

**623(XXXI) PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC  
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR  
THE BIENNIUM 2008-2009**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations on the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 59/265 and Economic and Social Council decision 1984/101 regarding recurrent publications of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind also the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session,<sup>1</sup> the assessment of progress made and pending tasks as identified by the secretariat of the Commission to facilitate its implementation in the region<sup>2</sup> and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>3</sup>

Taking into account the fact that the Secretary-General will initiate the preparation of a proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 subsequent to the General Assembly's approval of the review of mandates older than five years and that, consequently, the proposal will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination in August or September 2006 so that its recommendations may be presented to the Assembly at its sixty-first session,

Having considered the proposed work priorities of the Commission as set out by the Executive Secretary in his introduction to the draft programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2008-2009 biennium, which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at its previous session,

Having considered also all aspects of the draft programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2008-2009 biennium, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, and in which the results-based programming and management approach is deepened and enhanced,

1. Endorses the proposed priorities for the work of the Commission for the 2008-2009 biennium presented by the Executive Secretary, which encompass the progressive consolidation of macroeconomic stability, improved integration with the world economy, an increase in social cohesion, an increase in the region's production potential, enhancement of sustainable development policies, gender mainstreaming in public policies and the strengthening of global institutions;

2. Approves the programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2008-2009 biennium,<sup>4</sup> which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning and which, with the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-first session of the

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 55/2.

<sup>2</sup> *The Millennium Development Goals: a Latin American and Caribbean perspective* (LC/G.2231-P), Santiago, Chile, June 2005.

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution 60/1 (24 October 2005).

<sup>4</sup> Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2008-2009 (LC/G.2297(SES.31/6)).

Commission, shall become the legislative mandate for the Commission's execution of programmes, projects and technical cooperation activities and for the production of the recurrent publications included therein;

3. Notes that the allocation of the necessary resources for implementing the activities described in the programme of work should be submitted to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration before it is carried out;

4. Encourages the Executive Secretary to continue to convene the Committee of the Whole in the intervals between the sessions of the Commission in order to strengthen and broaden the dialogue between member States and the secretariat on issues deemed to be relevant;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made in implementing this resolution at the thirty-second session of the Commission.