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Santiago, Chile

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SECOND MEETING

Held at the Hotel Carrera, Santiago, Chile, on
Monday, 8 February 1954, at 3.25 p.m.

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<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. GUILLERMO DEL PEDREGAL HERRERA	Chile
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Mr. RAMIRO HERNANDEZ TORTELA	Cuba
	Mr. HUGO V. DE LENA	Uruguay
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. JOSE AVILES	El Salvador
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. DE LA CRUZ GUERRERO	Argentina
	Mr. ITURRALDE CHINEL	Bolivia
	Mr. RODRIGUES VALLE	Brazil
	Mr. SEPULVEDA CONTRERAS	Chile
	Mr. RUEDA MARTINEZ	Colombia
	Mr. MORERA BATES	Costa Rica
	Mr. SOTO	Dominican Republic
	Mr. LUIG VILLAZAR	Ecuador
	Mr. COLFERD	France
	Mr. MERCERON	Haiti
	Mr. GALVEZ	Honduras
	Mr. NUÑEZ Y DOMINGUEZ	Mexico
	Mr. HUYSE	Netherlands
	Mr. HERNANDEZ CAMUS	Nicaragua
	Mr. YCAZA VASQUEZ	Panama
	Mr. LALLORQUIN	Paraguay
	Mr. WRIGHT	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. SANDERS	United States of America
	Mr. GONZALEZ VALE	Venezuela

/Also present:

Also present:Representative of a specialized agency:

Mr. LARSEN	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
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Representatives of inter-governmental organizations:

Mr. TAYLOR	Inter-American Economic and Social Council
Mr. PRIETO	Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

<u>Category A:</u>	Mr. VIDAL CARDENAS	International Chamber of Commerce
	Mr. THAYER ANTENAGA	International Federation of Christian Trade Unions
	Mr. VARGAS LUEBIA	World Federation of Trade Unions
<u>Category B:</u>	Mr. LEFFNER	Agudas Israel World Organization
	Mrs. FIGUEROA	All Pakistan Women's Association
	Miss CALVO	Catholic International Union for Social Service
	Rev. ZOTTELE	Commission of the Churches on International Affairs
	Mr. DRANKIN Mr. STEINSAFER	Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations for Consultation with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
	Mr. BARROS J. RIA	Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production
	Mr. EDO	Inter-American Federation of Automobile Clubs
	Mr. UNTERRICHTER	International Catholic Migration Commission

/ Mr. MAYHARD

Category B (continued)

Mr. MAYNARD	International Committee of Scientific Management
Mr. DRAPKIN	International Society for Criminology
Mr. KRULL	International Organization for Standardization
Miss JORQUERA	Liaison Committee of Women's International Organizations; World's Woman's Cristian Temperance Union
Mr. IRARRAZAVAL	Pax Romana - International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs
Mr. SIMIAN	South American Petroleum Institute
Mrs. COLOMBO DE LAGARRIGUE	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Mr. FRIEDMAN	World Jewish Congress
Mr. SANTA MARIA	World Power Conference
Mr. VERBAKEL	Young Christian Workers
<u>Secretariat:</u> Mr. COHEN	Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Department of Public Information
Mr. FIEBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. SWENSON	Assistant Director
Mr. ECHEGOYEN	Special Adviser to the Executive Secretary
Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Secretary of the Committee

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The CHAIRMAN declared the meeting opened and asked that the provisional agenda be approved.

Mr. COIFFARD (France) referred to the delay in the distribution of Conference documents and said that he had not had time to study the Programme of Work and Priorities. He also stated that he did not have any technical adviser attached to his Delegation at the Committee and would thus not be able to deal with certain matters in detail. Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Committee) apologised for the delay in the distribution of that document, but pointed out that the work programme was substantially the same as that adopted at the fifth session, and the few changes were not substantive.

The Provisional Agenda was approved.

STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

The CHAIRMAN introduced the Executive Secretary, who proceeded to deliver a speech on the work of the Secretariat and the economic problems of Latin America. The text of this speech has been issued as a separate document in Spanish (Information Paper No. 4).

The CHAIRMAN complimented the Executive Secretary on his interesting and succinct summary of the work accomplished by the Secretariat during the year, and stated that this type of analysis of Latin American problems was of great value. He asked for comments on the Executive Secretary's speech.

Mr. VALLE (Brazil) stated that Mr. Prebisch's remarks were very gratifying to his delegation, particularly those with reference to the economic factors which had brought about the recent rise in coffee prices.

The CHAIRMAN requested that the delegate for Uruguay, as vice-chairman of the committee, replace him in the chair for the rest of the afternoon. The VICE-CHAIRMAN took the chair.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRESS REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

(E/CN.12/AC.24/2/Rev.1)

The VICE-CHAIRMAN asked for comments on the Progress Report.

Mr. SANDERS (United States) congratulated Dr. Prebisch and his colleagues on the work accomplished by the Secretariat, but wished to
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make some specific observations on document E/CN.12/AC.24/2/Rev.1.

With reference to paragraph 15 of that document, he wished to state that the policy of his Government in the distribution abroad of surplus agricultural commodities was not to displace either the usual markets of the United States or friendly countries, and that there was no intention of changing such a policy.

For paragraph 17, his Government did not believe that the new availability of Iranian petroleum in the world market would greatly affect the production and sale of Latin American petroleum, because increasing world demand would very probably be sufficient to absorb such additional supplies.

Concerning paragraph 19, he understood that the Commission had asked the Secretariat not to perfect its analysis but to continue and to amplify its studies and to take into account in its country studies the objective of balanced development.

With respect to paragraph 60, he thought that it would be interesting to receive more information on the scope and purpose of the project mentioned in that paragraph, for in his opinion it would be somewhat difficult and not very useful to formulate a theory on such a complicated subject to be approved or rejected by the member states.

Referring to paragraph 62, he said his Government did not think that the organization of a United Nations mission was the appropriate way of carrying out the work referred to in the resolution mentioned in that paragraph. His delegation thought that it could be accomplished better through studies by the Secretariat.

With regard to subparagraph 4 of paragraph 64, he thought that it would be advisable for ECLA to carry out the study mentioned therein in co-operation both with the GATT and with other international organizations dealing with matters of mutual interest. And finally with respect to subparagraph 5, he wished to mention that the Inter-American Economic and Social Council was currently engaged in a study of maritime transport. He furthermore considered that the study mentioned in the paragraph should be limited to Latin American transport and not to maritime transport in general.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the observations of the United States delegate be considered by the Secretariat, and explained at a subsequent session.

It was so agreed.

Mr. SEPULVEDA (Chile) expressed the satisfaction of his delegation with the work of the Commission and said that he awaited with keen interest the results of the studies now in progress. His delegation was particularly concerned over recent unfavourable trends in raw materials' markets, which had caused repercussions on his country's balance of payments. He would be interested to see the Commission study the effect of those trends on economic stability in the region as a whole. He stated that Mr. del Pedregal in his address at the closing session would refer to the remarks made by the Executive Secretary.

Mr. GALVEZ (Honduras) requested a clarification of paragraph 78 of document E/CN.12/AC.24/2/Rev.1.

The SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE explained that the Second Meeting of the Central Banks of Central America had adopted a resolution instructing the Central Bank of Guatemala to study the project in conjunction with the Secretariat and that at present both institutions were engaged in that work.

Mr. DE LA CRUZ GUERRERO (Argentina) stated that his Government had recently signed an agreement with ECLA, TAA and FAO on holding a pulp and paper expert meeting in his country toward the end of 1954. He stated that Argentina was proud to assist this expert meeting which would be very useful to Latin American governments in view of the importance of that industry and the heavy outlay in foreign exchange which could be saved by developing domestic production of those commodities.

The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY thanked the Argentine Delegation for the facilities provided for the pulp and paper meeting and the excellent cooperation which he had obtained from the Argentine Government in that respect.

Mr. ROUSE (Netherlands) made reference to his country's interest in the pulp and paper meeting and to the prospective establishment of such an industry in Surinam. He also wished to mention in regard to studies

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on electric power that plans in Surinam for electrification and the building of a large hydro-electric plant were well advanced.

Mr. WRIGHT (United Kingdom) wished to associate his delegation with the tributes paid to the Executive Secretary and the work of the Secretariat but he expressed his disappointment over the delay in publishing the quarterly bulletin, in which his delegation had special interest as a means of disseminating the work of ECLA.

The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY thanked the United Kingdom delegate for his support of the Commission's work and explained that the delay in publication of the quarterly bulletin had been due to the impossibility of obtaining the necessary printing equipment. The expected arrival of the equipment would enable the first edition to be published before late 1954. He assured the United Kingdom delegate that the Secretariat attached great importance to the bulletin.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN, in the absence of further comments by the delegates declared the meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.