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159 (VIII). Study of trends and prospects in the production and consumption of timber in Latin America

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting with concern the contrast between Latin America's abundant forest resources and the steady and increasing flow of imports of forest products effected by the Latin American countries,

Convinced that the rapid and efficient utilization of Latin America's forest resources might represent an important contribution to the region's economic development, to inter-Latin-American trade and to the improvement of the standard of living of the population,

Recognizing that such utilization necessarily entails the analysis and evaluation of Latin America's forest potential and probable future requirements of forest products,

Reiterates its request, previously formulated in resolution 133 (VII), that the secretariat should contact the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with a view to undertaking forthwith a study in close co-operation with that organization;

Regrets that this study should have been deferred for want of resources;

Expresses the hope that the secretariat may be allocated the funds required for carrying out the study in question, which is so urgently needed, that work on it may begin in the course of the current year and that it may be presented at the Commission's next session;

Recommends to Governments:

1. That they take suitable steps to improve information on the forest resources of their respective countries, as well as statistics on forest products, taking advantage whenever necessary of the services of the Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other appropriate bodies;

2. That they co-operate fully with the secretariat, affording it the necessary facilities for carrying out the study.

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160 (VIII). Institutional framework of industrialization

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the maintenance of the same rate of economic development as was registered by Latin America in the past, as well as the prospects opened up by the common market, call for an intensification of efforts to promote industrialization,

Considering that in many of the Latin American countries industrial development is encountering serious obstacles deriving from the institutional structures that are no longer appropriate for the present stages of development and of industrialization,

Considering that this maladjustment between the institutional system and the claims of an energetic industrialization process which could help to expedite the improvement of living standards assumes manifold forms, such as under-development of domestic capital investment markets, inadequate industrial credit systems and deficient industrial legislation,

Considering that it is necessary to co-ordinate measures of economic policy in the monetary, exchange, fiscal, foreign trade control and other fields in order to render the orderly industrialization process more effective,

Considering that the bodies responsible for the economic policy of the Latin American countries should be provided with data from which they can assess the influence of institutional factors on the industrialization process, as well as information on the relations between the industrialization process and over-all economic policy,

Decides:

1. To request the secretariat to carry out research on the institutional factors which help to accelerate or retard the rate of industrial development in Latin America. Studies on industrial legislation, financing, dissemination of techniques, marketing, development institutions, tariffs and the promotion or formation of a spirit of enterprise are especially recommended;

2. To recommend to the member Governments that they co-operate actively and resolutely with the secretariat in order to facilitate the work assigned to it by virtue of the present resolution.

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161 (VIII). Study of the metal-transforming industries

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the economic development of Latin America calls for a sustained effort to create new industries, particularly if the possibilities that the regional common market would offer are borne in mind,

Considering that the metal-transforming industries are of special significance for economic development in that they help to increase the stock of capital goods and also to train skilled labour,

Considering that the metal-transforming industries, taken as a general category, cover a wide variety of activities with differing degrees of technical complexity,

Considering that it would be very useful for countries at the initial stages of industrial development to have at their disposal such background data and experience as would enable them to decide which of the metal-transforming industries it would best suit them to develop, with due regard to the degree of development, resources and markets of the various countries,

Decides to recommend to the secretariat that, with the co-operation of other international organizations working in the same field, it carry out a study of the technical and economic characteristics of the metal-