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/ PRESENT :

PRESENT:

Chairman: Mr. PEREZ VILLAMIL

Argentina

Rapporteur: M.

Mr. GEORGES-PICOT

France

Members:

Mr. SCHIOPETTO

Argentina

Mr. DEMMER

Bolivia

Mr. de ANDRADE

Brazil

Mr. ORTIZ LOZANO

Colombia

Mr. LOPEZ ISA

Cuba

Mr. VILDOSOLA

Chile

Mr. PONCE ENRIQUEZ

Ecuador

Mr. RANDALL

Echanor

United States of America

Mr. CALE

Mr. GEORGES-PICOT

France

Mr. HUDICOURT

Haiti

Mr. MONDRAGON

Honduras

Mr. NAVERRETE

Mexico

Mr. GUERRERO .

Nicaragua

Mr. · VAREKAMP

Netherlands

Mr. AIZPU

Panama .

Mr. GALEANO

Paraguay

Mr. BAKULA

Peru

Sir KEITH JOPSON

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Dominican Republic

Mr. GINEBRA ENRIQUEZ

Uruguay

Mr. LACARTE

Venezuela

Mr. MULLER

/ Also present

Also present:

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. ORTIZ

Food and Agricul-

ture Organization

Mr. LASO

International

Mr. VERA

Monetary Fund

Representatives of inter-governmental organizations:

Mr. GLOWER

Inter-American Economic and

Social Council

Mr. RODIE

Inter-Governmental

Committee on

European Migration

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

Category A:

Mr. ESPINOSA

International Con-

federation of Free

Trade Unions

Miss KAHN

World Federation of Trade Unions

Observers from Member States:

Mr. ALMASY

Czechosłovakia

Mr. KOTT

Poland

Observers from non-member States:

Mr. BJORCK

Sweden

Mr. FIORIOLI DELLA LENA

Italy

Mr. ROBERT

Spain

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH

Executive Secretary

Mr. SWENSON

of the Commission Deputy Director,

Mr. SANTA CRUZ

Secretary to the

Commission

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE I (Rapporteur's Report (E/CN.12/AC.27/3 and draft resolutions E/CN.12/AC.27/1 and 2).

Mr. GINEBRA (Dominican Republic), Rapporteur of Committee - I, read his report.

Mr. HUDICOURT (Haiti) pointed out that his country had been committed from the list of delegations participating in the work of the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN promised that the involuntary omission would be rectified.

Mr. MULLER (Venezuela) proposed that the wording of the other reports with respect to the composition of the committee should be adopted in order to make all reports uniform.

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN put the Rapporteur's Report to the vote.

The report was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN introduced the draft resolution on economic trends and prospects (E/CN.12/LC.27/1).

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRM N put the draft resolution on employment data (E/CN.12/AC.27/2) to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

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REPORT OF COMMITTED II (Rapporteur's Report E/CN.12/AC.28/6 and draft resolutions E/CN.12/AC.28/Rev.1 and 2 to 5).

Mr. GUERRERO (Nicaragua), Rapporteur of Committee II, read his report.

Mr. HUDICOURT (Haiti) proposed that "of the United Nations" should be specified in the list of Member and non-Member States participating in the Committee.

.It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN put the Rapporteur's Report of Committee II, as amended by the representative of Haiti, to the vote.

The report was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN introduced the draft resolution on technical assistance (E/CN.13/AC.28/Rev.1).

Sir KEITH JOPSON (United Kingdom) noted that there were some slight differences in emphasis between the English and Spanish texts and wished to be assured that the texts in all three languages were equally valid.

Mr. MULL R (Venezuela), speaking as Chairman of Committee II, stated that the texts had been carefully revised by a draft-ing committee and that all three were equally valid.

Mr. SCHIOPETTO (Argentina) proposed that the words "their negotiations on "in paragraph 5 of the operative part should be replaced by "in reaching agreement" since the word "negotiation" did not properly apply to technical assistance activities.

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN put the draft resolution on technical assistance, as amended by Argentina, to the vote.

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The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN introduced the draft resolution on manpower (E/CN.12/AC.28/2).

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN put the draft resolution on economic integration of Central America (E/CN.12/AC.28/3) to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN introduced the resolution on the programming of economic development (E/CN.12/LC.28/4).

Mr. SCHIOPETTO (Argentina) proposed that in the second paragraph of the preamble the dashes after "the problem of development" and "of external resources, etc." should be deleted, the first to be replaced by a comma followed by the words "such as" while the final "etc." should also be deleted.

It was so decided.

Mr. VILDOSOLA (Chile) thought that in the seventh paragraph of the preamble of the Spanish text the word "exige" followed later on by the phrase "cuando sea necesario" implied a contradiction in terms.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the phrase "cuando sea necesario" between commas, should be inserted before "complementación" since it applied only to that aspect of programming.

That amendment was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN put the draft resolution on the programming of economic development, as amended, to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

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The CHAIRMAN introduced the resolution on social factors in relation to economic development (E/CN.12/AC.28/5).

Mr. SCHIOPETTO (Argentina) suggested that another word might be used instead of "Recommends" when entrusting a task to the Secretariat in the draft resolutions.

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary) replied that it was not necessary to change the traditional way of drafting resolutions since the Secretariat always interpreted such "recommendations" as specific instructions.

The CHAIRMAN put the draft resolution on social factors in relation to economic development to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. de ANDRADE (Brazil) said that the unanimous adoption of the resolutions submitted by Committee II would contribute to the acceleration of Latin America's economic development.

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Although the work done by ECLA in the study of individual countries and in the training of economists to deal with programming was admirable, that was but the first stage of activities. ECLA, in co-operation with other international organizations, should endeavour to expand those two types of work.

Brazil had already benefitted from ECLA's work on that subject and that was precisely why it regretted that such valuable efforts had not had a wider application. He suggested that the Secretariat, under the terms of the pertinent resolution submitted by Committee II, should concentrate a major part of its effort on the training of specialists in the preparation and implementation of economic development programmes.

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary) said that he had already been in contact with the representative of the Technical Assistance Administration to find a solution to that problem. Several countries had requested the Secretariat to conduct other country studies similar to those on Brazil and Colombia, while the Brazilian delegation had suggested that an economic development training course, such as that to be held in Colombia, should be organized in that country. Unfortunately, ECLA did not have sufficient resources or personnel to meet all such requests.

He thought that the extension of country studies and the expansion of the training course could be effected with the collaboration of the Technical Assistance Administration and to that end promised to transmit Brazil's suggestion to the Administration.

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REPORT OF COMMITTED IV (E/CN.12/AC.30/10)

Mr. AIZPU (Panama), in absence of Mr. McCULLOUGH, Rapporteur of Committee IV, presented the report of Committee IV.

Mr. CALE (United States of America) said that he had been glad to participate in the work of Committee IV, in which a fine spirit of co-operation and cordiality had prevailed. In a few cases, however, the report as presented did not accurately reflect the sense of discussion as formulated in the relevant resolutions. Some of the resolutions had been approved towards the end of the session and might not have been taken fully into account at the time the report was written. Certain points, to which he attached considerable importance had been given a different emphasis in the report from that given to them in the corresponding resolution.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the difficulty could be overcome by a discussion between the United States representative and the Rapporteur and Secretariat.

Mr. MULLER (Venezuela) felt that the Commission might be unable to enjoy the text which the small discussion Group finally prepared. The United States representative could reserve his vote on the report as presented by the Rapporteur and an account of the United States position would be given in the record.

Mr. CALE (United States of America), in response to an invitation by the Chairman, proceeded to enumerate the points in the report to which he had referred.

Mr. AIZPU (Panama), speaking in behalf of the Rapporteur of Committee IV, pointed out that the Report was intended to reflect the discussion in /the Committee

the Committee and its Working Groups and did not have to use the language of the resolutions. He agreed with the Venezuelan representative, believing that the Commission should proceed with its consideration and, presumably, adoption of the report.

Mr. CALE (United States of America) said that he would accept that arrangement, provided that it was indicated in the record that, because of the points which he had raised, he could not concur in the view that the report was a completely accurate reflection of the discussions.

Mr. SCHIOPETTO (Argentina) supported the Chairman's suggestion, but only in the event of other delegations having further observations to the rapporteurs report.

Mr. NAVARETTE (Mexico) agreed, adding that some of the representatives who had participated in the Working Groups should contribute to the discussion.

Mr. VILDOSOLA (Chile) remarked that it would be unfortunate if the Commission were to adopt the report with the abstention and reservations of the United States representative. Accordingly he too was in favour of the suggestion that the matter might be disposed of in a small discussion group.

Mr. CALE (United States of America) explained that he had implied no criticism of the Rapporteur or Secretariat. It was difficult for those who had contributed to the preparation of the report to keep abreast of all the discussions, including those on surpluses and coffee, but there was a difference between reproducing the statements of individual representatives and

reporting them as the sense of the Committee. The sense of the Committee was surely more faithfully reflected in its resolutions.

The CH.IKMAN proposed that the matter should be referred to a small group consisting of the Rapporteur and the Argentine, Brazilian, Chilean, United States and Uruguayan representatives.

It was so agreed.

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary) read out a telegram addressed to him from the Director General of UNESCO concerning research in the Amazon area (Information Document No. 71).

The meeting rose at 2 p.m.