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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICA

9 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 16 June 1951*
(E/CN.12/275)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that in a resolution (E/CN.12/194) adopted at Montevideo on 20 June 1950 at its third session, it agreed to recommend to Latin-American Governments that in drafting programmes and taking measures to promote economic development "they should take into account the possibilities of expanding demand through reciprocal trade, in order to achieve a better integration of their economies and higher levels of productivity and real income";

Considering that the delegations of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, in pursuance of the principle of the above resolution and in view of the geographical and historical ties which unite Central America, have expressed the interest of their Governments in the development of agricultural and industrial production and of transportation systems in their respective countries so as to promote the integration of their economies and the expansion of markets by the exchange of their products, the co-ordination of their development programmes and the establishment of enterprises in which all or some of these countries have an interest.

Considering that these delegations have also indicated their desire that the Executive Secretary co-operate with the Governments concerned in the study and development of these plans; and

Considering that the aspirations of the Central American countries will make a positive contribution to the economic development of Latin America and are compatible with the objectives of the Commission;

(a) *Takes note* with satisfaction of the declared objectives of the Central American Governments with reference to the integration of their national economies;

(b) *Requests* the Executive Secretary to study the means or plans for the progressive attainment of those objectives; and

(c) *Invites* the Governments of the Isthmus of Central America, whenever they deem it appropriate, to form a committee on economic co-operation, composed of ministers of economic affairs or persons appointed by them, to act as a co-ordinating body for activities relating to the above-mentioned questions, and as a consultative organ of the Executive Secretary of ECLA, both to direct the studies mentioned above and to examine the conclusions reached therein.

SPECIAL INDUSTRY STUDIES

10 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 16 June 1951*
(E/CN.12/279)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Takes note with satisfaction of the series of special studies on industry undertaken by the Secretariat;

Welcomes the report on the productivity of the cotton textile industry in selected Latin-American countries submitted by the Executive Secretary;

Expresses its appreciation of the high quality of that report, and recommends it to all concerned with the industry in Latin America;

Recommends that member Governments take note of the recommendations made by the Executive Secretary in section VIII, entitled "General Recommendations", of Chapter I of this report (E/CN.12/219);

Considers that :

(a) in view of the importance of industrial studies to the economic development of Latin America, similar studies should be carried out as soon as possible on the steel, wood pulp and paper, basic chemicals and foodstuffs industries;

(b) in preparing these studies due attention should be paid to resolution E/CN.12/278, calling for the continuation of the study on the textile industry; and

(c) the Secretariat should seek the collaboration of the specialized agencies, in particular of the Food and Agriculture Organization, for the studies of the pulp and paper and foodstuffs industries;

Recommends that member Governments avail themselves of the technical assistance available to them under the expanded Technical Assistance Programme of the United Nations;

Recommends that member Governments concerned consult with the Executive Secretary, with a view to preparing adequate requests for technical assistance, to be jointly submitted to the Secretary-General and to the appropriate specialized agencies; and

Authorizes the Executive Secretary to call meetings of industrial experts to examine, on their personal responsibility, the conclusions and recommendations contained in each study before submitting them to the Commission.

CONTINUATION OF THE STUDY ON THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

11 (IV). *Resolution adopted on 16 June 1951*
(E/CN.12/278)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the preparation of national economic, social and financial policies to promote the economic development of member countries must be based upon individual studies of the broad factors of economic activity, and that, specifically with regard to industrial development, such studies must necessarily comprise, both

(a) the technical analysis of engineering and administration, and

(b) the general economic analysis of factors outside the industrial installations;

Considering that the study on the productivity of the cotton textile industry in selected Latin-American countries points out to a large extent the principal technical