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Item proposed by the Government of Chile

It is highly gratifying to observe that not only the Organization but a series of other agencies of the United Nations, of the Organization of American States, as well as governmental and private bodies have recently been sponsoring conferences, seminars, and other types of technical meetings in the Continent, all of which have been aimed at studying matters of great topicality and importance. However, at the same time it is noted that very often the topics are the same, although the approach to them may be from a different angle. This may lead to a reduction in the return from these meetings; among other reasons because of the difficulty the countries have in sending suitable participants to all of them. Furthermore, there is frequent repetition of similar recommendations which, if they were to come from more diversified groups representing a number of sectors, would carry more weight both at the national and international level.

The Government of Chile therefore believes it advisable to submit the following

RESOLUTION:

To congratulate the Organization on its desire to sponsor technical meetings in the Hemisphere as well as on the way in which it has made its thinking known at those sponsored by other international, national, or private agencies or organizations;

To request the Director of the Bureau that steps be taken in such a way as he deems appropriate, to strengthen the machinery for coordinating United Nations agencies and other organizations which sponsor technical meetings in the Continent so as to plan them in a coordinated way and thus facilitate attendance at them, and a greater return from them.