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RESOLUTIONS  
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING  
OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE  
AT ITS FIRST SESSION

1 (1) PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE<sup>1/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Recalling that ECLA resolution 358 (XVI) requested the Executive Secretary to undertake studies and promote initiatives designed to strengthen the co-operation of the other Member States of ECLA and Latin American integration groupings with the Committee;

Stressing that the aforementioned resolution emphasized that such studies should be directed especially toward those countries within the spheres of action of the ECLA offices in Mexico and Bogotá;

1. Invites the Associated Members and Observers present at the first session in Havana - Belize, the West Indies Associated States and the Netherlands Antilles - to attend all future sessions and meetings of the Committee;

2. Decides that when approving its programme of specialized meetings or calling any such specialized meeting, it will determine what other Caribbean States coming within the spheres of activity of the ECLA offices in Mexico and Bogotá should be invited to attend as observers.

4 November 1975

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<sup>1/</sup> See report of First Session, Havana, Cuba, 31 October-4 November 1975 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/8/Rev.1).

2 (I) POSSIBLE AREAS OF CO-OPERATION OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE WITH OTHER MEMBER  
COUNTRIES OF ECLA<sup>2/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Recalling resolution 358 (XVI) of the Economic Commission for Latin America, which recommends the establishment of a Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee and which in its operative paragraph 3, requests the Executive Secretary to undertake studies and promote initiatives designed to strengthen co-operation between the member countries of the said Committee and the other member countries of ECLA and integration groupings in Latin America;

Recognizing that the possibilities for the co-operation called for in operative paragraph 3 of resolution 358 (XVI) are most immediately promising among the countries within the sphere of action of the ECLA offices in Port of Spain, Mexico and Bogotá, because of their geographic proximity and community of interests;

Reaffirming the need to maintain and strengthen Latin American co-ordination and solidarity;

1. Reiterates the request made by ECLA to the Executive Secretary to undertake, without further delay, a study aimed at identifying concrete activities that would contribute to strengthening the co-operation between member countries of the Committee and other member countries of the Commission within the sphere of action of the ECLA offices in Mexico and Bogotá;

2. Invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and pertinent United Nations specialized agencies to support the initiative referred to in the previous paragraph.

4 November 1975

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<sup>2/</sup> See Report of First Session, Havana, Cuba, 31 October-4 November 1975 (E/CEPAL/CDC/8/Rev.1).

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE  
AT ITS THIRD SESSION

3 (III) CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES WITH THE CARIBBEAN GROUP  
FOR CO-OPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT<sup>3/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,  
Mindful of the need to avoid duplication of efforts and  
the inefficient use of resources in the identification, planning and  
implementation of regional projects and programmes;

Recommends that the CDCC Secretariat study the most  
appropriate co-ordination between the CDCC projects and programmes  
and any regional activities of the Caribbean Group for Economic  
Co-operation; and

Requests the CEPAL Secretariat to serve as liaison between  
the CDCC and the Caribbean Group to ensure that such co-ordination is  
achieved.

18 April 1978

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<sup>3/</sup> See Report of Third Session, Belize City, Belize, 12-18  
April 1978 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/44/Rev.3).

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE  
AT ITS FOURTH SESSION

4 (IV) CARIFESTA<sup>4/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Recalling that in January 1978, in Colombia, the Latin American and Caribbean Ministers of Culture spoke in favour of the need to develop cultural bonds among the countries of the area, as well as the urgency to revive our countries' native cultural manifestations;

Likewise recalling that the CDCC's Constituent Declaration recorded the importance of taking the cultural element into consideration for the mechanisms of co-operation in the area and the creation of programmes of cultural exchange to strengthen relations among our countries;

Noting that since the first Work Programme adopted in Havana, the CDCC has favoured the strengthening and preservation of Caribbean cultures;

Taking into account the fact that the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of CARICOM member countries agreed to hold CARIFESTA 1979 in Cuba;

Decides to

1. Express the strongest support for the holding of this cultural event in Havana in July this year;
2. Call upon all Governments concerned to offer their greatest possible support for the participation of their representatives in this cultural festival;
3. Request the CEPAL/CDCC Office to promote CARIFESTA 1979 as much as possible;
4. Request UNESCO's effective contribution for the successful celebration of this event; and
5. Express acknowledgement to the Government of Cuba for having accepted to host this important cultural activity.

27 March 1979

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<sup>4/</sup> See Report of Fourth Session, Paramaribo, Suriname, 21-27 March 1979 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/54/Rev.1).

5 (IV) THIRD UN DEVELOPMENT DECADE<sup>5/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Taking into account that the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 33/134 calls upon all organizations and bodies of the United Nations Development System including the regional economic commissions, as well as other subregional, regional and inter-regional, inter-governmental organizations to take expeditious action within their respective fields of competence, for the implementation of the Plan of Action approved by the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries held in Buenos Aires:

Taking into account also that the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 33/193 on the "Preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade", inter alia:

Recognized that the formulation of a new international development strategy "should be an integral part of the continuing efforts of the international community to accelerate the development of the developing countries, and to establish the new international economic order";

Decided "that the new international development strategy should provide a set of interrelated and concerted measures in all sectors of development in order to promote the economic and social development of the developing countries and to ensure their equitable, full and effective participation in the formulation and application of all decisions in the field of development and international economic co-operation";

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<sup>5/</sup> See Report of Fourth Session, Paramaribo, Suriname, 21-27 March 1979 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/54/Rev.1).

Emphasised "that the new international development strategy should contribute to the promotion of the objective of national and collective self-reliance of the developing countries, especially through the promotion and support of economic and technical co-operation among themselves";

Taking into account that the General Assembly in its resolution 33/193 also:

Invited all States to participate actively in the work of the Preparatory Committee to the New International Development Strategy "and to make an effective contribution" to the formulation of the new strategy; and

Requested, specifically, "the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, as appropriate, to bring their respective regional experience to bear on the preparation of their inputs to the formulation of the new international development strategy, taking fully into account the different levels of development and differing development situations of their respective regions";

Recommends that the Executive Secretary of CEPAL, in consultation with Member Governments, convene a meeting of experts of the countries of the CDCC, before the next session of the Committee, to which the report of the meeting of experts would be submitted, with the purpose of evaluating the principal trends and characteristics of the economic and social development of the Caribbean, including the external factors affecting it, as well as its projections, thus enriching the contribution that the countries of this region are called upon to make with regard to the formulation and implementation of the new international development strategy that will effectively lead to the establishment of the New International Economic Order.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE  
AT ITS FIFTH SESSION

6 (V) ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER FACILITIES<sup>6/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Bearing in mind the importance of information for the economic and social development of CDCC Member States, and the development of modern computer technology for the storage and rapid dissemination of information;

Considering the decisions taken at earlier CDCC Sessions that the Secretariat should be provided with computer facilities to accommodate both the Statistical Data Bank and the needs of the Caribbean Documentation Centre;

Recognizing that after two years, the ECLA Office for the Caribbean is still without these facilities;

Decides that the CDCC Secretariat make the relevant arrangements in order to contract an expert to carry out studies on existing technical problems and to determine whether the needs could be met by a computer made in a country of the CDCC region.

10 June 1980

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<sup>6/</sup> See Report of Fifth Session, Kingston, Jamaica, 4-10 June 1980 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/68/Rev.2).



7 (V) STRENGTHENING THE CDCC SECRETARIAT<sup>7/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Taking into account resolution 358 (XVI) of the Economic Commission for Latin America creating the Committee;

Recognizing the difficulty of the tasks before the member governments during the Third United Nations Development Decade;

Reiterating their political will to pursue the objectives stated in the CDCC Constituent Declaration through a policy based on intra-Caribbean co-operation;

Stressing the innovative character of the CDCC within the framework of the United Nations, originating in the active role played by its member governments in the implementation of their Work Programme, and in the co-ordination of the increasing support offered by the organs and organizations within the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations;

Having assessed the efforts carried out during the first five years of the Committee and acknowledging the increasing support to the Caribbean subregion by the CEPAL Secretariat; and

Having reached the conclusion that the CEPAL Office for the Caribbean needs to be endowed with sufficient flexibility and authority to meet the requirements of development and co-operation in the subregion and desiring that the CDCC be an efficacious instrument contributing to the economic and social development of the subregion;

Recommends:

1. As an immediate requirement that the CEPAL Office for the Caribbean become the CEPAL Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, in order to enable it to be more adequately equipped and financed to respond more efficiently to the needs of the Committee.

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<sup>7/</sup> See Report of Fifth Session, Kingston, Jamaica, 4-10 June 1980 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/68/Rev.2).

2. That the CEPAL Office for the Caribbean be empowered to consult with, receive and administer funds originating from CEPAL and other United Nations family organizations, other international, inter-governmental or subregional government related agencies, in accord with pertinent United Nations regulations.
3. That the ability of the CEPAL Office for the Caribbean be strengthened to recruit consultants and convene Ad Hoc Groups of Experts directly needed for the implementation of the mandates of the Committee, giving due consideration to the utilization of available qualified resources in the subregion.
4. That the CEPAL Office for the Caribbean be empowered to provide in co-ordination with specialized United Nations agencies, assistance within the framework of the CDCC Work Programme.
5. That the Executive Secretary transmit the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council for consideration during its summer session in 1980 with the view that supplementary resources be made available to CDCC in 1981 for the activities approved by the Committee at its Fifth Session.
6. That the Executive Secretary take fully into consideration the resources required for the CDCC Work Programme in formulating the CEPAL budget requests for the 1982/83 biennium.
7. That the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and other international and regional organizations give full support to the Work Programme of CDCC and co-ordinate their activities with the CDCC Secretariat.

10 June 1980

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE  
AT ITS SIXTH SESSION

8 (VI) WELCOME TO NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER<sup>8/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Recalling CEPAL<sup>\*</sup> resolution 358 (XVI) which invited the Governments of the Caribbean to establish the Committee so as to promote and strengthen intra-Caribbean co-operation and co-operation with the other member states of CEPAL and Latin American integration groups;

Bearing in mind CDCC resolution 1 (I) on participation in the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee, which invited the associate members and observers present at the first session in Havana (Belize, the West Indies Associated States and the Netherlands Antilles) to attend all future sessions and meetings of the Committee;

Noting with appreciation the active participation of the Netherlands Antilles as an observer in the meetings of the CDCC;

1. Takes note of CEPAL resolution 445 (XIX) admitting the Netherlands Antilles as Associate Member of CEPAL;

2. Welcomes the Netherlands Antilles as an Associate Member of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee and looks forward to the further strengthening of its participation within the mechanisms established for co-operation.

4 February 1982

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<sup>8/</sup> See Report of Sixth Session, St. George's, Grenada, 4-10 November 1981 and United Nations Headquarters, New York, 3-4 February 1982 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/91).

\* At the Seventh Session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee the decision was taken that in conformity with standard United Nations practice the acronym ECLA would be used in the English version of future documents of the Committee.

9 (VI) CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CDCC WORK PROGRAMME<sup>9/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,  
Mindful of the need for increased co-operation among CDCC  
countries;

Taking into account resolution 1980/56 of the Economic and  
Social Council, which recognizes the Caribbean Development and  
Co-operation Committee (CDCC) as a co-ordinating body for activities  
relating to development and co-operation and as a consultative organ  
of the Commission;

Noting CDCC resolution 3 (III) on co-ordination of activities  
with the Caribbean Group for Co-operation in Economic Development  
(CGCED) and resolution 7 (V), on strengthening the CDCC Secretariat;

Considering that CEPAL resolution 358 (XVI), which established  
CDCC, gave to it the mandate to act as a co-ordinating body for activities  
relating to development and co-operation;

Recognizing the importance of the need to ensure co-ordination  
of the work programme of the CDCC with those of other Caribbean inter-  
governmental institutions so as to facilitate the identification of  
overlapping and joint activities;

Recognizing also the need for the bodies of the United Nations  
system to co-ordinate their efforts and, through their activities, to  
foster, whenever feasible, the process of intra-Caribbean horizontal  
co-operation;

Emphasizing that the mechanisms for co-operation already  
established should be supplemented by the creation of multinational  
enterprises in which interested CDCC countries can participate;

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<sup>9/</sup> See Report of Sixth Session, St. George's, Grenada, 4-10  
November 1981 and United Nations Headquarters, New York, 3-4 February  
1982 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/91).

Convinced that economic co-operation among the countries of the subregion will result in increased intra-regional trade;

Stressing the need for exploring more fully measures for the removal of trade-impeding factors;

Decides:

(1) That the CDCC Secretariat, in accordance with the provisions of CDCC resolution 7 (V), endorsed by CEPAL resolution 420 (PLEN.14), should pursue the activities aimed at strengthening the Secretariat and should also ensure that CDCC member countries are informed of the action taken on the recommendations of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit;

(2) To reiterate the mandate given to the CDCC Secretariat to study the most appropriate co-ordination between the CDCC projects and programme and any regional activities of the Caribbean Group for Co-operation in Economic Development;

(3) That the CDCC Secretariat should enter into immediate consultations with the CARICOM and OECS secretariats and with other sub-regional groupings whose work impinges on the CDCC, with the objective of establishing arrangements that would enable the CDCC work programme to be discussed with those bodies before it is put to the technical level meeting of the CDCC;

(4) That consultations be held at regular intervals between representatives of the specialized agencies and the Chairman of CDCC, acting on behalf of the Committee, in order to stimulate implementation in the Caribbean of projects in the fields of technical and economic co-operation among developing countries as projects in those fields are recognized as the greatest potential contribution of the United Nations system to the development of indigenous capabilities in the Caribbean;

(5) That, within the programme of work approved for the 1982-1983 biennium, the CDCC Secretariat should develop proposals for projects of multinational enterprise character in co-ordination with the United Nations specialized agencies, concentrating, in the first phase, on the possibility of developing a fishing project in co-ordination with the

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, on the basis of the proposal that was adopted at the fifth session of CDCC and with the support of the Sixteenth FAO Regional Conference;

(6) That the CDCC Secretariat should, with the assistance of interested countries and in collaboration with the appropriate United Nations agencies and inter-governmental bodies, initiate measures preparatory to the formulation of the draft instruments necessary for the establishment of a Caribbean multinational enterprise for book production and subsequently convene a meeting for discussion and approval of these instruments, every effort being made to ensure that this activity is carried out during 1982;

(7) That higher priority should be given to activities in support of the stimulation of trade information exchange among the CDCC countries and the preparation of an inventory of industrial products for the CDCC countries.

4 February 1982

10 (VI) MEASURES FOR STRENGTHENING THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT<sup>10/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Recalling resolution 7 (V) on strengthening the CDCC Secretariat;

Bearing in mind that its Secretariat has a servicing and co-ordinating role whereas it needs to be an executing agency;<sup>11/</sup>

Considering the need for the co-ordination and co-operation role of its Secretariat to be more rapidly fulfilled and for greater sectoral and ministerial involvement in and commitment to the efforts;

Recommends the establishment of a focal point with the following tasks in each member State in which such a facility does not already exist:

- (a) Centralizing and collecting all information from the Secretariat of the Committee relating to its own activities and those of the Economic Commission for Latin America in general and serving as a "letter box" to and from all relevant ministries and agencies;
- (b) Working with the Secretariat in monitoring regional projects and carrying out an initial evaluation of such projects on a quarterly basis;
- (c) Establishing channels enabling the Secretariat within its competence, to obtain information required by it at any given moment and, by the same token, facilitating the provision of information required by the focal point from the Secretariat.

4 February 1982

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<sup>10/</sup> See Report of Sixth Session, St. George's, Grenada, 4-10 November 1981 and United Nations Headquarters, New York, 3-4 February 1982 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/91).

<sup>11/</sup> See document E/CEPAL/CDCC/84, paragraph 6.

11 (VI) INCREASED CEPAL SUPPORT TO EASTERN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES<sup>12/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Conscious of the need to support the development efforts of the less developed countries of the Eastern Caribbean;

Reaffirming the importance of integration as a strategy for achieving development in the Eastern Caribbean;

Welcoming the recent formation of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS);

Requests the Executive Secretary of CEPAL to undertake early consultation with OECS member States with a view to establishing the most appropriate relationship with OECS.

4 February 1982

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<sup>12/</sup> See Report of Sixth Session, St. George's, Grenada, 4-10 November 1981 and United Nations Headquarters, New York, 3-4 February 1982 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/91).



RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE  
AT ITS SEVENTH SESSION

12 (VII) TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF THE CDCC<sup>13/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Recalling resolution 9 (VI) and resolution 420 (PLEN.14) of the  
Committee of the Whole of ECLA;

Further recalling its resolutions 7 (V) and 10 (VI) on the  
strengthening of the Secretariat of the CDCC;

Bearing in mind resolution 440 (XIX) of the nineteenth session  
of ECLA on technical and economic co-operation between the countries of the  
Caribbean area and the other countries of the region;

Recalling also resolution 451 (PLEN.16) of the Committee of the  
Whole of ECLA;

1. Decides, that the CDCC Secretariat should obtain from  
member governments information on their countries' needs as well as on  
their countries' achievements in the areas of work of the CDCC, on the basis  
of which member countries may request or offer economic, scientific and  
technical co-operation.

2. Decides, in relation to operative paragraph 1. above to  
establish the following timetable in order to draw up concrete recommendations  
with regard to the follow-up of the above information:

- (i) submission of the said information by member  
governments by 15 June 1983;
- (ii) preparation by the Secretariat of a working document:
  - integrating the suggestions for action in the  
form of recommendations aiming at satisfying  
the requirements expressed by member countries;
  - and

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<sup>13/</sup> See Report of Seventh Session, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 19-25  
January 1983 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/99).

- promoting and strengthening economic, scientific and technical collaboration at the bilateral, multilateral and bi-multilateral levels;

(iii) submission of this document to the member governments by the third week of November 1983;

(iv) convening in the first fortnight in January 1984 of a meeting of high level government officials to consider the recommendations and comments received from governments.

3. Requests, the specialized agencies, CARICOM, OECS, and other subregional groupings whose work impinges on the CDCC to consider how they can co-operate with this activity.

4. Decides, to consider this question and the related report at its Eighth Session.

25 January 1983

13 (VII) FUNCTIONING OF THE CDCC SECRETARIAT<sup>14/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,  
Taking into account resolution 358 (XVI) of the Economic Commission for Latin America creating the Committee;

Recalling, in this context, resolution 7 (V) of the Committee of 10 June 1980 which mandated the immediate strengthening of the ECLA Subregional Office to enable it to carry out the necessary functions as Secretariat to the CDCC and to exercise the authority required to respond more efficiently to the needs of the Committee:

Recalling also ECLA resolution 420 (PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole which endorsed that mandate;

Recalling further ECLA resolution 448 (PLEN.16) of the Committee of the Whole which emphasized the importance of decentralizing the functioning of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and the principle that the process of decentralization applied also to decentralization within the region;

Bearing in mind resolution 1982/58 of the Economic and Social Council which took note of the determination of Member Governments of the CDCC to pursue activities aimed at strengthening the Secretariat of the Committee;

Recognising the particular needs and interests of the Caribbean countries within the Economic Commission for Latin America;

Having assessed the efforts made during the first seven years of the Committee and acknowledging the contribution to those efforts by the ECLA Secretariat;

Noting with concern that the ECLA Office for the Caribbean, as functional Secretariat of the Committee, has not been endowed with the requisite flexibility and authority to meet the requirements of development

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<sup>14/</sup> See Report of Seventh Session, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 19-25 January 1983 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/99).

and co-operation in the subregion in order that CDCC serve as an efficacious instrument in the economic and social development of the subregion;

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1. Reaffirms its decision in resolution 7 (V) endorsed by resolution 420 (PLEN.14) of the ECLA Committee of the Whole and resolution 1980/56 of the Economic and Social Council, that the ECLA Office for the Caribbean be designated the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean in order to enable it to be more adequately equipped and financed to carry out the functions assigned to it;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to delegate additional authority and functions to the Office in Port of Spain for its improved efficiency, in accordance with resolution 7 (V) of the CDCC and resolution 448 (PLEN.16) of the ECLA Committee of the Whole;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary, taking into account Chapter I, Article 9 of the Constituent Declaration of the CDCC, to examine and report on the implications of the ECLA Subregional Office for the Caribbean, constituting the Secretariat of the CDCC.

II

1. Recommends:

(a) That the redesignated ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean should be authorized as a necessary element for its improved functioning to seek, receive and administer funds originating from extra-budgetary resources in compliance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

(b) That there should be a clear identification of the estimates relating to the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean in the proposed programme budget of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly, including through the use of any necessary annexes;

(c) That the necessary measures should be taken to allow a satisfactory monitoring of the resources assigned to the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean in the approved programme budget including the issuance of separate allotments;

(d) That the officials of the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean should participate directly under the authority of the Executive Secretary of ECLA in the preparation and submission of the proposed programme budget;

(e) That the categorization of the CDCC work programme "Economic Co-operation and Integration in the Caribbean" as a sub-programme under the programme "International Trade and Development Financing" is inappropriate and that accordingly the Medium Term Plan should be revised at the earliest possible time to re-establish the CDCC work programme in a separate programme;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps to give early effect to the provisions of I and II above.

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Expresses its concern over the delays in filling vacant posts in the Port of Spain Office and urges the Executive Secretary to make every effort to ensure expeditious recruitment to all vacant posts in the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, giving full consideration to the utilization of available qualified personnel in the subregion.

IV

1. Requests the Chairman together with a representative of the host country of the CDCC Secretariat to keep under review, on behalf of the CDCC, through regular and frequent contacts with the Secretariat, the implementation of the mandates and decisions of the CDCC and to keep member countries informed of their work.

2. Requests the Governments of CDCC member States to assist in securing fulfilment of the expressed wishes of the CDCC through appropriate follow-up action by Caribbean representatives in the central organs of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Chairman to assist in co-ordinating member States' action in response to operative paragraph 2 above.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE AT ITS  
EIGHTH SESSION

- 14 (VIII) ADMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS AS AN  
ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND  
CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE<sup>15/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Considering the desirability that the economic and cultural relations among all peoples in the Caribbean area should be strengthened;

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 566 (VI), 647 (VII), 744 (VIII), and 1539 (XV) which recommended the direct participation of non-self-governing territories in the work of the United Nations and the increase of their participation in the work of its technical organs and regional commissions and committees;

Bearing in mind resolutions 38/48 of the General Assembly which noted with satisfaction the recommendation of the Virgin Islands Status Commission that the Territory apply for associate membership in the CDCC;

Calling upon the Administrative Power, taking into account the freely expressed wishes of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to take all necessary steps to expedite the process of decolonization in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration, as well as all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly;

Noting that by letter of 6 April 1984, the Government of the United States Virgin Islands requested that the CDCC consider the application of the Territory for associate membership;

1. Welcomes the aforementioned application of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands; and

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<sup>15/</sup> See Report of Eighth Session, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 6-12 June 1984 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.118).

2. Decides to admit the United States Virgin Islands as an associate member of CDCC, and welcomes its participation in the work of the Committee.

12 June 1984

15 (VIII) ADMISSION OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS AS AN  
ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND  
CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE<sup>16/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Considering the desirability that the economic and cultural relations among all peoples in the Caribbean area should be strengthened;

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 566 (VI), 647 (VII), 744 (VIII) and 1539 (XV) which recommended the direct participation of non-self-governing territories in the work of the United Nations and the increase of their participation in the work of its technical organs and regional commissions and committees;

Calling upon the administering power, in consultation with the freely elected authorities of the territorial government, to take all necessary steps to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the objectives of decolonization set out in the Charter and the Declaration and all other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and

Noting that by letter of 8 April 1984 the Government of the British Virgin Islands requested that the CDCC consider the application of the territory for associate membership;

1. Welcomes the aforementioned application of the Government of the British Virgin Islands, and
2. Decides to admit the British Virgin Islands as an associate member of CDCC and welcomes its participation in the work of the Committee.

12 June 1984

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<sup>16/</sup> See Report of Eighth Session, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 6-12 June 1984 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.118).



16 (VIII) POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT<sup>17/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Bearing in mind the views expressed in this eighth CDCC session concerning the insufficient attention being paid to the development of population projects in the region;

Mindful also of the fact that the demand and need for population assistance far exceeds the resources available to CDCC member countries thus placing those countries at a disadvantage in the formulation and implementation of their population and development projects;

Recalling that at the sessional committee on population during the twentieth session of ECLA in Lima, Peru, Caribbean country delegations obtained recognition for their special needs in development assistance, especially regarding the redefinition of UNFPA's priority system, in order to ensure a more equitable flow of resources to the region;

1. Recommends that the Caribbean countries, although being an integral and harmonious component of the ECLA System, should be considered as a special subregional unit, within the Latin American and Caribbean region for programming purposes and as such should receive special attention from CELADE in accordance with its needs and deserves a larger and more equitable proportion of available resources provided by UNFPA and other funding agencies;
2. Expresses its appreciation for the timely and efficient manner in which UNFPA has made resources available for an ad hoc allocation of US\$ 100,000, over and above the established financial ceilings, to permit the implementation of a training seminar on population and development during 1984;
3. Requests the Executive Director of UNFPA to make available additional resources to the CDCC Secretariat for population activities in view of the needs of the CDCC countries.

12 June 1984

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<sup>17/</sup> See Report of Eighth Session, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 6-12 June 1984 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.118).

17 (VIII) IMPACT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS ON CDCC MEMBER COUNTRIES<sup>18/</sup>

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Desirous of strengthening the unity and co-operation between the member countries on the basis of the principles of equality, sovereignty and independence to promote joint actions in the areas of trade, agriculture, energy, transport, industry and technology;

Aware of the need to develop and strengthen cultural ties between member countries and to promote new initiatives to enrich the common cultural heritage;

Bearing in mind the Quito Declaration both in its principles and in relation to the need for increased co-operation between countries in the region to face international economic crisis and to make optimal use of the resources of the region to achieve collective self-sufficiency;

1. Expresses the deep concern of its governments for the serious consequences, particularly in the social area of the economic crisis affecting the region and the negative effect on the process of socioeconomic development of its respective countries;

2. Emphasizes the adverse effects of the persistent drop in commodity prices and the resulting continuous decrease in export earnings;

3. Expresses its profound concern for the recent increase of interest rates on the major international financial markets and their direct negative implications on both the repayment of the external debt and capital transfers, as well as the trading difficulties being experienced by the region;

4. Underlines its further concern with respect to increasing difficulties experienced by many Caribbean countries to meet their debt service obligations and support action to arrive at an agreement

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<sup>18/</sup> See Report of Eighth Session, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 6-12 June 1984 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.118).

with creditors to arrive at repayment conditions for the external debt taking into account the real development needs of countries of the region, and the level of exports of the countries within the region;

5. Expresses its concern that the objectives set by public development agencies in donor countries, within the framework of the international development strategy have not been achieved, and requests donor countries to make their contributions effective and take into account the need for special appropriate measures for less developed countries;

6. Urges the International Monetary Fund to take increasingly into account in their policies the social objectives of developing countries;

7. Reiterates its commitment to the deepening of the co-operation process on the basis of their common interests;

8. Expresses its wish that the Secretariat of CDCC be reinforced in order to intensify its actions to serve the legitimate aspirations of member countries towards progress and development.

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