



# **ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA**

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT ON THE SIXTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**

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of rehabilitation and reconstruction and to study the possibility of special machinery and procedures which would permit total financing of the projects relating to those programmes;

10. Requests the Economic and Social Council to urge the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to give special attention to the serious situation in Peru and that country's need for resources, bearing in mind the principle underlying the Bank's policy, namely, that the problems of reconstruction are inseparable from the problems of economic development, and the need for participation by the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association within their respective fields of competence;

11. Requests the secretariat of the Commission and the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning to continue to co-operate as fully as possible in response to the requests they receive from the Government of Peru regarding economic, social and technical questions within their competence;

12. Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider the possibility of recommending to the General Assembly that it expand the authorization granted to the Secretary-General under General Assembly resolution 2435 (XXIII) and subsequent amendments thereto, so that he may adequately meet the needs for assistance in cases of natural disasters.

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23 June 1970.

298 (AC.63). The situation in Peru following the disaster of 31 May 1970, and international co-operation

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

Bearing in mind the distress felt by all mankind at the news of the earthquakes that resulted in the loss of over 60,000 lives and the devastation of an area covering almost 100,000 square kilometres in Peru, leaving tremendous material damage in its wake,

Bearing in mind that this catastrophe befell Peru at a time when it was embarking on a major development effort, thus obliging the Peruvian Government and people to concentrate all their energies on the reconstruction of the destroyed areas,

Bearing in mind that the United Nations lacks adequate machinery to undertake commitments of the magnitude necessary for the reconstruction of the devastated regions of Peru,

Considering that the international community must find a way for Peru to receive the necessary aid, in keeping with the sympathy expressed by all peoples of the world over the Peruvian tragedy and the desire of those peoples to assist in the rehabilitation of that country in the most appropriate way,

Decides:

1. To request the Economic and Social Council to recommend to States Members of the United Nations the establishment of an emergency fund for cases of natural disaster to be made up of voluntary contributions by all members of the international community, whose first activity would be to make available to Peru, through the competent United Nations bodies, all the financial and other resources needed for the reconstruction of the devastated regions, on the basis of such projects as the Government of Peru may prepare in that connexion with the help of the United Nations Development Programme. This Fund, which will be made available to Peru on a non-refundable basis, could consist both of contributions in freely convertible currencies and of the equipment and raw materials needed for the execution of the reconstruction projects. It would also cover payment by the contributing countries of the expenses incurred in dispatching the necessary experts;

2. That the Economic and Social Council should request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to undertake to promote interest in the Fund among the United Nations.

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23 June 1970.