

SECOND COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DRAFT CHARTER

COLOMBIA: PROPOSED ADDITION AND AMENDMENT

To Be Added as a New Article After Article 12: "Special Rules Relating to Countries in an Early Stage of Economic Development".

1. With a view to promoting, in countries still in an early stage of economic development, the full utilization of their human and natural resources, the member countries undertake to adopt by means of bilateral treaties or multilateral conventions of a regional nature, under the auspices of the Organization, or of existing regional organizations, the following measures:

(a) The creation of technical institutions to be maintained with funds supplied by such countries as may participate in their constitution, proportionally to the national income of each country, to fulfill, in respect of countries still in an early stage of economic development, the following functions:

- (i) To study of its own initiative or at the request of any interested country, the natural resources of such country including minerals, soils, forestry, fuels and hydraulic force, and to formulate and place at the disposal of the country concerned, plans for the adequate use of such resources.
- (ii) At the request of any interested country, to study the possibilities of its industrial development, from the point of view of available raw materials as well as from a technical and commercial point of view; formulate general plans for its industrialization, or special plans for the development or improvement of any of its particular industries, or consider and report on any plans of such nature which may be submitted to the Institution by the interested country; assist the country concerned in the planning and establishing of manufacturing industries, and generally to supply to any interested country adequate technical assistance in matters connected with its industrial development.

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- (iii) To render to any interested country all necessary technical assistance in matters connected with the preservation of its soil, forests and waters, irrigation and drainage, cultivation of new products and exploitation of mineral resources and fuels.
  - (iv) To promote, to the highest possible extent, by means of the creation of appropriate establishments, and the support and improvement of those already existing, the preparation of technical and skilled labour in mining, agricultural and manufacturing industries, and to co-operate in the solving of all scientific and technical problems concerning the raising of the physiological and cultural level of workers.
  - (v) To render technical assistance to any interested country in the improving of its systems of transportations and communications, and in the planning of new facilities of this nature.
  - (vi) To serve as an organ of co-ordination and promotion of private investments of an international character. To carry out any work of inspection, investigation or exploration in the territory of any country, the Institution shall require express authority from the Government of that country.
- (b) The co-ordination of systems of taxation in such form as to promote the flow of private investments to countries still in an early stage of economic development, on the basis of the principle that income can only be taxed in the country in which it is effectively produced, and properties in the country in which they are situated.
2. Members recognize that in the absence of a normal and adequate flow of private international investments, the action of international agencies of a financial and monetary nature should be complemented by means of inter-governmental agreements regarding loans for monetary stabilization and economic development. The Organization may formulate recommendations regarding financial co-operation between governments with a view to eliminating or reducing the necessity of using restrictive measures.
3. The Organization shall take into account in the exercise of its powers, whether or not a member country whose interests may be specially affected in any decision the Organization may be called upon to give, has obtained reasonable co-operation from other members or existing inter-governmental organizations.

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Amendment to Article 13 - Chapter III

To be added after point (a), paragraph 4:

"The Organization shall not withhold consent, and shall consequently release the applicant member from any obligation under such provision when that member can show that, in the relatively undeveloped stage of its industrial resources, the proposed measures are indispensable to ensure either of the following purposes:

- (i) to protect within the territory of the country concerned the industrial transformation of primary commodities produced in the said territory, or which owing to the natural conditions of that territory can economically be produced there, and;
- (ii) to protect those branches of agricultural production which constitute the traditional occupation of important groups of population in the territory of the country concerned."

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