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presented by the Secretary-General (E/CN.12/564) and of the report submitted by the Executive Secretary (E/CN.12/599);

2. To express its gratitude to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council for the measures which they have adopted to decentralize United Nations economic and social activities and to strengthen the regional economic commissions;

3. To concur in the opinion of the Secretary-General that, in order to intensify the participation of ECLA in United Nations operational activities it might be necessary to increase its staff resources as appropriate (see E/CN.12/564, paragraph 5 A);

4. To recommend to the Secretary-General that he proceed to carry out the projected decentralization and take steps to secure from the competent bodies of the United Nations the necessary resources for creating an operational technical assistance unit within the secretariat of the Commission, and to assign to it the specialized staff required to prepare and continue developing the technical assistance projects on the lines proposed by the Executive Secretary.

13 May 1961

211 (IX). Co-operation with the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Development Bank

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Takes note with satisfaction of the creation of an *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation consisting of the Director-General of the Organization of American States, the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recognizes that, while the three organizations maintain their independence and freedom of action, the working arrangements of the agreement as set forth in document E/CN.12/601 provide a suitable basis for intensifying the co-operative efforts of these organizations to assist Governments in accelerating their economic and social development,

Endorses the agreement on the understanding that this is a flexible arrangement which may be modified in the light of experience,

Recommends to the ECLA secretariat that it suggest to the Committee in question that, in its work of co-operation and co-ordination, it should maintain close contact with the specialized agencies of the United Nations which operate in Latin America and should ensure the co-ordination of the latter's activities with those of the organizations and agencies forming the Committee, in so far as their respective programmes make this advisable, establishing such mechanisms or arrangements as it may deem appropriate, in accordance with the working relations existing between them.

13 May 1961

212 (IX). Establishment of an ECLA office at Bogotá

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the establishment of an office of

the Economic Commission for Latin America at Bogotá would constitute a decentralization measure that would facilitate the execution of the Commission's projects relating especially to Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and British Guiana,

Bearing in mind that the Government of Colombia has offered to provide, without charge to the United Nations, the necessary premises for the operation of the said office, and has declared its willingness to grant the appropriate privileges and immunities to the office and to the international staff thereof,

Decides to recommend to the Executive Secretary of ECLA that an ECLA office be established at Bogotá, with the aim of facilitating the conduct of the studies and other activities undertaken by the Commission, especially in connexion with Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and British Guiana.

13 May 1961

213 (IX). Relations with inter-American agencies

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the desirability of the Commission's maintaining satisfactory co-ordination and co-operation with the representative inter-American agencies in the economic and social field, in the interests of smoothly integrated action to promote Latin America's economic development,

Bearing in mind that the Montevideo Treaty and the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration have recently been signed and the Inter-American Development Bank and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration created,

Decides:

1. To maintain close liaison with the Organization of Central American States, the Latin American Free-Trade Association, the Inter-American Development Bank, the secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration;

2. To request the Executive Secretary to adopt the necessary measures for co-ordinating the activities of the secretariat with those of the above-mentioned agencies.

13 May 1961

214 (IX). Report of the third session of the Trade Committee

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the Trade Committee, created by virtue of resolution 101 (VI) has presented to it the report (E/CN.12/C.1/19) of its third session, at which important resolutions were adopted with a view to furthering the progress of regional integration,

Considering that the creation of the Latin American Free-Trade Association, under the terms of the Montevideo Treaty signed in February 1960 constitutes further progress towards the creation of a regional common market,

Decides :

1. To take note, with satisfaction, of the report of the third session of the Trade Committee ;
2. To request the secretariat to accord due priority to the work recommended in the various resolutions adopted by the Trade Committee.

13 May 1961

215 (IX). Place and date of the tenth session

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,
Bearing in mind paragraph 15 of its terms of reference and rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,*

Considering the invitation issued by the Government of the Argentine Republic to hold the tenth session of the Commission in the city of Buenos Aires,

Decides :

1. To express its gratitude to the Government of the Argentine Republic for this generous invitation ;
2. To hold its tenth session in the city of Buenos Aires, in April 1963 or in the following month should that prove necessary after the Executive Secretary of the Commission has consulted with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Government of the Argentine Republic.

13 May 1961

PART IV

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America covering the period 30 May 1960 to 15 May 1961 (E/CN.12/573/Rev.1) and of the resolutions and recommendations included in the account of proceedings of the Commission's ninth session, and endorses the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

PART V

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES, 1961-1962

BASIC DIRECTIVES

377. In preparing the programme of work and priorities, the subsidiary bodies of the Commission and the Executive Secretary continued to follow the basic directives and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly, as well as the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding programmes and priorities in the economic and social fields, concentration and co-ordination of efforts and resources, control and limitation of documentation, the pattern of conferences and related questions. Particular attention was given to the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolutions 324 (XI), 362 B (XII), 402 B (XIII), 451 A (XIV), 497 C (XVI), 553 (XVIII), 557 (XVIII), 590 (XX), 597 (XXI), 604 (XXI), 630 (XXII), 664 (XXIV), 693 (XXVI), 694 (XXVI), 709 (XXVII), 710 B (XXVII), 724 A (XXVIII), 731 B (XXVIII), 742 (XXVIII), 751 (XXIX), 777 (XXIX), and 791 (XXIX).

CONCENTRATION AND CO-ORDINATION

378. In accordance with the policy laid down in paragraph 17 of the annex to Economic and Social

Council resolution 693 (XXVI), the secretariat continued to enlist the co-operation of such bodies as universities, national, private or public institutions and non-governmental organizations, in order to make the most effective use of its own resources. The projects carried out in accordance with this policy over the past year include the following :

Project 3 (i). The study on the economic development of Honduras was carried out in close collaboration with a national working group consisting of economists from the National Economic Council (Consejo Nacional de Economía) and the Central Bank, with assistance from the Ministry of Economic Affairs. The studies on the economic development of Guatemala and Nicaragua are also being conducted with the active co-operation of government-sponsored working groups.

Project 3 (iii). The Ford Foundation contributed a substantial sum towards the preparatory work on tax administration and fiscal policy.

Project 3 (v). The Advisory Groups assigned to Bolivia, Chile, Colombia and Venezuela are working in direct contact with the planning and development institutions of those countries, which are co-operating closely with the respective groups. '