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ing their urgent needs in direct relation to existing development projects and by making definite information available on the most appropriate approach to the problem of dissemination of technical knowledge;

Requests the Secretary-General, in providing technical assistance to the countries of Latin America, to take into consideration the conclusions stated in the resolution on economic development approved by this Commission during its third session;

Recalls the resolution it approved during its first session on 25 June 1948;

Recommends :

1. That, in accordance with the resolution of 25 June 1948, the Executive Secretary draw up and make available to the countries concerned lists of national and international technological institutions;

2. That the Executive Secretary obtain from the United Nations and the specialized agencies, lists of experts who may be available for implementing the Technical Assistance programme in Latin American countries, and that the Executive Secretary shall make these lists available to the countries concerned;

3. That the Executive Secretary report on progress made in the field of technical assistance in Latin America to each session of the Economic Commission for Latin America.

(c) DISTRIBUTION, MARKETS AND PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Resolution of 20 June 1950 (E/CN.12/193)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that it is necessary that the Latin American countries achieve the integration of their domestic economies, bringing their economic units into closer contact,

Considering the urgency of reducing costs of basic agricultural products, to bring them within the reach of a greater number of domestic consumers,

Considering the importance of this reduction in costs as regards the possibilities of expanding domestic markets.

Considering that a policy of reducing costs with no unfavourable effect upon the real income of the population can contribute considerably to the economic development of our countries and fundamentally to industrial development,

Considering that the Economic Commission for Latin America approved a resolution on 13 June 1949 which is to some extent relevant to this problem;

Recommends that the Executive Secretary to the Economic Commission for Latin America, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other international organizations make selective studies of certain products, to determine the conditions relating to their distribution, and the formation of the prices of these products on domestic markets.

(d) IMMIGRATION

Resolution of 20 June 1950 (E/CN.12/191)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that immigration can, along with other measures, play an important role in the economic development of Latin America,

Welcomes the action taken by the International Labour Organisation in having convened a preliminary migration conference of States interested in European migration, the United Nations, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization and other specialized agencies, at Geneva, 25 April-9 May 1950;

Agrees in principle with the report and conclusions of that conference (E/CN.12/179) dealing with economic development and the financing of economic development projects in relation with migration;

Recognizes the seriousness of the problem created by the existence of surplus populations available for emigration from Europe;

Takes note of the reports on immigration in Brazil (E/CN.12/169/Add.1), Chile (E/CN.12/169/Add.2) and Venezuela (E/CN.12/169/Add.3) prepared by the Executive Secretary of the Commission in co-operation with the interested specialized agencies and the Department of Social Affairs of the United Nations;

Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation and other specialized agencies concerned, to set up a working committee at the secretariat level :

(a) To study the relation between the economic development of Latin America and immigration;

(b) To provide the Latin American countries at their request with :

1. Surveys with respect to their economic capacity to receive immigration;

2. Advice and assistance on the manner in which economic development can be promoted by immigration;

3. Advice on the feasibility of adopting specific plans and projects of economic development involving immigration for which financial and technical assistance may be needed from international organizations;

Requests the Executive Secretary to invite the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to participate, at the appropriate stage, in the work of the above-mentioned committee.

(e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL CREDIT EXPERTS

Resolution of 19 June 1950 (E/CN.12/195)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the success of the programmes of agricultural credit in the Latin American countries

depends to a great extent on technical training of a special nature;

Considering that the majority of the Latin American countries have had valuable experience as regards the organization and functioning of agricultural credit;

Considering that it is necessary to combine efforts and benefit from the experience acquired, making it available to each of the countries;

Recommends :

(a) That the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America, in consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should urgently request from the Latin American countries information relating to the structure and methods of operation of their agricultural credit institutions and of their training centres and that the results of this inquiry be assembled in such a way that they reveal the needs of technical assistance and also the facilities which the Latin American countries may be able to offer in order to collaborate in a co-operative programme of technical assistance;

(b) That the ECLA/FAO Co-operative Unit submit the results of this inquiry to the pre-conference regional meeting of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to be held in Montevideo in December 1950, without this preventing its subsequent analysis and consideration by the Economic Commission for Latin America, in order that it may serve as a basis for the elaboration of a plan for immediate action in the field of agricultural credit and within the limits of the financial resources which will be used for this purpose by the competent organizations of the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

(c) That, as soon as the ECLA/FAO Co-operative Unit is in possession of the results of the inquiry mentioned above, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America shall send copies to its member governments in order that they may be able to study the said document;

(d) That the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations take steps in order that, in the programme of technical assistance offered by the United Nations through its specialized agencies, due attention be given to scholarships for professional training in activities connected with agricultural credit;

(e) That the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations convene, as soon as possible and with the co-operation of the Governments of Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and Panama, a meeting of agricultural credit experts in one of the Central American countries; in addition to those mentioned above, any country interested may attend the meeting, the provisional agenda to be prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Latin America in consultation with the governments concerned.

(f) AGRICULTURAL CREDIT STUDIES

Resolution of 19 June 1950 (E/CN.12/196)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that in the Latin American countries the greater part of the population is engaged in agricultural activities,

Considering that the development of agriculture in co-ordination with that of other activities is essential to the economic development of the Latin American countries, in order that they may raise their standards of living,

Considering that the legal system and the economic and social structure are peculiar to each one of the Latin American countries and require specific plans for agricultural development,

Considering that agricultural credit is one of the most important factors for the improvement of these activities,

Takes note with satisfaction of the report presented by the ECLA/FAO Co-operative Unit on Agricultural Credit in Central America, which demonstrates the effective results obtained through the co-operation of the two bodies of the United Nations;

Requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to continue the studies on agricultural credit in other Latin American countries, taking into account the financial possibilities and social factors that determine the conditions of agricultural credit in each country.

(g) DOMESTIC CAPITAL MARKETS

Resolution of 19 June 1950 (E/CN.12/197)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the economic development of the Latin American countries should be based on their domestic financial resources with the co-operation of foreign capital,

Considering that it is necessary that the Latin American countries know their financial capacity in order to carry out programmes to hasten their economic development in a balanced and stable manner, and that the estimation of the amount of their domestic financial resources and a study of the distribution thereof would be a means of analysis which could contribute to the obtaining of greater financial assistance from abroad,

Considering that investigations of a general nature already exist on these problems, which could serve as a basis for more detailed studies,

Recommends to the Executive Secretary :

1. That, with the consent of the respective governments and in collaboration with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and other international organizations, he make studies on the domestic capital markets of each of the Latin American countries;