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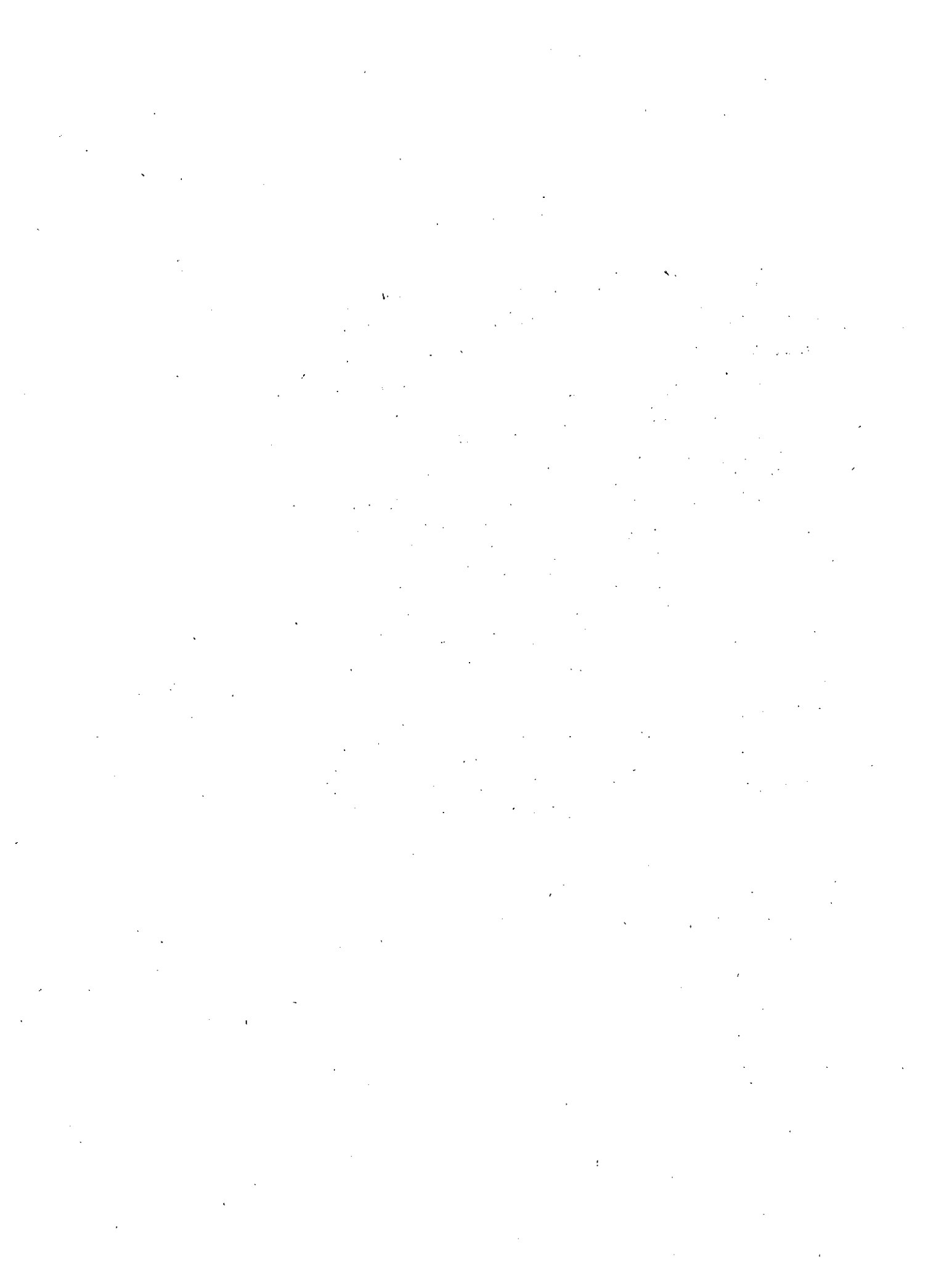
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### Place and Date of Meeting

1. The fourth meeting of the Governing Board of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) was held at headquarters in Santiago, Chile, on 27 and 28 May, 1971.

### Participants

2. The following members of the Board attended the meetings:
- Mr. Carlos Quintana, President of the Governing Board
  - Mr. Gastón Ormeño, Representative of the Government of Chile,
  - Dr. Rodrigo Gutiérrez, Representative of the Government of Costa Rica
  - Mr. Alvaro López and Mr. Benjamín Samané, Representatives of the Governments of Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.
  - Mr. Mohammed El-Badry and Mr. William Goodkind, Representatives of the United Nations Executing Agency
  - Dr. Luis M. Ramírez Boettner, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Chile
  - Dr. Frank Notestein, Representative of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)
  - Miss Ana Casís, Representative of the Inter American Statistical Institute (IASI)
  - Mr. K. C. Abercrombie, Mr. John Menz and Mr. A. Merediz-Montero, Representatives of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
  - Mr. José Luis Bustamante, Representative of the International Labour Organization (ILO)
  - Dr. Francisco Mardones Restat, Representative of the World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization (WHO/PAHO)
  - Mr. Eduardo Miranda Salas and Mr. Luis Ramallo, Representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

3. The following observers were present at the meetings:
- Mr. Douglas Olliden, Regional Representative of UNDP in Central America.
  - Mr. George Coleman, Agency for International Development (AID)
  - Mr. Ozzie G. Simmons, Ford Foundation
  - Mr. Charles A. Lininger, Population Council
  - Mr. Luis Ratinoff, Interamerican Development Bank (IDB).

4. The following members of the professional staff of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) attended the meeting:

- Miss Carmen A. Miró, Director of CELADE and Secretary of the Governing Board
- Mr. Juan Carlos Elizaga, Technical Coordinator
- Mr. Guillermo Macció, Acting Director in charge of CELADE's Sub-Centre in Central America
- Mr. Antonio L. Prazeres, Chief of CELADE's Administrative Services.

#### Documents

5. The following documents stated were submitted for the consideration of the Board:

- CD4/4 Report on the Third Meeting of CELADE's Governing Board
- CD4/5 Summary of Recommendations made by the Governing Board at its Third Meeting and actions taken with regard thereto
- CD4/6 General Report on CELADE's activities during the period 1 January - 31 December 1970
- CD4/6 Add.1 Report on the activities of CELADE's Sub-Centre in Central America during the period 1 January - 31 December 1970
- CD4/7 Financial and Administrative Report for the period 1 January - 31 December 1970
- CD4/8 1971-1972 Work Programme
- CD4/9 Status and financial arrangements for the continuation of CELADE beyond 30 April, 1971.



Agenda

6. The following Agenda was submitted to the meetings:
  1. Discussion and approval of the Agenda
  2. Report on the Third Meeting of the Governing Board and summary of its recommendations and actions taken with regard thereto
  3. Report on CELADE's activities during the period 1 January - 31 December 1970
    - a) Training
    - b) Research
    - c) Technical assistance and other activities
    - d) Finance and Administration
  4. CELADE's situation during the period 1 May, 1971 - 30 April, 1974
  5. 1971-1972 Work Programme
  6. Place and date of next meeting of the Governing Board.

I. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

7. The Governing Board approved for its consideration the Agenda submitted by the Secretariat.

II. REPORT ON THE THIRD MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND SUMMARY OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN WITH REGARD THERETO

8. The "Report on the Third Meeting of CELADE's Governing Board" CD4/4, was submitted on this subject. A preliminary version of this document had been previously circulated among members of the Board for their comments, in order to include these in the final Report now submitted to them. The document "Summary of Recommendations made by the Governing Board at its Third Meeting and actions taken with regard thereto" CD4/5, was also submitted, CELADE's Director making reference to it and drawing attention to the more important points.

III. REPORT ON CELADE'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD  
1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1970

9. For the discussion of this point, three documents were circulated among participants: "General Report on CELADE's activities for the period 1 January - 31 December 1970", CD4/6; "Report on the activities of CELADE's Subcentre in Central America for the period 1 January - 31 December 1970", CD4/6 Add.1; "Financial and Administrative Report for the period 1 January - 31 December 1970", CD4/7.

A. Activities at Headquarters

i) Training

10. Participants in the training programme reported on its development which, as in the previous years, was carried out in three courses (Basic, Advanced and Specialization courses), as also counselling to research fellows. Consideration was also given to the possibility of CELADE's participation in various post-graduate courses sponsored by national and international agencies, and in certain university careers in Santiago, Chile and San Jose, Costa Rica. Finally, the following completely new training activities were made known to members of the Board:

- a) Seminars under the direction of visiting professors,
- b) Seminar on Methods for Evaluation of Family Planning Programmes (SEMEV I),
- c) Seminar on Censal Tabulations System (CENTS).

ii) Research

11. The representative of the Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI) referred to CELADE's efforts to put into effect the research programme; she considered that it was an essential contribution to the improvement of available information on demographic data, and that this work had proved of value to the IASI. The research programme included, among others, the following subjects:

- a) Obtainment of demographic data through surveys and experimental censuses
- b) Establishment of a Data Bank
- c) Studies on internal migration and on interrelations between demographic and economic variables
- d) Preparation of population estimates and projections
- e) Technical assistance in some research programmes carried out by other international agencies such as ECLA, ILPES and UNESCO.

iii) Technical Assistance and Other Activities

12. Attention was drawn to the fact that, as part of the technical assistance programme aimed at including the teaching of demography in the curricula of Latin American universities, a recent activity had been the collaboration of CELADE in the "Curso Nacional Intensivo de Demografía" of the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro. On the other hand, one of the Centre's demographers participated in a mission to the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil, carried out by the ILPES advisory group responsible for the programme of assistance to countries regarding the preparation of development plans.

In addition, the Latin American Demographic Centre took part in the organization of the Seminar on the Use of Demographic Studies and Data in Planning, sponsored by various international agencies; the Conference on the Teaching of Demography in Latin American Social Service Schools, organized by the OAS Department of Social Affairs; and the Conference of the Latin American Public Health Schools on Health and Population.

Miss Miró pointed out that it was perhaps in the field of technical assistance that CELADE's activities had been most intensified and that, to this end, considerable efforts had been made, thus making it possible to stimulate, at countries levels, various programmes which show a great interest in including the demographic factor in economic and social planning.

13. Regarding the publications programme, special mention was made to the publication of the books "Métodos demográficos para el estudio de la mortalidad" by Juan C. Elizaga, "Aspectos metodológicos y sociológicos de la fecundidad humana", by Robert O. Carleton, and "Aspectos demográficos de la mano de obra en América Latina", by Juan C. Elizaga and Roger Mellon. All these publications were based on class notes originally prepared for the use of CELADE fellows and now represent a contribution of the Centre to other educational institutions of the Region.

On the other hand, it was remarked that CELADE's publications printed by the Editorial Paidós had a rather high cost but, that this publishing house offered the advantage of a satisfactory distribution of the Centre's documents throughout Latin America. It was considered that, in any case, this was a problem that should be solved later on, in view of the fact that there were still distribution problems in relation to certain types of publications.

14. With reference to CELADE's participation in meetings, special reference was made to the Latin American Regional Population Conference held in Mexico, which made it possible to appreciate the impact made by CELADE's work in the Region. Several members of CELADE's staff were the organizers of some of the sessions, preparing in addition documents which served as guidelines for discussions. Similarly, numerous papers were written and presented to the sessions by ex-CELADE fellows.

15. In answer to a question by Mr. Quintana regarding progress made by CELADE in the promotion of demography in the programmes of studies and the establishment of research centres in that field at university level, the following activities were mentioned: intensive courses at the University of Cordoba in Argentina; assistance in the preparation of a project to organize the Instituto de Estudios de Población which would be established in the Faculty of Economic Sciences; intensive courses in the University of Zulia in Venezuela and in the Catholic University

of Rio de Janeiro; and the course to be delivered in Havana where there existed a good possibility of forming an institute for the study of demography in its university.

B. Activities at the Sub-Centre

16. The Acting Director in charge of CELADE's Sub-Centre at San Jose, Costa Rica, Mr. Guillermo Macció, reported to the Board the principal activities carried out by the Sub-Centre. He mentioned that the training programme included: the Intensive Course for the Central American and Caribbean countries the Central American Basic Training Course in Demography and Sex Education, addressed to secondary school teachers; and the Course on Sociological Aspects of Demographic Development in the Faculty of Sciences and Arts of the University of Costa Rica, which will be compulsory in the future. In addition work has been going on in the preparation of the Basic Course which, starting in 1972, will be given at the Sub-Centre.

17. Within the research programme the following activities were included: collaboration in the National Demographic Survey of Honduras at the request of the Government of that country; and analysis of service statistics on family planning in Cuidadela de Hatillo, Costa Rica, a programme sponsored by the Ministry of Public Health.

18. The Sub-Centre, together with IASI, has provided technical assistance in connection with the Central American census programmes. It has also participated in a meeting of international agencies convened by the Regional Representative of UNDP for the purpose of coordinating tasks, as a result of which a Working Group was formed; the group consists of seven members from regional institutions, one being from CELADE. The Sub-Centre has also participated in the mission for the evaluation of family planning programmes in Costa Rica, at the request of the Ministry of Public Health of that country.

19. Both Mr. Oliden, Regional Representative of UNDP in Central America, and Miss Casis of the Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI), highly praised the Sub-Centre for the vast amount of work it had accomplished.

20. At Mr. Quintana's request, some comments were then made regarding the papers attached to document CD4/6 which describe certain projects in the Centre's programme of activities. Special reference was made to CELADE's Experimental Census Programme and to the Data Bank.

21. Mr. Miranda of UNESCO expressed his thanks to CELADE for the technical assistance rendered to his institution in population matters. In his turn, Mr. Mardones Restat, representative of WHO/PAHO, congratulated the personnel from the Centre for their efficient work which the Pan-American Health Organization had found of great help in the carrying out of its activities. He also drew attention to the fact that joint tasks had been programmed such as the teaching of demography in the different schools for health professionals and in the Seminar on Methods of Evaluation of Family Planning Programmes.

22. Mr. Ramírez-Boettner then declared that it was necessary to maintain the close working relations existing between CELADE and the individual offices of the United Nations Development Programme, and that such relations should continue to be strengthened by sending reports from CELADE to each Resident Representative who should also be visited by CELADE officials. He also stated that the demand for technical assistance and research from member countries would continue to increase and that, in order to satisfy that demand, recourse should be had to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and that in addition other sources of financing should be explored.

C. Administration and Finance

23. The "Financial and Administrative Report for the Period 1 January - 31 December 1970", CD4/7, was submitted to the Board.

Two matters brought up in the report merited the special attention of the Board, namely:

1. Difficulties arising from the fact that donations are received from different institutions, for which reason CELADE has been unable to standardize its regulations which have been subordinated to the requirements of each institution. It was stated that, as a solution to the problem, the creation of a trust fund was being studied, to be administered by the United Nations, and through which all contributions from outside that agency would be channelled.

2. The problematical situation of CELADE staff not financed by either the United Nations or the University of Chile, and who did not enjoy social security benefits.

24. In regard to payment of contributions from Governments, Mr. Ramírez-Boettner informed the meeting that the situation had improved.

#### IV. CELADE'S SITUATION DURING THE PERIOD MAY 1971 - APRIL 1974

25. Actions taken to conclude an agreement regarding the continuation of the Centre beyond April 30, 1971, are shown in document CD4/9 "Status and financial arrangements for the continuation of CELADE beyond 30 April, 1971".

26. In connection to the above, Mr. Simmons of the Ford Foundation drew attention to the problem arising from the fact that UNDP had reduced its term of contribution to three years and that it was imperative that CELADE should continue its activities beyond that period. Mr. Ramírez Boettner said that the agency recognized the Centre's importance but the Governing Council had fixed that term consequent to a general policy designed to take into account various regional and national projects in existence.

27. The Representative of the United Nations Executing Agency, Mr. El-Badry, stated that in view of the intense programme carried out by CELADE and of the expected increase in its activities, it would be necessary that aid provided by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) be extended for a period of at least five years beyond the termination of the present stage. In turn, Miss Casís rated the Centre's work as "indispensable" and indicated that it should be extended for at least a further ten-year period since the three-year period affected long-term programmes of activities. She recommended, therefore, that the Governing Board should make a declaration to this effect, in addition to urging the institutions, other than the United Nations, which contributed to the financing of CELADE, to pay their contributions through that agency which would receive the respective funds in trust. Mr. Quintana proposed that UNDP should grant the ten-year-term in consecutive periods of three years as in the case of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES).

#### V. WORK PROGRAMME 1971 - 1972

28. Miss Miró mentioned several of the more important features of the work programme for the next two years:

##### i) Training

Execution of the following courses and seminars:

a) Starting in 1972, the Basic Course, at the Sub-Centre. The Advanced and Specialization Courses would continue to be given at the Centre during that year.

b) In October 1971, the Second Seminar on Methods of Evaluation of Family Planning Programmes (SEMEV II) sponsored by the Pan-American Health Organization.



On this point, Mr. Mardones-Pestak emphasized the importance of the seminar and the great interest the Organization had in taking part therein. Furthermore, he requested that the Director of CELADE should send on a permanent basis informative documents to all representatives of that Organization.

c) In 1972, the Specialization and Training Course for Demography Teachers in Schools of Economics and Sociology.

d) Starting in 1973, the Higher Course in Demography for Economists, Sociologists and Planners. In this connection, Miss Miró observed that she was concerned over the inconsistency of beginning a two-year course in 1973 while being aware that CELADE's continuation was ensured only until April 1974. The Chairman of the Governing Board stated that in his opinion it would be advisable to divide the course into two parts at different levels according to the degree of demographic knowledge of the professionals participating in the course.

Referring to the concern expressed by several members of the Board regarding the degree to be granted on completing the Course, the Director of the Centre stated that once the Course was fully organized, talks concerning this subject would be had with University of Chile authorities. Mr. Gutiérrez proposed that if no agreement was arrived at with that University, the University of Costa Rica should be approached.

e) Courses in Bio-Social Research Techniques.

29. Concerning the initiative of the Latin American Council for the Social Sciences (CLACSO), Mr. Ramallo invited CELADE to take an active part in the meetings of the Council of Rectors of Chilean Universities, with a view to exploring the possibilities of carrying into effect a post-graduate course of studies in social sciences, with the participation of several institutions working in this area in Santiago. The fulfillment of such a programme would be a means of improving collaboration and, on the other hand, would solve the problem of formal recognition of these studies.

ii) Research

30. Research will be done principally in the following subjects; relationships between demographic phenomena in general and economic and social aspects, population policies, historical demography and fertility, a subject that will be extended to include evaluation of family planning programmes.

31. Mr. Abercrombie praised CELADE's work programme and pointed out its usefulness to FAO. He likewise offered the cooperation of that organization in the Centre's work, specially in regard to lectures and courses on subjects related to agriculture and food.

iii) Technical assistance and service programme

32. Great importance has been attributed in CELADE's work programme to the improvement and expansion of basic demographic data and to research on methods of obtaining data considered essential to demographic knowledge of the region. Preferential attention will be given to the Data Bank with a view to stimulating its use, not only by demographers but also by professionals in other fields.

33. The Representative of the International Labour Office (ILO), Mr. Bustamante, thanked CELADE for the cooperation rendered in programmes carried out by ILO. In turn, Mr. Lininger placed on record that the Population Council had a real interest in continuing to collaborate with the Centre in its programme of activities.

34. Mr. El-Badry was of the opinion that the Centre should make a study of the universities which could take on the responsibility for the teaching of demography in the future and the way in which this should be done: if by way of introducing new departments or by including this subject in the curricula for other fields of study.

35. As part of the personnel exchange programme for training purposes, it was announced that in future, not only would demographers be invited but also persons who had had an outstanding record in fields related to demography and that, with the same objectives, personnel from the Centre would be sent abroad.

36. Mr. Quintana described CELADE as being a "model Latin American institution" and expressed his thanks for the cooperation given by CELADE to ECLA. Finally, he congratulated the Director and all the staff of the Centre for the splendid work accomplished.

## VI. RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were approved:

### RESOLUTION CD4/1

#### The Governing Board of the Latin American Demographic Centre

##### Considering

1. That at the Third Meeting, on analyzing the work performed by the Centre so far, the Governing Board acknowledged the excellent and indispensable contribution rendered by the Centre and considered that, given the dimension of demographic problems facing the region, it was necessary to extend CELADE's duration for a period of at least five years in order to provide an increased service in training, research and technical assistance in population matters to the Latin American countries;
2. That at that time, and in view of the existing demand, eleven countries of the region had manifested in writing to the authorities of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) their support for the continuation of CELADE and their willingness to continue contributing to its financing;

3. That in this, the Fourth Meeting, the Governing Board has noted, with deep concern, that the same attitude still exists as regards the financing of the Centre's programmes for short periods and to the same extent as previously, a factor which hinders the planning and development of training, research, and medium and long term technical assistance programmes for the benefit of all the countries concerned;

4. That the maintenance of the Centre as a short-term project limits the possibility of CELADE receiving a more ample and continuous support in its activities from sources other than the United Nations, a circumstance which makes still more difficult the general administration of the Centre and burdens the technical and administrative staff with unnecessary worries.

5. That the international agencies taking part in this Meeting of the Board have manifested the interest of the agencies they represent to continue receiving CELADE's collaboration in their work programmes;

6. That the countries of the region are not yet in a position to cover their demographic training and research requirements;

7. That the Fourteenth Session of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) was of the opinion "that the continuation of CELADE's work in the region was highly valuable, as a supplement to the activities being developed by the Commission", and that CELADE had been recommended to "continue expanding and improving its activities in training, research and technical assistance to countries of the region in population matters".

Agrees

To request the Administrator of UNDP, in consultation with the United Nations as executing agency of the project, and considering ECLA's resolution during its Fourteenth Session, to exhaust all means within his power in order to CELADE should

soon become a project of at least ten years duration, receiving periodical allocations of financial resources in accordance with its necessities.

To request that, in view of the new regional and inter-regional programming procedures adopted by the UNDP Governing Council, the Latin American Governments, on submitting their recommendations to the Administrator through the respective Resident Representative, should consider the inclusion of CELADE at a more extensive level of operations and as a long-term project among priorities proposals for regional programmes.

To request that the Director of CELADE, independently from the above, should study and submit to the Governing Board at a next meeting an appropriate form of a permanent financing of the institution which, so far as possible, should envisage increased contributions from the Governments concerned.

#### RESOLUTION CD4/2

##### The Governing Board of the Latin American Demographic Centre

1. Taking into account that, in accordance with the terms of paragraph 2.20 of CELADE's Plan of Operation, the Governing Board should establish such procedures for the reception and administration of contributions in cash or in kind, as the Director deems of use to CELADE, as distinct from those contributions referred to in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.10 of the beforementioned plan;

2. Considering that the existing arrangements for the reception of funds from sources other than the United Nations imposes different kinds of difficulties and involves a complex administration of the Centre, specially in regard to personnel;

3. Deeming that it would be highly desirable that such contributions might be channelled through the United Nations as executing agency of the project;

Agrees

1. To request institutions other than the United Nations making contributions to CELADE, that they should consider the possibility of making such contributions through the United Nations;

2. To request the United Nations to receive these contributions as funds in trust to be placed at CELADE's disposal in accordance with the necessities of the programmes and projects previously agreed upon with the contributing institutions;

3. To request that the United Nations, on the establishment of procedures governing the administration of these funds in trust, should take special care to preserve the independence and flexibility with which CELADE has operated so far and which have afforded an operational agility allowing the development of an effective work programme that has been repeatedly acknowledged by this Board.

VII. PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

37. It was resolved that the Fifth Meeting of the Governing Board of CELADE be held in the University of Costa Rica at a date to be fixed previously by Miss Carmen A. Miró.

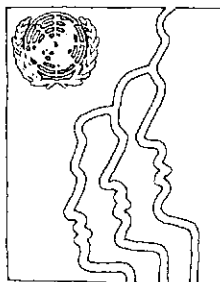
The Fourth Meeting of the Governing Board was then declared closed.











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