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## ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

INFORMATION ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN LATIN AMERICA RELATED TO THE COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Note by the Secretariat on Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda)

In accordance with Article 70 of the United Nations Charter and particularly with the agreements existing between the Economic and Social Council and the Specialized Agencies, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has invited these agencies to participate in the First Session of the Economic Commission for Latin America. Further, the Secretariat of the United Nations had indicated its belief that it would be of great assistance to the work of the Commission if, at its First Session, the Specialized Agencies were to describe as fully as they would wish, the work which they have undertaken or plan to undertake in the Latin American field related to the Commission's terms of reference.

The various Specialized Agencies have shown great interest in Latin American problems from the time of their inception. In this regard special mention should be made of the work of the International Labour Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the International Monetary Fund, whose experience in Latin America should prove invaluable to the Commission.

The Commission will undoubtedly wish to be fully informed of the work of all the Specialized Agencies in Latin America as this would enable the Commission the better to carry out its mandate and also to plan its work in the light of the intentions and plans of the Specialized Agencies.

The following Specialized Agencies, the International Labour Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International



Monetary Find, and the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization, have indicated their desire to be represented at the First Session of the Commission and will no doubt be ready to inform the Commission of the work undertaken or planned in Latin America bearing upon the Commission's terms of reference.