

**625(XXXI) ACTIVITIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN IN RELATION TO FOLLOW-UP TO THE
MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Taking into consideration the fact that, since the General Assembly's approval of the Millennium Declaration¹ at its fiftieth session, the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has placed a high priority on activities in its programme of work that focus on monitoring the goals and targets set forth in the Declaration, as well as on collaboration with the Governments of the region in connection with policies and programmes oriented towards their achievement,

Considering also that, on the basis of activities begun in 2001, during 2004 and 2005 the Commission coordinated the preparation of an inter-agency document entitled *The Millennium Development Goals: A Latin America and Caribbean Perspective*² in collaboration with all the agencies, programmes and funds of the United Nations active in the region,

Bearing in mind that in the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the Heads of State decided to adopt, by 2006, and implement comprehensive national development strategies to achieve the internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals,³

Bearing in mind also the fact that the 2005 World Summit Outcome also reaffirms the role of the Economic and Social Council as the principal body responsible for ensuring follow-up of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, including the internationally agreed development goals, with the support of its functional and regional commissions,

Requests the Executive Secretary to ensure that the secretariat continues to conduct activities in the areas of research and technical assistance for Latin American and Caribbean Governments in collaboration with the United Nations system, including:

- (i) Coordination of annual regional reports that place emphasis each year on the advances made towards achieving the targets relating to one development goal in particular, in the context of the reduction of hunger and poverty. These reports should be prepared with the participation of United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, especially those whose mandates are most directly linked to the development goal corresponding to the year in question;
- (ii) Coordination in 2010 of a regional inter-agency report summing up the progress made during 2006–2010 regarding all the targets included in the Millennium Development Goals.

¹ General Assembly resolution 55/2.

² (LC/G.2331-P), June 2005.

³ General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 24 October 2005.