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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SIXTH MEETING

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on Friday, 10 June 1949, at 10.30 a.m.

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reference to forestry resources.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. URGELLES CAAMANO	Ecuador
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. INCHAUSTEGUI	Dominican Republic
<u>Present:</u>	Mr. MAYANTZ	Argentina
	Mr. VALLE ANTELO	Bolivia
	Mr. JOBIM	Brazil
	Mr. OLEA	Chile
	Mr. MENCAL Y BARRERAS)	Cuba
	Mr. PEREIRA Y CALZADILLA)	
	Mr. ROMU	El Salvador
	Mr. LEPREVOST	France
	Mr. BERMUDEZ	Honduras
	Mr. McCULLOUGH	Panama
	Mr. ALLENDE	Paraguay
	Mr. de la PARRA	Netherlands
	Mr. PINSENT	United Kingdom
	Mr. KELLOGG	United States of America
	Mr. GONZALEZ	Uruguay

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Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. GLESINGER)
Mr. ORR) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Mr. ETCHATS)

Mrs. THIBERT International Labour Organization (ILO)

Secretariat:

Mr. CASTILLO Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLA
Mr. AQUINO
Mr. ALCAZAR

DRAFT REPORT TO THE PLENARY MEETING (E/CN.12/AC.1/W.13)

Mr. INCHAUSTEGUI (Dominican Republic), Rapporteur, thanked the Secretariat for its cooperation in working out the report, and said that it remained for the Committee to approve it.

Mr. MENOCAI Y BARRERAS (Cuba) recalled that he had presented a general resolution on health and sanitation which he would like to have included in the report.

The CHAIRMAN stated that inasmuch as the operative portion of that resolution had been approved by the working group, he saw no objection to its inclusion.

It was so decided.

The Chairman further announced that in the absence of comment or objection, the draft report as amended would be transmitted to the plenary session as the definitive result of the Committee's deliberations.

The draft report, as amended, was approved.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF THE FAO ON FORESTRY RESOURCES
(E/CN.12/AC.1/W.14)

Mr. GLESINGER (Food and Agriculture Organization) summarized the report of the Latin American Commission of the FAO on Forestry and Forest Products, and the resolution it contained. He regretted that time had not permitted the distribution of the full report to delegations before the opening of the session.

After a brief description of the unexploited forest wealth of Latin America, Mr. Glesinger enumerated the three basic economic requisites for the development of its forest resources. In view of the world shortage of timber, Latin America was a tremendous potential market for the raw materials and could become an important exporting country of forest products. By its exports, it could finance the development of forest industries. With technical experience and managerial

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leadership, it would be in a position to supply the world's needs.

Mr. Glesinger made three recommendations for joint action between ECLA and specialized agencies to develop forest resources within the framework of the general economic development of Latin America. First, ECLA should draw the attention of Governments to the necessity for exploiting forest resources, as a corollary to industrial and agricultural expansion. Secondly, it should ask the Executive Secretary to coordinate future work in that field with the FAO and other specialized agencies. Finally, certain problems could be subjected to immediate joint study, among them exports, markets, financing, selection of suitable sites for the establishment of the first modern forest industries, and accumulation of the necessary technical experience.

Mr. GONZALEZ (Uruguay) suggested that a resolution should be drafted for inclusion in the final report in the light of Mr. Glesinger's remarks. He emphasized the importance of the conclusions reached in the FAO report, and paid tribute to the remarkable work done.

The representatives of Cuba, Chile and Argentina joined in congratulating the FAO on the excellence of its work on forest resources in Latin America and strongly supported the Uruguayan proposal.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the meeting would be suspended in order to allow time for the drafting of a resolution on forest resources, or for the amendment of the final resolution contained in the report to include reference to that subject.

The meeting was suspended at 11.40 a.m. and resumed
at 12.30 p.m.

AMENDMENT OF THE DRAFT REPORT (E/CN.12/AC.1/W.13) TO INCLUDE
REFERENCE TO FORESTRY RESOURCES

The following paragraph was included after the second

considerandum of the final resolution:

"Considerando que el desarrollo de los recursos forestales es importante para la América Latina cuyas reservas representan una cuarta parte de los recursos del mundo. Debe ser estudiado en cooperación con los gobiernos y los organismos especializados. En ese proceso de desarrollo debe tomarse en cuenta la exportación y su financiamiento y la explotación con el consentimiento de los respectivos gobiernos de las áreas útiles para explotaciones por estado."

In addition, sub-paragraph a) of the "invita" was amended by the insertion of the word "forestales" after "recursos naturales renovables y".

The CHAIRMAN announced that the amended draft resolution would be submitted to the Rapporteur for inclusion in the Committee's final report.

Mr. LEPREVOST (France) requested that copies of the FAO's preliminary report on forestry and forest products should be distributed to all delegations.

It was so decided.

Mr. SCHNAKE VERGARA (Chile), on behalf of the members of the Committee, congratulated the Chairman, the Secretariat and the representatives of the FAO for their excellent contribution to the work.

The CHAIRMAN expressed his own appreciation to the delegations, the staff and the FAO for their conscientious cooperation.

The meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.
