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Agriculture and of fisheries in Latin
America.

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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

CONSIDERING that it is necessary to encourage and

direct present trends in the use of agricultural
machinery;

CONSIDERING that it is necessary to increase the
production and use of fertilizers and accord
them their appropriate importance in the
technical development of agriculture;

CONSIDERING that the great annual losses, of
agricultural products in storage caused by
insects, rodents and fungi could be avoided by
a more extensive and adequate use of insecticides,
fungicides, fumigants and other appropriate means
of preservation and storage;

CONSIDERING that the fishery resources of Latin America
have not been sufficiently utilized and that
fishery production could be considerably increased
by the use of adequate equipment and fishing gear
and should be promoted and developed in order to
increase and improve the diet of the population;

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local conditions and available raw material make it advisable, to encourage the establishment of local fertilizer industries, so as to avoid the additional expense of long distance transport;

- 9) To promote, as far possible, the use of animal manure and town refuse by increasing the number of manure pits and establishing factories for the transformation of such refuse into fertilizers;
- 10) To endeavour by all possible means to reduce the prices of transport and any unreasonable margins of commercial profit in the sale of fertilizers.
- 11) To expand the scope of present experimentation, to undertake new experiments, and to disseminate the results obtained, in order to provide guidance in the use of fertilizers appropriate to the various crops;

Insecticides and fungicides

- 12) To encourage the production of insecticides and fungicides and to carry out field experiments in their adequate use and in the equipment for their application;
- 13) To continue and extend international cooperation in pest control;
- 14) To establish stock piles of insecticides and fungicides as a safeguard against emergencies.

Storage

- 15) To carry out campaigns in schools, through the press, radio and the cinema, to publicize the seriousness
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of the damages and losses caused by organisms and fungi which attack stored food and also to teach adequate methods of conservation;

- 16) To cooperate among themselves either directly or through the organisations concerned so that the more advanced countries may make available to others the knowledge they have acquired on the infestation of stored foods and its control;
- 17) To establish training programmes for technicians on food conservation, and, particularly on the most appropriate methods of grain drying and cold storage in the light the experiments undertaken on this subject.

Fisheries

- 18) To take measures for the promotion of the conservation and distribution of fishery products and to improve the methods of storage, preservation and transport;
- 19) To provide facilities for the purchase of modern equipment for the existing fishing fleet, for the improvement of the design of locally built boats and for obtaining more efficient types of fish types in use in the region;
- 20) To increase fish consumption through appropriate propaganda among consumers;
- 21) To pool financial and technical resources in order to facilitate cooperation between

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directly or through the appropriate organisations, in order to promote research into the region's fishery resources and aquatic flora;

Agricultural Extension Services

- 22) To develop or expand these services by making funds available on an increasing scale and by arranging for the training of the necessary personnel.

Agricultural Education

- 23) To establish more schools for technical training in agriculture and to bring their courses within the reach of a larger proportion of the agricultural population;

Research

- 24) To undertake more research on the application and adaptation of the various agricultural requisites under local conditions and for this purpose to establish additional experimental stations.

Agricultural credit

- 25) To expand credit facilities by the creation of new credit institutions and by making more funds available to existing institutions so that they may provide loans to farmers on terms /which make it..

which make it easier for them to pay for the purchase of agricultural requisites,

Transport

- 26) To extend greatly highways and railroads so that a larger proportion of farmers transport the products to market economically and thus may have access to the centres of distribution of agricultural requisites.