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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SIXTH MEETING

Held at La Paz on Monday, 27 May 1957, at 11.40 a.m.

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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. TORRES GAITAN	Mexico
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. MONDRAGON	Honduras
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. MELERO	Argentina
	Mr. SANCHEZ PEÑA	Bolivia
	Mr. ALMEIDA MAGALLANES	Brazil
	Mr. MELNICK	Chile
	Mr. GAMBOA	Cuba
	Mr. GINEBRA	Dominican Rep.
	Mr. CIFUENTES	Ecuador
	Mr. POUSSARD	France
	Mr. MELGAR LARRIEU	Guatemala
	Mr. ZIJDERVELD	Netherlands
	Mr. BARNES	United Kingdom
	Mr. ROSENSON	United States of America
	Mr. DEMARCO	Uruguay
	Mr. SALAZAR	Venezuela

ALSO PRESENT:

<u>Observers from Member States:</u>	Mr. DIMITRIU	Romania
	Mr. MANZHULO	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
<u>Observer from a non-Member State:</u>	Mr. ENGELS	Federal Republic of Germany

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Representatives
of specialized
agencies:

Mr. LAGNADO	International Labour Organisation
Mr. MOSER	Food and Agriculture Organisation

Observers from inter-governmental organizations:

Mr. IRAÑETA	Inter-American Economic and Social Council
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Secretariat:

Mr. SWENSON	Deputy Director, Economic Commission for Latin America
Mr. URQUIDI	Director, Economic Commission for Latin America, Mexico Office
Mr. MAYOBRE	Secretary of the Committee
Mr. FURTADO	Assistant Secretary of the Committee

APPROVAL OF THE RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT (Conference Room Paper N° 57)

Mr. MONDRAGON (Honduras), Rapporteur, read out his report.

Mr. POUSSARD (France) congratulated the Rapporteur on the speed and efficiency with which he had prepared the report. However, he felt that the report did not convey quite clearly his delegation's view on the uses of nuclear energy in Latin America, namely, that Latin America should explore the possibilities of exploiting to the full its conventional power resources and confine its efforts in the nuclear field, for the present at least, to training experts and keeping abreast of world progress.

Mr. MELNICK (Chile) associated himself with Mr. Poussard's congratulations on the work of the Rapporteur. In addition, he wished to point out, in connexion with section 1 (b) on page 3 of the report, that in discussing the disequilibrium between agricultural and industrial development his delegation had stressed the importance of taxation and land tenure systems. In connexion with section 1 (c) (pages 4 and 5), his delegation had drawn attention to the social aspect of the problem, particularly with regard to the displacement of labour from one sector to another.

Mr. BARNES (United Kingdom) asked for the report to be amended to indicate the reasons for his delegation's abstention from voting on the resolution regarding the social aspects of economic development. He proposed that on page 12, lines 7 and 8, the words "the delegations of the United Kingdom and the United States abstaining from voting" should be deleted. At

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the end of the paragraph the following should be added:

"The delegations of the United Kingdom and the United States abstained from voting on the draft resolution on the grounds that its terms firstly, suggested an extension of ECLA's activities in the social field which might well divert energies from the basic economic work of the secretariat, and secondly, might lead to duplication of the work of other United Nations bodies."

Mr. SANCHEZ PEÑA (Bolivia) thanked the Committee for its co-operation in approving the resolution on the mining industry presented by his delegation, a resolution which might prove very important for the economic development of all Latin American countries.

Mr. ROSENSON (United States) congratulated the Rapporteur on his clear and concise report. Referring to section 4, he asked for the report to be amended to include the view expressed by his delegation that the secretariat should report to the Secretary-General that some countries receiving decentralized technical assistance had indicated the success of that system. In section 5, he asked for the report to be amended to indicate the reasons for his delegation's abstention on the resolution concerning the iron and steel industries: firstly, that it might result in some duplication with the work of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council with respect to standardization studies, and secondly, that the task assigned to the secretariat under paragraph 3 of the resolution was too large

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and too technical for it to undertake with its present resources.

Mr. BARNES (United Kingdom) said his delegation had concurred with the second reason explained by the United States representative. A further reason for the United Kingdom abstention, which he asked to be included in the report, was that his delegation had not had sufficient time to study the report of the Sao Paulo meeting, part of which was still not available, and could not therefore "note with satisfaction" the contents thereof.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the Rapporteur's report with the amendments proposed by the delegations of the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Rapporteur's report as amended, was approved unanimously.

Mr. ALMEIDA MAGALHAES (Brazil), Mr. MELERO (Argentina), Mr. GINEBRA (Dominican Republic), Mr. GAMBOA (Cuba), Mr. DE MARCO (Uruguay), Mr. MELNICK (Chile), Mr. SALAZAR (Venezuela) and Mr. ROSENSON (United States) thanked the Rapporteur, the Chairman and the secretariat for their efficient work.

The meeting rose at 12.35 p.m.