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retariat, which points to the advisability of the economic integration of the said countries,

(d) That various other Latin-American governments have already taken steps for the better integration of their economies,

(e) That economic development is the course to be followed by the Latin-American countries for the purpose of raising their standards of living to a level similar to that prevailing in countries which are more highly developed,

(f) That this economic development calls for the existence of conditions which allow the establishment of sufficiently wide markets for the new products to be introduced, as well as supplementary production, mobility of production, efficient monetary instruments and marketing and other facilities required by that doctrine,

(g) That past experience, together with the results of theoretical research, shows that such conditions were established successfully and operated more efficiently whenever a high degree of economic affinity existed between the interested parties, and

(h) That this economic affinity in fact involves a fairly rapid and intense process of integration, which in turn is both a corollary and an essential condition of economic development,

Recommends that the secretariat

(a) Consider the advisability and the possibilities of gradual and progressive economic integration in the countries of Latin America, as well as the form which such integration should take, determining the necessary measures, procedures and conditions for this purpose;

(b) Take into account, for the purpose described in the preceding paragraph, that:

(i) The process of economic integration should provide the means of attaining a general and progressive improvement of the standard of living of the groups involved in the process, and that an attempt should be made to ensure an equal distribution of the benefits of progress;

(ii) The process of economic integration should not infringe in any way upon the political sovereignty and economic independence of member States; and

(iii) An effort should be made to ensure that these investigations progressively embrace all the Latin-American countries.

PROMOTION OF TOURISM

Resolution 56 (V) adopted on 25 April 1953
(E/CN.12/341)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Having considered the economic situation in Latin America and analysed the factors whose favourable development would help in the development of the national economies,

Considering the fact that tourism is one of the effective means of promoting the economic development of certain regions and that it is conducive, moreover, to the cultural and political *rapprochement* of peoples,

Considering that the execution of an effective tourist policy requires, for its proper development, agreements calculated to achieve this purpose among the countries of the region,

Being convinced that the said agreement should be based on impartial studies of the conditions prevailing in Latin America in this particular respect, and that these studies will make it possible to remove the obstacles hampering the expansion of tourism between the Latin-American peoples, and

Noting that there is widespread belief concerning the many advantages which a gradual broadening of the movements of tourists will yield,

Considering that the Transport and Communications Commission of the United Nations has recommended to the Economic and Social Council the calling of a world conference for the purpose of simplifying and liberalizing customs formalities applicable to tourists, and

Considering that the Inter-American Economic and Social Council is carrying out full studies and other useful works relating to this subject,

Requests the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, to work out methods through which the Commission can co-operate in these studies.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES AND MINING

Resolution 57 (V) adopted on 24 April 1953
(E/CN.12/342)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering

(a) That the Executive Secretary, as instructed at the fourth session of the Commission, organized in co-operation with the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations and with the Government of Colombia a meeting of an Expert Working Group on Iron and Steel Industry in Latin America, held at Bogota from 13 to 31 October 1952, and prepared a report on this subject, and that both the meeting and the report demonstrated the importance of the iron and steel industry for economic development and the need for further research,

(b) That the exchange of experience and knowledge within Latin America is of capital importance, and

(c) That the investigation of new production processes and the dissemination of the relevant conclusions are of great value for the iron and steel industry of the region,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the report on the iron and steel industry prepared by the Executive Secretary and the method of analysis utilized in the said report;

Expresses its satisfaction with the results obtained by the meeting of the Expert Working Group held at Bogota;

2. *Recommends* that the secretariat continue research relating to the iron and steel industry, and in particular that it:

(a) Collect and distribute statistics concerning the iron and steel and related transforming industries in