Governments receiving such assistance, giving due weight to the results of the decentralization of technical assistance operations in Latin America.

27 May 1957.

Resolution 126 (VII)

REGISTER OF EXPERTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(E/CN.12/467)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Mindful of the importance of technical assistance for the economic development of the Latin American countries,

Whereas :

(a) On the one hand, the financial resources available for technical assistance programmes are insufficient to meet the countries' requirements, and that, on the other, the formalities governing the programming and implementation of technical assistance are necessarily slow in order to ensure an equitable distribution of funds,

(b) As regards their requirements for experts to solve specific problems, the Governments often find themselves in a position where they need the services of only one expert on short-term contract, which could be financed by the country concerned,

Decides :

1. To recommend to the secretariat that it collaborate with the Technical Assistance Administration in preparing and keeping up to date a register of Latin American experts in the various fields of economic activity, and of technological research institutes in the region, whose technical assistance might be of use to the member Governments, so that by this means guidance as to the availability of such experts may be given, upon request of the interested countries;

2. To recommend to the member Governments that they assist in the preparation of the register referred to in the foregoing paragraph, by supplying the Technical Assistance Administration with such information as may be necessary on experts in their countries whose knowledge might temporarily be utilized by other countries in the region, and that they grant such experts the necessary facilities for the fulfilment of these functions, so far as may be possible

without prejudice to the technical and administrative efficiency of the work for which the experts in question are normally responsible.

27 May 1957.

Resolution 127 (VII)

IRON AND STEEL MAKING
AND TRANSFORMING INDUSTRIES
(E/CN.12/468)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering :

(a) That the iron and steel making and transforming industries are of capital importance for the economic development of the Latin American countries,

(b) That the secretariat, in compliance with instructions issued to it during the fifth session of the Commission, organized,⁴² in co-operation with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, the Government of Brazil and the *Associação Brasileira de Metais*, a Latin American Meeting of Experts on the Iron and Steel Making and Transforming Industries, held at São Paulo from 15 to 28 October 1956, and prepared a report on this subject,

(c) That the aforesaid Meeting of Experts suggested a series of points on which studies should be begun, continued or carried out in fuller detail by the secretariat of the Commission, either alone or in collaboration with the Technical Assistance Administration,

1. *Takes note* with satisfaction of the publication of document E/CN.12/425⁴³ presented by the secretariat;

2. *Expresses* its satisfaction with the successful results of the Meeting of Experts at São Paulo;

3. *Recommends* to the secretariat that, provided available resources permit, and with the collaboration of the Technical Assistance Administration and other public and private organizations, it carry out, giving due consideration to the findings of the Inter-American Meeting of Experts on Technical Standards, the studies suggested by the Meeting of Experts, namely: (a) classification, simplification and standardization of non-current and quality steels; (b) standardization of rolled steel products; (c) productivity in iron and steel foundries, and an economic survey of the procedures for the reduction of iron ores; (d) economic evaluation of metal-working processes; (e) the motor vehicle industry; (f) training of and demand for engineers, technicians and skilled workers; (g) preparation of production and consumption statistics; (h) expansion and improvement of the glossary of technical and trade terms in Spanish, English and Portuguese;

4. *Reaffirms* the authorization given to the secretariat at the fifth session to convene, when the progress of work so justifies and with the co-operation of the Governments, the Technical Assistance Administration

⁴² *Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 3, resolution 57 (v).*

⁴³ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1957.II.G.6.

and the specialized agencies concerned with this subject, a Committee of Experts to examine the studies carried out and suggest any changes in the programmes that it may deem advisable.

27 May 1957.

Resolution 128 (VII)

PULP AND PAPER ADVISORY GROUP
(E/CN.12/469)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering :

(a) That the secretariat has presented a report on the activities of the Pulp and Paper Advisory Group for Latin America (E/CN.12/434);

(b) The desirability of obtaining reliable data on the proper prices of imported equipment for the pulp and paper industry, and bearing in mind the intensification of this activity foreseen for the region;

(c) The possibility that pulp and paper machinery may come to constitute an important item in the trade of Latin America,

Decides :

1. To recommend that the work of the Pulp and Paper Advisory Group be continued in the countries that request it;

2. To recommend to the secretariat that it take steps :

(a) To the end that the Pulp and Paper Advisory Group for Latin America organize standard budgets for investment in pulp and paper mills with a daily capacity of 50, 100 and 150 tons, in accordance with the main industrial processes and hypotheses, in sufficient detail for local investors to be able to evaluate their financial requirements and obtain guidance in their purchases of machinery;

(b) To the end that the Pulp and Paper Advisory Group for Latin America evaluate the possibilities of purchasing machinery in the countries of the region for the manufacture of pulp and paper, as well as of manufacturing specific heavy equipment.

27 May 1957.

Resolution 129 (VII)

SPECIAL MEETING ON THE MINING INDUSTRY
(E/CN.12/470)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering :

(a) That the mining industry is one of the most important in Latin America,

(b) That in many cases Latin America's mineral wealth cannot be opportunely and efficiently utilized for want of mineralogical studies and of the preliminary prospecting necessary for large-scale production when this is appropriate or feasible,

(c) That it is necessary to sponsor special meetings for the study and discussion of the particular problems of the mining industry, in view of the fact that they concern most of the Latin American countries, in the same way that special meetings have already been organized and held for the purpose of considering problems of other specialized industries,

Decides :

1. To recommend to the member Governments that they submit requests to the technical agencies of the United Nations or other agencies for studies to be carried out, in collaboration with the geological services of the countries concerned, on general and economic geology and on the determination of mineral reserves in Latin America, especially in countries where adequate surveys of this kind have not yet been made, with a view to increasing the production of such minerals as may contribute to economic development;

2. To recommend to the secretariat that, in collaboration with the Technical Assistance Administration and other interested agencies, it sponsor a special meeting on the mining industry in Latin America, for the purpose of studying, considering and recommending suitable measures for the improvement of this industry; and that to this end it prepare a provisional agenda and invite the interested Governments and private industry to carry out studies on the problems which will be discussed, and submit them before the meeting.

27 May 1957.

Resolution 130 (VII)

NUCLEAR ENERGY
(E/CN.12/471)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Whereas :

(a) Because of the scientific and technological progress achieved in recent years, nuclear energy has become, in some countries, a new source of large-scale energy,

(b) This source of energy, together with hydraulic energy and fuels, constitutes an additional means of producing electricity and other forms of energy on an industrial scale,

(c) There are great advantages to be derived from distinguishing, in regard to atomic energy matters, between the two following aspects : (i) general questions of national and international regulation, scientific research and uses which do not involve the large-scale production of energy, and (ii) the application of nuclear energy for industrial-scale energy production,

(d) In this last respect it is desirable that the application of nuclear energy be economically and technically co-ordinated with the general problem of each country's energy supplies from the various sources on which it draws,