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Committee of the Whole  
Santiago, Chile

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SECOND SESSION

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

SUMMARY:

1. Adoption of the Agenda (E/CN.12/AC.24/1/Rev.1)
2. Statement by the Executive Secretary of the Commission
3. Consideration of the Progress Report by the Executive Secretary  
(Document E/CN.12/AC.24/2/Rev.1) (Item 4 of the Agenda)

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## PRESENT:

Chairman

Mr. GUILLERMO DEL PEDREGAL

Chile

Vice-Chairmen

Mr. HERNANDEZ PORTELA

Cuba

Mr. HUGO V. DE PENA

Uruguay

Rapporteur

Mr. JOSE AVILES

El Salvador

Members

Mr. DE LA CRUZ GUERRERO

Argentina

Mr. ITURRALDE CHINEL

Bolivia

Mr. VALLE

Brazil

Mr. BONITTO

Colombia

Mr. MORERA BATRES

Costa Rica

Mr. SEPULVEDA

Chile

Mr. PUIG VILAZAR

Ecuador

Mr. SANDERS

United States  
of America

Mr. COIFFARD

France

Mr. MERCERON

Haiti

Mr. GALVEZ

Honduras

Mr. NUNEZ Y DOMINGUEZ

Mexico

Mr. HERNANDEZ

Nicaragua

Mr. KASTEEL

Netherlands

Mr. YCAZA VASQUEZ

Republic of  
Panama

Mr. MALLORQUIN

Paraguay

Mr. WRIGHT

United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland

Mr. SOTO

Dominican Republic

Mr. GONZALEZ VALE

Venezuela

/ Also present:

Also presentRepresentatives of specialized agencies

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	International Federation of Christian Trade Unions
Mr. VARGAS PUEBLA	World Federation of Trade Unions

Category B

Mr. LEITNER	Agudas Israel World Organization
Mrs. FIGUEROA	All Pakistan Women's Association
Miss CALVO	Catholic International Union for Social Service (CIUSS)
Rev. ZOTTELLE	Commission of the Churches for International Affairs
Dr. DRAPKIN Dr. STEINSAPIR	Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations for Consultation with the Economic and Social Council of United Nations
Mr. BARROS JARPA	Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production
Mr. UNTERRICHTER	International Catholic Migration Committee

/Mr. MAYNARD

Mr. MAYNARD	International Committee of Scientific Management
Dr. DRAPKIN	International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC)
Mr. KRUMM	International Organization for Standardization
Miss JORQUERA	Liaison Committee of International Women's Organizations
Mr. IRARRAZAVAL	Pax Romana - International Mouvement of Catholic Students (IMCS)
Mr. SIMIAN	South American Petroleum Institute
Mrs. COLOMBO DE LAGARRIGUE	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Mr. FRIEDMAN	
Mr. EDO	World Jewish Congress
Mr. SANTA MARIA	World Power Conference
Mr. RODRIGUEZ	World Touring and Automobile Organization
Miss JORQUERA	World's Women's Christian Temperance Union
Mr. VERBAKEL	Young Christian Workers
<u>Secretariat</u> Mr. COHEN	Assistant Secretary General for Information
Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. S. EMSON	Assistant Director
Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Alfonso)	Secretary of the Commission

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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 (Informative Document 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 conference, replace him in the chair for the rest of the afternoon.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRESS REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
(Document 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 this document, he wished to state that the policy of his Government in the distribution abroad of surplus foodstuffs was not to displace either United States exporters or foreign countries for existing markets, and that there was no intention of changing such a policy.

Regarding paragraph 17, he 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 this 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 this 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 Interamerican 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

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 these 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 COMMISSION 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 this industry and the heavy outlay in foreign exchange which could be saved by developing domestic production of these 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 this respect.

Mr. KASTEEL (The Netherlands) referred to his country's interest in the pulp and paper meeting and to the prospective establishment of such an industry in Surinam. He also remarked on the progress made on the

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hydro-electric plant to supply the power to that industry.

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 session closed at 5.10 p.m.