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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. PIERRE HUDICOURT	Haiti
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES	Guatemala
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. de OLANO	Argentina
	Mr. RODRIGUEZ CALVO	Bolivia
	Mr. BARBOSA CAVALCANTI	Brazil
	Mr. SCHNACKE	Chile
	Mr. VALVERDE VEGA	Costa Rica
	Mr. SILVERIO	Cuba
	Mr. ABELARDO DELGADO	El Salvador
	Mr. KELLOGG	United States of America
	Mr. CHARVET	France
	Mr. SIERRA	Mexico
	Mr. NEWTON	Netherlands
	Mr. McCULLOUGH	Panama
	Mr. OVERTON	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. VICIOSO PEGUERO	Dominican Republic
	Mr. FREIRE	Uruguay

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. CASSERES	}	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Mr. TERVER		
Mr. MARTINEZ OSTOS		International Monetary Fund

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

<u>Category A:</u>	Mr. STEBELSKI	International Chamber of Commerce
<u>Category B:</u>	Mr. GALVEZ	International Organization for Standardization
	Mr. du BOUCHET	National Association of Manufacturers (USA)

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. CASTILLO	Deputy Executive Secretary
Mr. MALINOWSKI	Department of Economic Affairs
Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Secretary of the Committee

ECLA AND FAO JOINT WORK PROGRAMME (E/CN.12/AC.14/1, E/CN.12/235,
E/CN.12/229, E/CN.12/AC.14/2) (continued)

Progress report on the joint work programme of ECLA and FAO
(E/CN.12/229, E/CN.12/AC.14/1) (continued)

The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the United States draft resolution on the above item (E/CN.12/AC.14/1).

Mr. SCHNACKE (Chile) supported that draft resolution but felt that it was incomplete; he would like the insertion of a reference to the Latin American training centre on agricultural programme planning to be set up at Santiago, which had been described in a document circulated unofficially by the FAO. He therefore requested that the agenda item should be held open until members had had time to study that document and to decide on the desirability of inserting such a reference.

Mr. SILVERIO (Cuba) supported the Chilean proposal.

The CHAIRMAN, on the understanding that action had not been completed on the agenda item, called for the vote on the United States draft resolution.

The United States draft resolution was adopted.

Report on the importance of forests and forest production in Latin
American economy (E/CN.12/235, E/CN.12/AC.14/2) (continued)

Mr. SIERRA (Mexico) proposed the insertion in the Chilean draft resolution on the above item (E/CN.12/AC.14/2) of a paragraph recommending to Latin American countries which were making forest inventories that they should complete them as soon as possible and that countries which had no such inventories should begin work on them.

/Mr. KELLOGG

Mr. KELLOGG (United States of America) thought that the text of the Chilean draft resolution was not clear. The procedure outlined in paragraph 4 of the operative part appeared to be incorrect, since requests for technical assistance were dealt with, not by the Economic and Social Council, but by the Secretary General through the Technical Assistance Administration. It was his understanding, in connexion with the fifth paragraph of the operative part, that ECLA had the right to make recommendations directly to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, so that the reference to the Council was inappropriate.

The experts of the United States Forestry Department in the Department of Agriculture had read the basic document (E/CN.12/235) with great interest and urged, through him, that member countries should profit by the mistakes made by the United States, which had learned the absolute necessity of drawing up well in advance of any development programme in forestry a comprehensive conservation policy with the requisite legislation for the protection of forest, water and soil resources. The FAO would undoubtedly provide valuable assistance in framing such a policy.

Mr. TERVER (Food and Agriculture Organization) wholeheartedly agreed with the United States representative's remarks about conservation and also supported the Mexican proposal. He would like very much to see the attention of the countries concerned drawn to the need to combine a consistent conservation policy with a

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sound long-term development programme.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the representative of Chile, the United States of America and Mexico, with the collaboration of the representatives of the FAO and the International Bank should form a working party to draft a revised text.

It was so agreed.

Mr. SIERRA (Mexico) supported the remarks of the United States representative concerning conservation and submitted some brief considerations on the desirability of conservation which he would recommend to the attention of the working party.

Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES (Guatemala) thought that the working party might also consider, in conjunction with the FAO, the problems of customs barriers and high freight costs in connexion with forest industries.

Mr. FREIRE (Uruguay) observed that that was a topic to be dealt with by the Ad Hoc Committee on International Trade, in which his delegation intended to raise the problem of customs barriers and freight costs, including the aspect mentioned by the Guatemalan representative.

Mr. SCHNACKE (Chile) suggested that the working party might draft a recommendation to the Ad Hoc Committee on International Trade embodying the Guatemalan representative's suggestion.

It was so agreed.

NOTE ON THE SOUTH AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE: ITEM REFERRED
BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (E/CN.12/232)(continued)

The CHAIRMAN read out the draft resolution prepared by the chair
as a result of the discussion at the previous meeting, as follows:

"THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

1. TAKES NOTE of Document E/CN.12/232 concerning the South
American Petroleum Institute submitted by the Executive
Secretary; and

2. CONSIDERING

(a) that the Economic and Social Council has requested
the Economic Commission for Latin America to advise the
Council on the application of the South American
Petroleum Institute for consultative status in category B;

(b) that the activities of the South American Petroleum
Institute are such as would further the economic development
of the Latin American countries and that its collaboration
may therefore be of use to the organs of the United
Nations concerned

DECIDES to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that
it should accord to the South American Petroleum Institute
consultative status in category E."

Mr. SIERRA (Mexico) supported that draft resolution.

Mr. GOMEZ ROBLES (Guatemala) said that the excellent drafting
of the resolution had allayed any misgivings which he had originally
felt.

Mr. KELLOG (United States of America) wished to study the
text before voting on it. It appeared to cover only the first part
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of the Uruguayan proposal made at the previous meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said that that was the only draft resolution covering the agenda item.

Mr. SILVERIO (Cuba) was in favour of the draft resolution, but would like to express again the reservation of his delegation to make its final decision at the plenary meeting after hearing the views of the Colombian and Venezuelan delegations.

The draft resolution concerning the application of the South American Petroleum Institute for consultative status in category B was adopted.

Mr. FREIRE (Uruguay) expressed his great satisfaction at the result of that vote and reiterated his deep appreciation of the meritorious aims, purposes and achievements of the South American Petroleum Institute, in particular its work in exchanging information about the petroleum industry.

RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (E/CN.12/233)

At the request of Mr. SCHNACKE (Chile), Mr. MALINOWSKI (Department of Economic Affairs) explained that under its terms of reference, ECLA was competent to make its own rules of procedure, with the proviso that the rules covering its relations with non-governmental organizations were to be governed by the principles adopted by the Economic and Social Council. Since the Council had modified those principles after ECLA had adopted its rules of procedure, the rules would have to be adjusted accordingly. On the other hand, as the Council at its following session would review the work of the

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regional commissions, the Council NGO Committee had expressed the view that no immediate revision of the rules of procedure was necessary. Consequently, ECLA could either wait until the Council had completed its review or, as suggested in paragraph 12 of the Executive Secretary's note (E/CN.12/233), it might provisionally apply the relevant rules of procedure contained in **Council** resolution 288(X).

Mr. KELLOGG (United States of America) strongly supported the suggestion contained in paragraph 12.

It was agreed that the United States and Chilean representatives would submit a draft resolution to that effect, to be considered at a subsequent meeting.

TRAFFIC REGULATION ON THE INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY (E/CN.12/237,
E/CN.12/238)

Mr. SIERRA (Mexico) emphasized the outstanding importance of traffic regulation on the Inter-American Highway. He proposed that the discussion of the subject should be postponed until the following meeting, to allow delegations to study more thoroughly the documentation presented to them, including the 1949 Geneva Convention on Road Traffic.

Mr. KELLOGG (United States of America) and Mr. SCHNACKE (Chile) supported the proposal.

The Mexican proposal was adopted.

The meeting rose at 2355.
