

633(XXXII) SANTO DOMINGO RESOLUTION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 553(XXVI), in which it affirmed that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC is especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106 (VI), in the framework of a restructured United Nations, and that, therefore, ECLAC should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies, together with operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination,

Bearing in mind that the draft programme of work of the Commission for the biennium 2010-2011, as presented by the Executive Secretary,¹ comprises efforts to consolidate the progress achieved in terms of macroeconomic stability and further enhance policies to reduce vulnerability; increase the region's productive potential and reduce productivity gaps; improve the region's position in the international economy and foster long-term productive development strategies with appropriate forms of public-private partnership and participation; promote a broad social agreement aimed at enhancing social cohesiveness, reducing social risks and reinforcing gender mainstreaming in public policies; improve sustainable development policies and address the economic and social impacts of climate change; strengthen public management; and improve institution-building related to the management of global issues at the regional level,

Having examined the document *Structural Change and Productivity Growth – 20 Years Later. Old problems, new opportunities*,² prepared by the secretariat,

1. *Welcomes* the comprehensive approach to development that has marked the thinking of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean since its inception, as reflected in the document *Structural Change and Productivity Growth – 20 Years Later. Old problems, new opportunities*;

2. *Recognizes* the relevance of the issues examined and supports the general tenor of the document's conclusions;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(i) Conduct studies and formulate public policy and scientific and technological policy proposals, in close cooperation with policymakers, with a view to building national productive development and innovation capacities;

(ii) Make institutional efforts, in cooperation with other relevant stakeholders, to promote regional cooperation in productive development and innovation policies;

(iii) Identify successful public-private innovation and productive development initiatives in the region that can be applied and adapted to other national or regional contexts as best practices, taking each country's national characteristics and institutional framework into account;

¹ LC/G.2373(SES.32/9).

² LC/G.2367(SES.32/3).

(iv) Organize, at the thirty-third session, a special meeting to assess the progress of productive development and innovation policies in the region, with special emphasis on national innovation systems;

(v) Devote special efforts to considering the challenges faced by the countries and subregions as a result of the current global energy and food crisis and related issues by convening a meeting of Government experts in this area as soon as possible and conducting specialized studies offering technical advice and public policy options for meeting these challenges;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to widely disseminate the document and promote its review in the economic, academic, political, business and social spheres in the region, by means of national dialogues on the main issues covered, taking each country's national characteristics into account, and in international organizations concerned with economic development, in order to continue to foster more in-depth comparative analysis vis-à-vis countries outside the region.