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of that higher spiritual union which is implicit in the historical origin and destiny of the Central American countries,

Taking into account the report by the secretariat²⁰ describing the co-operation rendered by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other specialized agencies, as well as the assistance given to the Committee by the secretariat through its Mexico Office,

Decides:

1. To place on record the feeling of sympathy with which the delegations present view this movement towards Central American economic integration in furtherance of the ideal of Central American solidarity, and to take note with deep satisfaction of the activities carried out by the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee during the year 1957-1958 and of the work of the secretariat and those United Nations organs which provide technical assistance for the Central American Economic Integration Programme;

2. To congratulate the Committee on the progress achieved and to express the hope that its forthcoming session may be productive of decisions and measures which will increasingly strengthen the positive results of the Programme;

3. To congratulate the secretariat also on the advisory functions which it has performed and to extend these congratulations especially to the staff of the Mexico Office of ECLA and its Director, Mr. Víctor L. Urquidí, who has so efficiently carried out the work assigned to him, both in connexion with the required research and studies, and in association with the Governments members of the Committee.

7 April 1958.

141 (AC.40). 1960 census of the Americas

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that, at its fourth session held at Rio de Janeiro in 1954, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in its resolution 50/54 recommended to Governments that they take a census every ten years from 1950 onwards, and that they carry out analytical studies on the essential characteristics of population, housing and agricultural activities in their respective countries,

Bearing in mind the document entitled "1960 Census of the Americas",²¹ in which the secretariat reports on the relevant project of the Inter-American Statistical Institute,

Taking into account the value to the countries concerned and to the Commission of the data that can be obtained from carefully organized censuses,

1. *Reiterates* to the Latin American countries that recommendation of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in the aforesaid resolution;

2. *Recommends* to the member Governments that they do everything in their power to co-operate in the Inter-American Statistical Institute's project for a 1960 census of the Americas.

7 April 1958.

²⁰ E/CN.12/AC.40/10.

²¹ E/CN.12/AC.40/12.

142 (AC.40). Tenth anniversary of the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind that it is now ten years since the United Nations established this Commission, which has rendered such useful services to the Latin American Countries in the economic field,

Emphasizing the importance of its work for inter-Latin American economic co-operation,

Considering that it is needful and desirable that the activities of the Commission during the first ten years of its existence should be made as widely known as possible,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the United Nations for the establishment of this Commission, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary;

2. *Requests* the countries members of the Commission and all those taking part in its work that they continue to co-operate closely with the Commission in order to promote the more effective fulfilment of its aims and objectives;

3. *Requests* the countries members of the Commission that they collaborate with the United Nations in publicizing the Commission's activities;

4. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to take the necessary steps to publish, at the earliest opportunity and in whatever form it may deem most effective and appropriate, a volume containing a methodical and homogeneous account of all those aspects of the Commission's activities during the first decade of its existence which serve to indicate, together with the work achieved, the aims by which it is guided in its pursuit of the economic progress of Latin America.

7 April 1958.

143 (AC.40). United Nations building in Santiago

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the generous and repeated offer of the Government of Chile to donate to the United Nations a plot of land for the erection of a building for its offices in Santiago,

Taking into account resolution 1224 (XII) concerning this offer, adopted by the General Assembly on 14 December 1957,

Having examined the report by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the proposals for financing this building,²²

1. *Reiterates its thanks* to the Government of Chile for its kind offer;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of General Assembly resolution 1224 (XII) and of the Secretary-General's report;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Secretary-General will expedite the work he has undertaken in this connexion so that the project for the United Nations building in Santiago will soon become a reality.

7 April 1958.

144 (AC.40). Technical assistance

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind the studies entitled "Technical assistance activities in Latin America",²³ prepared by the

²² E/CN.12/AC.40/6.

²³ E/CN.12/AC.40/5.

Technical Assistance Administration, and "Expanded programme of technical assistance",²⁴ prepared by the secretariat of the Technical Assistance Board, as well as the section in the progress report by the Executive Secretary²⁵ relating to the secretariat's collaboration with the decentralized units of the Technical Assistance Administration,

Whereas the Secretary-General of the United Nations laid stress, in his report to the General Assembly,²⁶ on the fact that the decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration office for Latin America had made it possible to ensure close collaboration between the Technical Assistance Administration and the secretariat of the Commission, and that this collaboration had been reflected in a marked increase in the interest shown by the Latin American Governments in technical assistance provided by the above-mentioned Office, particularly in the fields of natural resources and the development of energy, transport and communications, as well as industrial development and productivity,

Whereas the Secretary-General also pointed out that decentralization had led to the establishment of closer contact between the Technical Assistance Administration and governmental agencies concerned with economic development, resulting in more effective studies and in an improvement in the formulation of projects, and, hence, in the more rapid implementation and greater usefulness of the programme,

Whereas the experience of the Latin American Governments confirms the statements made by the Secretary-General,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned studies "Technical assistance activities in Latin America"²³ and "Expanded programme of technical assistance"²⁴ and the relevant part of the progress report by the Executive Secretary;²⁵

2. *Endorses the hope* expressed by the Latin American Governments that the decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration be established on a permanent basis as soon as possible, in order to further the trend towards the more efficient utilization of resources for the Administration's programmes which has resulted from such decentralization.

8 April 1958.

145 (AC.40). Latin American regional market

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

²⁴ E/CN.12/AC.40/4.

²⁵ E/CN.12/AC.40/2.

²⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 29, document A/C.2/196.*

Bearing in mind the progress report on inter-Latin American Trade and the regional market, covering the period June 1957 to April 1958, submitted by the secretariat,²⁷

Taking into account resolution XL adopted by the Economic Conference of the Organization of American States, held at Buenos Aires, which, *inter alia*, unanimously declared that it is desirable gradually and progressively to establish a Latin American regional market on multilateral and competitive bases, thus expressing the support of the countries of the Organization of American States for this project,

Considering that, in conformity with Trade Committee resolution 3 (I), subsequently endorsed by the Commission at its seventh session in resolution 116 (VII), a Working Group on the Latin American Regional Market met for the first time in Santiago from 3 to 11 February 1958,

Considering that delegations to the sixth session of the Committee of the Whole have expressed their satisfaction at the progress of the work undertaken in this field,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the above-mentioned resolution of the Economic Conference at Buenos Aires and expresses its gratification at the results achieved by the Working Group at its session in Santiago in February 1958;

2. *Recommends* to the secretariat that it continue to promote most energetically and give high priority to the studies on the Latin American regional market.

8 April 1958.

146 (AC.40). Collaboration of workers' organizations with the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that during the ten years since its inception the Commission has done valuable work in producing economic and social studies of the countries of Latin America,

Considering that the activities of the Commission, being concentrated in the economic and social field, are of special importance to workers, and that their views should therefore be taken into account by the Commission,

Recommends that in its work the Commission should pay due regard to the views of the workers.

8 April 1958.

²⁷ E/CN.12/AC.40/3.

Part IV

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

193. At its 4th meeting, held on 8 April 1958, the Committee of the Whole adopted the following draft resolution for submission to the Economic and Social Council:

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America for the period 30 May 1957 to 8 April 1958 (E/3091), of the recommendations included in the account of the proceedings of the sixth session of the Committee of the Whole, and of the programme of work and priorities contained therein.