



# **ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA**

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**  
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2. Requests the secretariat to continue preparing the programme of work and priorities along the lines followed in the presentation for 1965-1967;

3. Decides to present the detailed programme to the Economic and Social Council every two years and to include in the annual reports relating to sessions of the Committee of the Whole only those changes in the programme that result from the Committee's deliberations.

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256 (XI). Conference of Latin American and Caribbean Ministers of Education and Ministers responsible for economic planning

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that one of the fundamental requirements for the economic and social development and integration of Latin America is the strengthening of the educational system at all levels;

Bearing in mind that its resolution 231 (X) stresses the importance of the planning of education in relation to economic and social development,

Taking into account the fact that, in November 1964, the General Conference of UNESCO adopted resolution 1.322, in which the Director General of UNESCO is authorized to convene, "in co-operation with the Economic Commission for Latin America, a conference of Latin American Ministers of Education and Ministers responsible for economic planning, as a follow-up to the Conference on Education and Economic and Social Development in Latin America (Santiago 1962)",

1. Authorizes the Executive Secretary to seek ways and means of ensuring that the Commission's participation is at the level of co-sponsorship rather than at that of co-operation;

2. Expresses the hope that the educational aspects of the economic and social integration of Latin America will be included among the matters to be considered at the aforesaid conference.

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257 (XI). Publicity concerning the Commission's work

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind its resolution 233 (X),

Considering the urgent need to enlist Latin American public opinion at all levels in support of the objectives of regional economic integration,

Taking note of the general concern at the weakness of the machinery for disseminating the useful and copious studies and other work of the Commission to the widest possible areas of public opinion in Latin America, particularly in connexion with economic integration, foreign trade and industrialization on a regional basis,

1. Requests the secretariat to convene, before the end of 1965, a meeting of a limited number of experts on economic information and publicity, appointed in their personal capacity;

2. Requests the meeting to prepare the programme of action provided for in resolution 223 (X), and, particularly to suggest specific measures for securing the timely and extensive dissemination of the Commission's documentation among centres of education and private-sector organizations in Latin America, inter alia, so that they may have at their disposal the necessary information for their efforts on behalf of regional economic co-operation and integration;

3. Requests the secretariat to give the highest priority in its work programme for 1965-1967 to convening the meeting referred to in paragraph 1 and to report to the Governments of States members of the Commission at the next session of the Committee of the Whole on the recommendations of the meeting and the action taken by the secretariat to secure their prompt implementation.

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## 258 (XI). Communications

### The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the economic, cultural and political integration of Latin America cannot be achieved without a full understanding and real rapprochement among its peoples and that modern and increasingly comprehensive systems of communications are an essential requirement for the attainment of this purpose,

Bearing in mind that, in the seventeen years since it was established, ECLA has not been requested to study the subject of communications, though they are the most important means of spreading information and, consequently, of disseminating science and technology for economic development, and that no study of Latin American conditions can be complete unless it includes that aspect,

Having taken note of document 50, adopted at the third meeting of the Regional Plan Committee for Latin America of the International Telecommunication Union, recommending that ECLA should be requested to initiate studies on communications,

1. Recommends to Governments that they should include measures for improving means of communication in their national development plans;

2. Requests the secretariat to take the necessary steps, to the extent that its resources allow, to co-operate effectively with the Regional Telecommunication Group for Latin America and to ensure co-ordination among the various international bodies capable of assisting it in this field, particularly with respect to the projects relating to the inter-American telecommunication network;