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*Recommends* to Latin-American Governments that they should give careful consideration to the long-term demand factors analysed in the said study with respect to the individual commodities that constitute the bulk of Latin-American exports to the United States, bearing in mind that these demand factors represent a guide for policies affecting the supply of products for export, and that they inform the Secretariat of their views regarding the results of their consideration of this study; and

*Recommends* to the Executive Secretary that he pay continuing attention, as far as is practicable, to the immediate and long-term prospects of expanding Latin-American exports to the United States consistent with the objectives of economic development, with a view to preparing studies which will contribute to helping the countries of Latin America to diversify their exports and to make them more adaptable to shifts in demand.

#### MEASURES RELATIVE TO THE SYSTEM OF PRICE-FIXING IN FOREIGN TRADE

22 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 14 June 1951*  
(E/CN.12/259)

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering* that the economic development of most Latin-American countries depends to a substantial degree upon income from their principal export products;

*Considering* that a considerable part of such income is used for the purchase of capital goods and equipment not only in countries which buy basic commodities, but also in other markets;

*Considering* that, in situations of international emergency, various highly industrialized countries fix prices for the raw materials and basic commodities which they buy and sometimes also impose controls and fix the prices of the commodities or products they sell abroad;

*Considering* that, under resolution XVII, adopted at the Fourth Consultative Meeting of Foreign Ministers of American States held in Washington in March-April this year, a consultative procedure is contemplated in matters of Inter-American trade to effect the establishment of a system applicable to countries where such price regulation is in force;

*Considering* that it is desirable that the procedure for multilateral price-fixing contained in the above-mentioned resolution should be extended to all those other countries which are principal suppliers of essential capital goods and equipment;

*Expresses* its satisfaction with resolution XVII, adopted at the Fourth Consultative Meeting of Foreign Ministers of American States held in Washington in March-April 1951; and

*Recommends* that the Executive Secretary should examine the possibility of extending the consultative procedure contemplated under that resolution.

#### V. SPECIAL TOPICS

##### MEASURES TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES OF EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATERIALS

23 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 15 June 1951*  
(E/CN.12/264)

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Recognizing* the importance of free international circulation of educational, scientific and cultural materials,

*Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary (document E/CN.12/230) concerning measures to increase the availability of supplies of educational, scientific and cultural materials in Latin America,

*Requests* Governments to reply as soon as possible to the questionnaire sent them by the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Director-General of UNESCO, enquiring into their import needs and export availabilities in respect of educational, scientific and cultural materials, and

*Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult again with the Director-General of UNESCO with a view to establishing, at his discretion but as soon as possible, the working group envisaged in resolution E/CN.12/204 of the Commission at its third session, taking into consideration the possibility that the working group might first devote its attention to those aspects of the problem before it which could be adequately studied with the documentation or material already available to it, devoting special attention at the appropriate stage to the documentation which Governments submit in reply to the questionnaire referred to above.

##### TRAFFIC REGULATION ON THE INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY

24 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 15 June 1951*  
(E/CN.12/288)

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering* that a long and important part of the Inter-American Highway, extending from the United States of America to Nicaragua, might be opened to traffic at the end of 1952;

*Considering* that the rapid development of a heavy flow of motor vehicles on this highway is to be anticipated over its entire length, thus benefiting the countries through which it passes;

*Considering* that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, during its eleventh session in July 1950, approved a resolution in which the attention of Governments is drawn to the desirability of ratifying the Convention on Road Traffic, concluded at Geneva on 19 September 1949;

*Considering* that the factors necessary in reaching a decision as to the possibility of concluding an agreement regulating international traffic over this Highway should be available to all the Governments concerned;

*Requests* that the Executive Secretary should initiate, as soon as possible, a general study of the international