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328 (XV) ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE REGIONAL APPRAISAL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Taking into account the experience acquired during the first appraisal of the International Development Strategy,

Considering that that experience indicates the need to strengthen national machinery for the review and appraisal of plans and policies and to study in greater depth appraisal methods and procedures,

Taking into consideration the urgency of broadening and improving the information base and reducing the delay in obtaining statistics in order to gain a clearer, more objective and more up-to-date picture of the progress achieved in such aspects of development as savings, investment, the mobilization of resources, income and consumption, employment and unemployment and the social aspects of development,

Bearing in mind the need for better utilization of some potential sources of data such as official registers, censuses, surveys and day-to-day statistics which require better planning, processing and editing,

Conscious of the need to integrate studies on economic and social structures in a unified approach to development in order to assess the interaction among all the variables,

Recognizing the need to understand clearly the relationship between the behaviour of the developed economies, with its effects on international trade and financial co-operation, and the behaviour of the economies of the developing countries,

Considering that, in addition to analysing the current economic and social situation, its origins and history, projections must be made for analysing future prospects in the light of the decisions now being adopted and the effects of different economic policy options,

1. Recommends that countries should strengthen the machinery for the review and appraisal of plans, programmes and policies and should give special priority to the allocation of resources to broaden and improve statistics, particularly those needed for the formulation and periodic appraisal of plans and policies;

2. Requests the secretariat:

(a) To intensify and broaden its studies on the concept of development so as to include all the relevant factors;

(b) To continue to give priority to studies on income distribution and employment, particularly as they relate to unsatisfactory economic and social structures which hinder development and to factors arising from the basic behaviour of the economic and social system which influence the present situation of Latin America in these two respects;

(c) To intensify studies aimed at devising ways of increasing economic growth rates and determining the factors affecting them;

(d) To give special attention to studies concerning the condition of low-income social classes and strata and improve data and analysis on the levels and form of participation of these sectors in social goods and services, particularly in food, housing, education and health;

(e) To consider with special care the aspects relating to the processes of population growth and distribution, urban concentration, and changes in the environment which will significantly affect future patterns of living and the quality of life;

(f) To assign importance to studies of projections of the future behaviour of the main economic and social variables in accordance with different economic policy assumptions and options;

(g) To continue studies on criteria, methodology and procedures for the periodic review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy, including techniques for determining appropriate indicators and processing them in such a way that they will clearly and concisely reflect the progress made and problems encountered in implementing IDS, as well as the situation and changes in the distribution of social benefits among regions and social sectors;

(h) To continue the work on the impact of the inflationary process on the economic and social development of the countries of the region;

(i) To devote greater resources to studies on economic policy instruments and objectives and the analysis of criteria for establishing the relationship between the means and the results of domestic efforts in the various sectors and the contribution made by international co-operation;

(j) To continue to support the standardization of concepts, classifications and procedures used in statistical research in general and in evaluation studies in particular, and their dissemination and application in the countries of the region; and

(k) To take steps to modernize the procedures used for data collection, processing and storage and to improve the efficiency of channels of communication with national systems of statistics;

3. Declares that future meetings of the Committee of High-Level Experts constitute a satisfactory framework for considering the progress made in the studies proposed above and for examining in greater depth the concepts they develop.

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30 March 1973