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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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2. To the Governments of the member countries concerned, that they undertake an exchange of studies and data on the characteristics of farms of this type, the technical and economic consequences of their existence, the measures applied to convert them into units better adapted to the nature of agricultural production, and the results of such measures.

27 May 1957.

Resolution 136 (VII)

COFFEE STUDIES
(E/CN.12/477)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the study on the efficiency and prospects of coffee growing and processing in El Salvador and the similar study under way in Colombia, under the joint ECLA/FAO programme, are of great importance for other coffee-growing countries.

Recommends :

1. To the Governments of member countries that, if they desire guidance in the undertaking of such coffee studies or in bringing their own up to date, they so inform the secretariat, and indicate their willingness to send one or more officials of their country to receive instruction and acquire experience in the carrying-out of such studies, including the collection and analysis of data, the preparation of the findings and the establishment of bases for crop forecasts;

2. To the secretariat that, if a sufficient number of countries express such an interest, it explore, in conjunction with FAO, the possibility of creating an appropriate training centre in one of the countries requesting a study.

27 May 1957.

Resolution 137 (VII)

PROGRAMMING BY SECTORS AND BY REGIONS, AND PREPARATION, PRESENTATION AND EVALUATION OF PROJECTS (E/CN.12/478)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind the studies and other work carried out to date by the secretariat on the problems of Latin America's economic development and the methods of analysis and projection which it has prepared for this purpose,

Considering :

(a) That the studies presented at the current session : *El desequilibrio externo en el desarrollo latinoamericano ; el caso de México* (E/CN.12/428 and Add.1.), and *El desarrollo económico de Bolivia* (E/CN.12/430 and Add.1), and the progress report on the study of the economic development of Argentina, constitute contributions of primary importance as regards the application and extension of the aforesaid method of analysis and are documents essential to a better understanding of the process of economic development in Latin America as a whole,

(b) That the secretariat has presented a manual on economic developments projects (E/CN.12/426 and Add.1) prepared by an expert of the Technical Assistance Administration in collaboration with the secretariat, this document being designed to facilitate the evaluation and preparation of individual development projects within the general context of over-all programming or policies designed to promote economic growth,

(c) That an expert of the Technical Assistance Administration, in collaboration with the secretariat, has prepared a preliminary report on problems of public administration in relation to economic development policies,

(d) That various Latin American countries are using the method of analysis and projection prepared by the secretariat as an instrument for the programming of development and for development policies,

(e) Further, that over-all programming needs to be supplemented by programming by sectors and by regions, and that within each sector and in regional programmes the objective evaluation of individual projects and the careful preparation of new projects must be increasingly undertaken on lines compatible with the over-all projections for the economy,

(f) In consequence, that it is desirable for the Governments, in connexion with their development policies by sectors or by regions and with the evaluation and preparation of individual projects, to make use of the experience acquired by the secretariat in the application of its methods of analysis and in its study of the process of growth of the Latin American countries,

Taking into account :

(a) The fact that, with respect to pulp and paper, the secretariat has acquired, through the joint ECLA/FAO/TAA Advisory Group, positive and significant experience which has enabled the Governments to make considerable progress in the practical solution of problems relating to the industry in question;

(b) That resolution 99 (VI) of 15 September 1955 recommended to the secretariat that it assist Governments, when they so request, in establishing the relevant economic factors and in co-ordinating energy development programmes,

Decides :

1. To recommend to the secretariat that, besides continuing its methodological studies on the analysis and projection of development on the basis of the experience of the Latin American countries, it devote attention to the specific problems relating to programming by sectors and by regions and to the preparation, presentation and evaluation of individual projects, and that it advise Governments, which so request, on such matters, seeking for this purpose the fullest co-operation from the various United Nations sources of technical assistance, in order to avoid a dissipation or duplication of effort;

2. To recommend to Governments that, in the case of all topics or programmes not directly related to

development studies carried out by ECLA, they apply to the technical assistance services of the United Nations, following established procedures.

28 May 1957.

Resolution 138 (VII)

BUILDING FOR ECLA IN CHILE
(E/CN.12/479)

The Economic Commission for Latin America

Takes note with satisfaction of the promulgation by the Government of Chile of Act No. 12,437, dated 5 February 1957, under the terms of which the President of the Republic of Chile is empowered to transfer free of charge to the United Nations part of the property situated in the area known as Vitacura Park, adjacent to the city of Santiago,

Takes note, likewise, that the provision of adequate premises in Vitacura Park will enable ECLA to carry out more efficiently the important tasks incumbent upon it,

Decides :

1. To place on record the gratitude of the member countries for the valuable contribution offered by the Government of Chile to the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America;

2. To appoint a Committee composed of representatives of the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela which, through the Executive Secretary of ECLA, may present to the Secretary-General of the United Nations such recommendations as it may deem advisable with respect to the best procedure for erecting a building on the site offered by the Government of Chile, and, likewise, may invite the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, after consultation with the Governments members of the Commission, such proposals as he may deem appropriate for the fulfilment of this purpose.

28 May 1957.

Resolution 139 (VII)

DATE AND PLACE OF EIGHTH SESSION
(E/CN.12/480)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,

Expressing its thanks to the Government of the Republic of Panama for its generous invitation to hold the eighth session of the Commission in Panama City,

Decides to hold its eighth session in April 1959 in Panama City.

29 May 1957.

Part V

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 16 SEPTEMBER 1955
(E/CN.12/419)

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America adopted at its seventh session (E/2998);

2. *Considers* that the work programme of the Commission as established by the Commission at its seventh session held at La Paz, Bolivia, from 15 to 29 May 1957 is of primary importance for the economic development of Latin America;

3. *Endorses* the order of priorities allocated by the Commission to the individual work projects.

29 May 1957.

Part VI

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES FOR 1957-1958

**Review of the work programme
at the Commission's seventh session**

BASIC DIRECTIVES

246. As in the past, in preparing the programme of work and priorities, the Commission continued to follow a series of basic directives and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the General

Assembly as well as recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, regarding programmes and priorities in the economic and social fields, concentration and co-ordination of efforts and resources, control and limitation of documentation and related questions. Particular attention was given to the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolutions 324 (XI),