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tion to the central planning offices, sectoral offices at the ministerial level or autonomous agencies, in order to increase the effectiveness of the over-all planning process.

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### 234 (X). Integration industries

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Considering* that during the next few years the Latin American countries will have to invest heavily in industry, in order to attain the economic and social development targets that have been set,

*Having regard* to the fact that, if the maximum benefit is to be derived from such investment, industrial development must be effectively programmed, so that the branches of industry to be developed are selected on consistent lines and in conformity with an over-all economic and social development outlook,

*Considering* that in each branch of industry, production techniques and industrial equipment must be selected with due regard for the characteristics of Latin America in respect of raw materials, the size of the market, and the relative abundance or shortage of the various factors of production,

*Bearing in mind* that the secretariat, in a study on industrial development in Latin America (E/CN.12/664), has stated these problems in concrete terms and has at the same time drawn a clear picture of the present status and development prospects of the main branches of Latin American industry,

*Considering* that in addition, since the ninth session, the secretariat has prepared studies on various branches of industry<sup>47</sup> which provide useful technical and economic data as a basis for defining the form taken by these problems in the steel-making, metal-transforming, chemical, textile, forest and pulp and paper industries, and that in the course of carrying out such studies it has acquired extensive experience in this field,

*Considering* that in rechannelling Latin America's industrial development in a direction which will enable it to give renewed impetus and better balance to the region's economic and social development process, increasing attention should be devoted to the extensive possibilities for co-ordinated industrial development opened up by the economic integration of Latin America,

*Considering* that the progress of the industrial integration of Latin America depends, on the one hand, on the carrying out of preliminary studies and the assembly of basic data on each specific industry in the various countries, and, on the other hand, on the adoption of a regional approach consistent with the prospects and guiding principles of the economic and social development of Latin America as a whole,

<sup>47</sup> E/CN.12/570/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 63.II.G.7), E/CN.12/619/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 63.II.G.2), E/CN.12/622 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 63.II.G.5), E/CN.12/623, E/CN.12/624 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 63.II.G.1), E/CN.12/628 and Add. 1-3, E/CN.12/629 and Add. 1-5, and E/CN.12/633 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 63.II.G.4).

*Taking into account* the fact that the Governments of some member States have announced their decision to adopt measures to expedite the liberalization of trade within the framework of the Latin American Free-Trade Association,

*Bearing in mind* that if this procedure for expediting the integration process is to prove efficacious, the Governments must have at their disposal at the earliest possible date concrete and accurate technical and economic information on the possibilities of developing integration industries,

*Considering* that the studies already carried out and the experience acquired in the field of industry enable the secretariat to prepare such studies and data,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the secretariat for the studies it has undertaken on industrial questions and recommends their continuation and acceleration on the basis of the highest possible priority;

2. *Recommends* to the secretariat that in carrying out such work it should explore more and more specifically the possibilities of creating industries aimed primarily at the common market, or integration industries such as those concerned with steel-making, chemical and petrochemical products, metal-transforming, transport and building materials, with a view to facilitating their establishment, bringing about import substitution and increasing production, and that it should indicate the methods and procedures which it deems to be most suitable for attaining this objective;

3. *Recommends* to the secretariat that, in planning and implementing such studies, it should pay special attention to the particular situation of the less advanced countries of Latin America, in order to pave the way for government action to enable them to take an active part in the regional integration process;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to bring each one of these studies to the attention of the Governments of member States as soon as they have been completed, so that the Governments may take appropriate action without waiting for the next session of the Commission;

5. *Suggests* to the Governments of member States that they should give priority to projects for the establishment of integration industries;

6. *Invites* international financing institutions to give priority, in the granting of credit, to industrial integration projects.

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### 235 (X). Problems of the textile industry

*The Economic Commission for Latin America,*

*Noting with satisfaction* the progress of the work of the secretariat in connexion with the analysis of the present situation and prospects of the textile industry in the Latin American countries members of the Latin American Free-Trade Association with a view to their participation in an integrated regional market,

*Considering* that the reports submitted so far reveal a high degree of under-utilization of available resources of capital, labour and raw materials and suggest that co-ordinated action should be taken at the national and inter-