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Items 11, 13 and 14 of the Agenda

STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER  
RESOLUTION 295 (XI) B OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL  
(Document E/AC.34/6)

Note by the Executive Secretary

It was expected that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Organization and Operation of the Council and its Commissions would consider the regional economic commissions prior to ECLA Fourth Session, and the Executive Secretary was requested to present an account of the Commission activities; this statement included certain suggestions relating to the possible lines of development of the work of the Commission and possible changes in its terms of reference.

The Executive Secretary's Statement was circulated to the Member Governments well in advance of the Fourth Session of the Commission.

It was later decided that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Council will meet after the Spring Sessions of the Commissions, and the Commission's Annual Report to the Thirteenth Session of the

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Economic and Social Council will also be made available to the Ad Hoc Committee, which will convene on June 25 in the United Nations Headquarters.

The Commission in considering items 11, 13 and 14 may wish to take into account appropriate sections of the Executive Secretary's Statement (Document E/AC.34/6).

Item 11 Coordination between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council

Chapter Six (paragraphs 91 - 156) of the Statement presents a comprehensive account of the Commission relations with specialized agencies and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council. It should be pointed out that the section dealing with relations between ECLA and IA-ECOSOC was prepared in consultation and agreement with the Executive Secretary of the IA-ECOSOC.

Item 13 Work Programme and Priorities

Chapter Three (paragraphs 15 - 68) of the Statement includes an account of the present work-programme of the Commission. Several projects will be completed in 1952, and it includes projects authorized by the Commission which will be initiated in the second half of 1951.

The list of projects under preparation or to be started in 1951 is included in appendix B to the Statement.

Item 14 Review of Regional Economic Commissions by the Economic and Social Council

Chapter Four (paragraphs 69 - 82) of the Statement presents the

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Executive Secretary's suggestions with respect to possible lines of development of the work of the Commission. It includes proposal of a modification in the Commission Terms of reference (paragraphs 81 - 82) with respect to its responsibility in the field of economic development and technical assistance programme. The latter has been prepared after consultation with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration.

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