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of the member countries that its sessions should yield practical results for the development of Latin American trade,

Having regard to the necessity for international and especially Latin American trade to develop on a co-operative basis, and

Bearing in mind that, for the purposes of trade practice, information as to the measures adopted by each government with respect to foreign trade should be available in due form and course,

Resolves to request the Latin American governments to transmit to the secretariat all information on their customs tariffs and related regulations, both those in force and the amendments thereto, to enable the secretariat to begin centralizing such data within its possibilities with a view to making them available to the respective governments for the information of national organizations concerned with the development of foreign trade, taking into account the publications of the Brussels International Bureau of Customs Tariffs.

TRAINING OF PERSONNEL FOR PORTS

Resolution 104 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955
(E/CN.12/413)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering:

(a) The secretariat's study on maritime transport in South America (E/CN.12/369/Add.3), and

(b) That its conclusions bring to light the need to improve the working methods, management and installations of some Latin American ports, and

Bearing in mind the benefits that could be obtained through technical assistance in this field,

Resolves to recommend to Latin American Governments that, in view of the need to improve the condition of ports in the region, and taking account also of the activities of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in this sphere, they consider the advisability of requesting technical assistance for the training of personnel in the management and operation of ports.

CONSULTATIONS OF INTER-REGIONAL TRADE

Resolution 105 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955
(E/CN.12/414)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Taking note, of resolution 579 A and B (XX) of the Economic and Social Council on the expansion of world trade and on inter-regional trade consultations, which *inter alia*, requests the regional economic commissions to "continue their efforts to facilitate concerted action to maintain and strengthen the economic relations of the countries in their respective regions, both among themselves and with other countries of the world",

Requests the Executive Secretary, with a view to further consideration of the question of consultations on inter-regional trade, to report to the Commission on the developments in this sphere and to forward to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, for transmittal to the Economic Commission for Europe and to the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the text of this resolution.

CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resolution 106 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955
(E/CN.12/415)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Believing that for the maximum efficacy of the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, it is appropriate to intensify co-ordination at the governmental level as much as possible,

Invites the secretariat to prepare and maintain up to date a systematized collection of the resolutions adopted so far by the Commission, so that at any meeting member Governments may have at their disposal the required background information on topics under discussion; and

Draws the attention of member Governments of the American Continent to the advisability of their delegations to ECLA sessions including, in so far as possible, their representatives to IA-ECOSOC.

CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARIATS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resolution 107 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955
(E/CN.12/416)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Mindful of the joint statement made by the secretariats of ECLA and IA-ECOSOC on co-ordination at the secretariat level (E/CN.12/381), and

Taking into consideration the satisfactory co-ordination achieved in the work of the two organizations,

Resolves:

1. To take note with satisfaction of the joint statement made by the secretariats of ECLA and IA-ECOSOC contained in document E/CN.12/381;

2. To express its appreciation of the co-ordination achieved at the secretariat level; and

3. To recommend to the secretariat that it continue to make the maximum effort to achieve the fullest possible co-ordination between its work and that of IA-ECOSOC.

PUBLICITY FOR THE WORK OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

Resolution 108 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955
(E/CN.12/417)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering:

(a) That to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic and social character is one of the fundamental purposes expressed in the Charter of the United Nations,

(b) That, for their part, in accordance with the Charter of the Organization of American States, the Member States have agreed to co-operate with one another, as far as their resources may permit and their laws may provide, in the broadest spirit of good neighbourliness,

in order to strengthen their economic structure, develop their agriculture and mining, promote their industry and increase their trade,

(c) That in the pursuit of identical aims, ECLA is performing with great efficiency work whose merit has been recognized on repeated occasions,

(d) That the knowledge and utilization of the work of ECLA by the maximum number of individuals will contribute effectively to the progress and technical advance of its member nations, and

(e) That this increased knowledge will strengthen the spirit of mutual understanding which is indispensable for a solution of numerous economic problems confronting the region,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Governments of the countries concerned that they facilitate and encourage, by every means at their disposal, publicity for the studies carried out by ECLA, in such a way that knowledge and the benefits of the studies may be extended and may reach not only certain specialized circles but every section of public opinion; and

2. To recommend to the secretariat that, within its budgetary limits, it collaborate with Governments for the attainment of these ends.

DATE AND PLACE OF SEVENTH SESSION

*Resolution 109 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955
(E/CN.12/418)*

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure, and

Expressing its thanks to the Government of the Republic of Bolivia for its generous invitation to hold the seventh session of the Commission in La Paz,

Resolves that the seventh session of the Commission be held in La Paz, not later than May 1957.

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ACTION BY THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resolution adopted on 16 September 1955

144. The Commission adopted the following draft resolution for action by the Economic and Social Council, and decided to request the Council to consider the report of its sixth session at the earliest opportunity:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Takes note of the report of the sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America;

"Considers that the work programme of the Commission as established at the sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America held at Bogotá, Colombia, from 29 August to 16 September 1955, is of primary importance for the economic development of Latin America; and

"Endorses the priorities allocated by the Commission to the individual work projects."

Part V

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

145. The Commission approved unanimously its programme of work and priorities at a plenary meeting held on 16 September 1955.

146. In considering the work programme and priorities, the Commission was guided by the principles and criteria established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as by the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding programmes and priorities, concentration of efforts and resources, control of documentation and related questions. These recommendations are contained in the Economic and Social Council resolutions 324 (XI), 362 B (XII), 402 B (XIII), 451 A (XIV), 497 C (XVI), 553 (XVIII), 557 A (XVIII) and 590 (XX), which give the highest priority to projects that contribute directly to the "economic and social development of under-developed areas" and call for a concentration of efforts and resources for this purpose. The work of the Commission has been directed toward this goal, with particular reference to problems and methods of over-all programming of development in order to accelerate the rate of economic growth.

147. The programme of work was divided into five broad sections: I. Current economic situation; II. Economic growth and technique of programming; III. Economic problems of agriculture (with the collaboration of FAO); IV. Industry and mining; and V. International trade.

148. Within each section projects were listed in three groups, as follows:

(a) *Continuing projects and activities of high priority*

149. This group was defined as consisting of projects and activities in which the responsibility of the Commission and its secretariat, pursuant to the Commission's terms of reference and resolutions, was of a continuing character. The studies and reports contemplated therein were to be presented from time to time. Each study might differ from and supplement the others in scope (country coverage), substance (different aspects of major problems), and time (developments during a given period).

(b) *Ad Hoc projects of high priority*

150. This group was defined as comprising non-recurring projects, for which an approximate duration could be estimated. It included projects of more limited scope than the continuing projects (group a), as well as occasional topics as far-reaching as these latter.²⁴

(c) *Other projects*

151. This group was defined as consisting of projects which, in view of staff and budget limitations, would have to be deferred for the present and probably could not be initiated in 1955 or 1956.²⁴

²⁴ Dates of completion or duration are given for *ad hoc* high priority projects and other projects.