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Technical Assistance Administration, and "Expanded programme of technical assistance",²⁴ prepared by the secretariat of the Technical Assistance Board, as well as the section in the progress report by the Executive Secretary²⁵ relating to the secretariat's collaboration with the decentralized units of the Technical Assistance Administration,

Whereas the Secretary-General of the United Nations laid stress, in his report to the General Assembly,²⁶ on the fact that the decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration office for Latin America had made it possible to ensure close collaboration between the Technical Assistance Administration and the secretariat of the Commission, and that this collaboration had been reflected in a marked increase in the interest shown by the Latin American Governments in technical assistance provided by the above-mentioned Office, particularly in the fields of natural resources and the development of energy, transport and communications, as well as industrial development and productivity,

Whereas the Secretary-General also pointed out that decentralization had led to the establishment of closer contact between the Technical Assistance Administration and governmental agencies concerned with economic development, resulting in more effective studies and in an improvement in the formulation of projects, and, hence, in the more rapid implementation and greater usefulness of the programme,

Whereas the experience of the Latin American Governments confirms the statements made by the Secretary-General,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned studies "Technical assistance activities in Latin America"²³ and "Expanded programme of technical assistance"²⁴ and the relevant part of the progress report by the Executive Secretary;²⁵

2. *Endorses the hope* expressed by the Latin American Governments that the decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration be established on a permanent basis as soon as possible, in order to further the trend towards the more efficient utilization of resources for the Administration's programmes which has resulted from such decentralization.

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145 (AC.40). Latin American regional market

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

²⁴ E/CN.12/AC.40/4.

²⁵ E/CN.12/AC.40/2.

²⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 29, document A/C.2/196.*

Bearing in mind the progress report on inter-Latin American Trade and the regional market, covering the period June 1957 to April 1958, submitted by the secretariat,²⁷

Taking into account resolution XL adopted by the Economic Conference of the Organization of American States, held at Buenos Aires, which, *inter alia*, unanimously declared that it is desirable gradually and progressively to establish a Latin American regional market on multilateral and competitive bases, thus expressing the support of the countries of the Organization of American States for this project,

Considering that, in conformity with Trade Committee resolution 3 (I), subsequently endorsed by the Commission at its seventh session in resolution 116 (VII), a Working Group on the Latin American Regional Market met for the first time in Santiago from 3 to 11 February 1958,

Considering that delegations to the sixth session of the Committee of the Whole have expressed their satisfaction at the progress of the work undertaken in this field,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the above-mentioned resolution of the Economic Conference at Buenos Aires and expresses its gratification at the results achieved by the Working Group at its session in Santiago in February 1958;

2. *Recommends* to the secretariat that it continue to promote most energetically and give high priority to the studies on the Latin American regional market.

8 April 1958.

146 (AC.40). Collaboration of workers' organizations with the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that during the ten years since its inception the Commission has done valuable work in producing economic and social studies of the countries of Latin America,

Considering that the activities of the Commission, being concentrated in the economic and social field, are of special importance to workers, and that their views should therefore be taken into account by the Commission,

Recommends that in its work the Commission should pay due regard to the views of the workers.

8 April 1958.

²⁷ E/CN.12/AC.40/3.

Part IV

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

193. At its 4th meeting, held on 8 April 1958, the Committee of the Whole adopted the following draft resolution for submission to the Economic and Social Council:

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America for the period 30 May 1957 to 8 April 1958 (E/3091), of the recommendations included in the account of the proceedings of the sixth session of the Committee of the Whole, and of the programme of work and priorities contained therein.