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**REPORT OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION
OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

1. The thirty-first session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 28 April 2016. The meeting was convened by the Executive Secretary of the Commission and by the Government of Peru, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee of the Whole, in preparation for the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC and to report on the consultation process for the implementation of resolution 695(PLEN.16-E) adopted at the sixteenth extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole, held in Santiago in April 2015.

Attendance¹

2. The session was attended by representatives of the following States members of the Commission: Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America and Uruguay.

3. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was also represented.

Chair

4. The Committee of the Whole was chaired by the Officers elected at the thirty-fifth session of ECLAC, held in Lima from 5 to 9 May 2014, as follows: Chair, Peru; Vice-Chairs, El Salvador, Jamaica and Mexico; and Rapporteur, Ecuador.

B. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. At the opening session statements were made by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and Gustavo Meza-Cuadra, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chair of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC.

6. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC welcomed the delegations and explained that the meeting was, among other things, an opportunity to report on the organization of work of the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC and to reflect on the regional monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals. She said that ECLAC was the appropriate institutional framework in which to address the challenges of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and thanked the Chair of the Committee of the Whole for the consultations carried out regarding the establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

¹ See annex 3 for the full list of participants.

7. The Chair of the Committee of the Whole thanked ECLAC for organizing the meeting and commended the efforts of the countries of the region in carrying forward the consultation process regarding establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

C. AGENDA

8. The Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report on the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC, Mexico City, 23-27 May 2016.
3. Report on the consultation process regarding establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, by virtue of resolution 695(PLEN.16-E), adopted at the sixteenth extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole (Santiago, April 2015).
4. Other matters.

D. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Report on the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC, Mexico City, 23-27 May 2016 (agenda item 2)

9. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC reported on the organization of work of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, which would be held in Mexico City from 23 to 27 May 2016. She said that the session was the most important intergovernmental conference for steering the work of ECLAC. It served as a forum for consideration of the most pressing economic and social development issues for the countries of the region, as well as an occasion to review the progress made by the Commission. The Governments of the member States would also have an opportunity to examine the work conducted by ECLAC during the past two years and to adopt a programme of work and calendar of conferences that would establish the terms of reference for the future work of the Commission. As usual, the Committee on South-South Cooperation would also meet in the framework of the session.

10. Referring to the position document prepared by the secretariat, *Horizons 2030: equality at the centre of sustainable development*, she said that the prevailing development pattern was unsustainable because it was linked to a slowdown in output and trade (recessionary bias) and high inequality with serious social, political and economic consequences, and because it was causing often irreversible environmental degradation, with potentially disastrous consequences for the planet. The environmental impacts that had already occurred represented the greatest market failure of all time, hence the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. She noted that the imbalances caused by the tendency to perpetuate the prevailing development pattern must be addressed by implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and that the international community, through an open discussion process, had outlined the desirable characteristics of the new development pattern. That outline had been transposed into the 2030 Agenda, a civilizing endeavour that put people at the centre of development, safeguarded the planet and strove to achieve shared prosperity through a universal agenda that proposed growth for equality and equality for growth.

11. The Executive Secretary noted that the document to be presented at the thirty-sixth session offered analysis from different angles that complemented the 2030 Agenda. It contained assessments and analysis, grounded in development theory, of how to link different parts of the Agenda and make them more coherent; it discussed factors for the implementation of the Agenda linked to the international and regional situation; it analysed the global public goods and national policies that the new development pattern would require; and it examined, in the framework of the international political economy, national coalitions that could support the new pattern. The region was facing temporary and structural challenges —on the one hand, a more complex global context and, on the other, an economic and social lag— and ECLAC proposed addressing those challenges by means of an environmental big push towards equality and sustainability in development. She emphasized the need to bring about a progressive structural change that would embed knowledge much more intensively in production, ensure social inclusion and combat the negative effects of climate change.

12. In the discussion that ensued, several delegations commended ECLAC on the technical quality of the document *Horizons 2030: equality at the centre of sustainable development* and on attracting such high-level panellists to participate in the discussions at the thirty-sixth session.

13. The representative of Mexico welcomed the secretariat's decision to focus the discussions at the thirty-sixth session on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its implementation in the region. He also commended the technical rigour of the ECLAC position document and its timely dissemination.

14. A number of Caribbean representatives took the opportunity to express their satisfaction with the Commission's work to devise debt relief mechanisms for the small island developing States in the subregion.

Report on the consultation process regarding establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, by virtue of resolution 695(PLEN.16-E), adopted at the sixteenth extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole (Santiago, April 2015) (agenda item 3)

15. Under this agenda item, Gustavo Meza-Cuadra, Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chair of the Committee of the Whole, reported on the consultations carried out in relation to the establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. He said that more than 10 meetings had been held, attended by many member States, and he thanked the secretariat for its support during that process.

16. The Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Programme Analysis of ECLAC gave an oral statement on the financial implications of establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.²

17. Lastly, the Committee of the Whole unanimously adopted the outcome document included in resolution 696(PLEN.31), the text of which is reproduced in annex 1.

² See annex 2.

Annex 1

**696(PLEN.31) FORUM OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 695(PLEN.16-E), which launched a regional consultation process aimed at establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development at the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2016,

1. *Welcomes* the successful conclusion of the regional consultation process aimed at establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development;
2. *Decides* to transmit the outcome document, entitled “Resolution of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on the establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development”, which is annexed to the present resolution, to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-sixth session, to be held in Mexico City from 23 to 27 May 2016, for its consideration and action.

New York, 28 April 2016

Annex

RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORUM OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 695(PLEN.16-E) of its Committee of the Whole, through which, inter alia, a regional consultation process was launched with the aim of establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development at the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2016,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and reaffirmed its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of this Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, and its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions —economic, social and environmental— in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Recalling that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, inter alia, recognizes the importance of building on existing follow-up and review mechanisms at the regional level and allowing adequate policy space, encourages all Member States to identify the most suitable regional forum in which to engage, as well as United Nations regional commissions to continue supporting Member States in this regard, and establishes guiding principles for follow-up and review processes at all levels, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development, respecting policy space and priorities, while remaining consistent with international rules and commitments, and recognizing that the outcome from national-level processes will be the foundation for reviews at the regional and global levels, given that the global review will be primarily based on national official data sources,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 69/313, entitled “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development”, which, inter alia, commits Member States to fully engage, nationally, regionally and internationally, in ensuring proper and effective follow-up of the financing for development outcomes and all the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and encourages the United Nations regional commissions, in cooperation with regional banks and organizations, to mobilize their expertise and existing mechanisms, which could focus on thematic aspects of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/16 and 68/1, which, inter alia, urge the United Nations regional commissions to contribute, within their mandates, to the review of progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, and resolution 66/288, in which countries agreed to strengthen the Economic and Social Council as a principal body in the integrated and coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 67/290, which, inter alia, acknowledges the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development, and invites the United Nations regional commissions to contribute to the work of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, including through annual regional meetings, with the involvement of other relevant regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate,

Emphasizing the importance of establishing a regional forum to follow up and review progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including for, inter alia, strengthening coherence and coordination, promoting cooperation and providing policy guidance, fostering national capacity-building, hosting voluntary State-led national reviews, identifying regional gaps, emerging challenges and shared targets, fostering peer learning by sharing good practices, experiences and lessons learned, helping to mobilize the necessary means of implementation, encouraging participation of all relevant stakeholders, providing a platform for partnerships, favouring people-centred policies and actions, transparency and accountability, and promoting the development, dissemination, diffusion and transfer of environmentally sound technologies,

Recognizing that there are different approaches, visions, models and tools available to each country, in accordance with its national circumstances and priorities, to achieve sustainable development; and reaffirming that planet Earth and its ecosystems are our common home and that “Mother Earth” is a common expression in a number of countries and regions,

Emphasizing the importance of system-wide strategic planning, implementation and reporting in order to ensure coherent and integrated support by the United Nations development system for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the financing for development processes, including at the regional level, taking into account other regional and subregional processes promoting the impact of international development cooperation,

Taking into consideration the special needs and particular challenges of landlocked developing countries, and recognizing the special sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States, middle-income countries, least developed countries, countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict countries,

Taking note with appreciation of the Note by the secretariat of the Commission,¹ prepared in fulfilment of resolution 695(PLEN.16-E) adopted by the Committee of the Whole,

1. *Decides to establish the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development as a regional mechanism to follow up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its means of implementation, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;*

2. *Decides also that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be State-led and open to the participation of Latin American and Caribbean countries, and that it should provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, the sharing of best practices and discussion on shared targets, benefiting from the cooperation of regional and subregional commissions and organizations, in order to guide an inclusive regional process drawing on national-level reviews and contributing to follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda at the global level, including at the High-level*

¹ LC/L.4123.

Political Forum on Sustainable Development and at the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as appropriate;

3. *Reaffirms* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be guided by the principles established for all follow-up and review processes by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

4. *Decides* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will build on existing platforms and mandates, avoiding duplications and the creation of additional structures, and that within existing resources it will promote coordination and coherence within the United Nations development system, and invite other relevant regional and subregional entities and international financial institutions to be involved in its meetings, as appropriate, while addressing the three dimensions of sustainable development in an integrated and balanced manner, and in these regards further decides that:

- (a) The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be informed by the following subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, as appropriate:
 - (i) The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean,
 - (ii) The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee,
 - (iii) The Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning,
 - (iv) The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,
 - (v) The Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,
 - (vi) The Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies,
 - (vii) The Committee on South-South Cooperation,
 - (viii) The Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,
 - (ix) The Committee of High-Level Government Experts, and
 - (x) The Central American Economic Cooperation Committee,
- (b) Other relevant intergovernmental regional mechanisms, including the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Forum of Ministers of Social Development of Latin America, are invited to provide inputs and contributions and inform the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, within their existing mandates, on their work related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,
- (c) The regional offices of the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes are also invited to participate and engage in the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development in a coordinated manner, including through the submission of contributions to be reflected in annual progress reports of the Commission, and the presentation of their efforts in supporting and assisting the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

- (d) Relevant international financial institutions, including regional and subregional development banks, are also invited to participate and engage in the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, including through the presentation of their efforts in supporting and assisting the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, as appropriate,
- (e) The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will take into account, as appropriate, the outcomes related to sustainable development agreed by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, including its 2025 Plan on Food Security, Nutrition and Eradication of Hunger;

5. *Stresses* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will recognize the special needs and particular challenges of landlocked developing countries, and the special sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States, middle-income countries, least developed countries, countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict countries, in order to address the universal character of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

6. *Highlights* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be convened under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and that it will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by, inter alia:

- (a) Strengthening coordination, promoting cooperation and providing political guidance through recommendations for sustainable development at the regional level,
- (b) Fostering the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development in a holistic and cross-sectoral manner, with a particular focus on the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, the promotion of sustained, equitable and inclusive economic growth, including sustainable consumption and production patterns, the reduction of inequalities and the promotion of social inclusion, the recognition of cultural diversity and of the role of culture as a crucial enabler of sustainable development, the protection and sustainable use of the environment, and the promotion of good living in harmony with nature,
- (c) Assessing progress on the regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through the consideration of annual reports issued by the secretariat of the Commission to be based, as appropriate, on the global indicators framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets agreed upon by the United Nations Statistical Commission, and on other relevant indicators for regional, national and subnational levels of monitoring developed at the regional and national levels, taking also into account the indicators encompassed under the operational guidelines for implementing the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, as appropriate. All indicators should be based to the greatest extent possible on comparable and standardized official national statistics provided by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and, when other sources and methodologies are used, these will be reviewed and agreed upon by national statistical authorities and presented in a transparent manner,

- (d) Following-up and reviewing the implementation of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (Samoa Pathway) at the regional level,
- (e) Assessing the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 at the regional level,
- (f) Promoting international cooperation and national capacity-building for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through South-South and triangular cooperation, and other modalities of cooperation in order to strengthen and complement traditional modalities of cooperation,
- (g) Hosting voluntary State-led national reviews,
- (h) Identifying regional gaps, emerging challenges and shared targets for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and targets,
- (i) Fostering peer learning by sharing good practices, experiences and lessons learned,
- (j) Helping to mobilize the necessary means of implementation for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and targets,
- (k) Encouraging the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, academia and the private sector, in accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,
- (l) Providing a platform for partnerships for sustainable development,
- (m) Favouring people-centred policies and actions, transparency and accountability,
- (n) Promoting the coordination and coherence of national development plans and strategies with global frameworks,
- (o) Contributing to the guidance provided by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly, as well as of the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as appropriate,
- (p) Promoting, at the regional level, the development, dissemination, diffusion and transfer of environmentally sound technologies, and stepping up regional cooperation and collaboration in science, research, technology and innovation, including through public-private and multi-stakeholder partnerships, and on the basis of common interest and mutual benefit, focusing on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

7. *Decides* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be convened annually, as appropriate, by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole of the Commission. It will be supported by the secretariat of the Commission, and aligned with the schedules, working programmes and themes of the Economic and Social Council, of the latter's Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, and of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as appropriate;

8. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to issue an annual progress report, four weeks in advance of the respective meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. The report will be considered a regional contribution for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of Economic and Social Council and its forum on financing for development follow-up, as appropriate, and will assess the regional progress and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, on the basis of agreed indicators and other relevant contributions from the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, and on national-level reviews, as appropriate, and it will provide policy recommendations to be considered by the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development;

9. *Also requests* the secretariat of the Commission to prepare a quadrennial progress report, to be considered by the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development as a regional contribution to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the General Assembly, consolidating and building on the progress and challenges identified in the preceding annual reports, in order to provide a broader analysis of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the regional level;

10. *Encourages* the Latin American and Caribbean countries to submit, through the Forum, its intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations, and a summary produced by its Chair, as appropriate:

- To the High-level Political Forum under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as part of the regional contributions to the global follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
- To the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as part of the regional contributions to the global follow-up process of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,
- To the United Nations Regional Coordination Mechanism;

11. *Highlights* the participatory and inclusive character of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which encourages the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, academia and the private sector, and in this regard encourages the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development to ensure institutionalized multi-stakeholder participation following the relevant provisions of the 2030 Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Economic and Social Council;

12. *Encourages* the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to volunteer for national reviews, and the Forum to further develop modalities for hosting them in accordance with the related principles and guidelines provided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Annex 2

ORAL STATEMENT

TO: Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary
A: Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

DATE: 27 April 2016

FROM: Johannes Huisman, Director
DE: Programme Planning and Budget Division, OPPBA

SUBJECT: Oral statement of programme budget implications arising from draft resolution entitled "Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development," agreed in fulfilment of resolution 695 (PLEN.16-E) of the XVI Extraordinary Meeting of the Plenary Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean held at ECLAC in Santiago, Chile on 16 de Abril de 2015.

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to the adoption of draft resolution entitled "**Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development,**" at the Thirty-first session of ECLAC's Committee of the Whole.

CC: Ms. Bartsiotas
 PCU

Oral statement in connection with draft resolution entitled "Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development"

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 7, and 8 of the draft resolution entitled "Forum of the Countries of Latin American and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development", the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean would:

Decide to establish the Forum of the Countries of Latin American and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development as a regional mechanism to follow-up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its means of implementation, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;

Further decide that the Forum will be convened annually by the President of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, as appropriate. It will be supported by the latter's Secretariat, and aligned with the schedules, working programmes and themes of the Economic and Social Council, of its Forum on Financing for Development, and of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as appropriate;

Request the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to issue an annual progress report, four weeks in advance of the Forum, as appropriate. The report will be considered as a regional contribution for the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC and the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development, as appropriate, and assess the regional progress and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, based on agreed indicators and other relevant contributions from ECLAC subsidiary bodies, and on voluntary national presentations, and provide policy recommendations to be considered by the Forum.

3. The implementation of the requests contained in operative paragraphs 1, 7, and 8, of the draft resolution will have the following additional financial implications for Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:

Policymaking organs

(a) *Other staff costs:* an amount of \$60,000 would provide for general temporary assistance in support of the organization of two annual meetings of the Regional Forum for Sustainable Development, including the preparation of substantive support documents and relevant reports and other pre-session and in-session activities;

(b) *Travel of staff:* an amount of \$30,000 would provide for travel of staff undertaking official missions in connection with the servicing of two annual meetings of the Regional Forum for Sustainable Development, including other necessary official missions related to pre-session and post-session activities;

(c) *Contractual services:* an amount of \$10,000 is required to cover contractual interpretation services during the two annual meetings of the Regional Forum for Sustainable Development and related pre-session and side events, and translation and editing services of pre-sessional and other documentation to be submitted to the session.

(d) *General operating expenses:* an amount of \$6,000 would provide for covering the costs of rental of premises for the two annual meetings of the Regional Forum for Sustainable Development, communication costs for long distance telephone charges, postage, courier, diplomatic pouch services and temporary connection of meetings' facilities to the internet; and miscellaneous services related to the annual meetings of the Regional Forum for Sustainable Development and other pre-session and side events activities;

(e) *Supplies and materials:* an amount of \$4,000 would provide for expendable supplies necessary for the two annual meetings of the Regional Sustainable Forum and other pre-session activities and events, including information notes for the participants, identity badges and luggage tags, meeting room notepads and pencils, reproduction paper and consumable supplies, printing paper, flag sets, meeting badges, stickers, audio/video disks, information kits and special invitation cards.

Executive direction and management

(a) *Consultants:* an amount of \$20,000 would provide for consultancy services for the preparation of two annual reports on the state of Sustainable Development Goals in the region.

4. Accordingly, the total additional resource requirements under Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, are estimated as follows:

A. Policymaking organs			
Organization of annual meetings of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for Sustainable Development		2016	2017
		US\$	US\$
(a) Other staff costs		30,000	30,000
(b) Travel of staff		15,000	15,000
(c) Contractual services		5,000	5,000
(d) General operating expenses		3,000	3,000
(e) Supplies and materials		2,000	2,000
Sub-total		55,000	55,000
A. Executive direction and management			
Preparation of annual reports on the regional progress and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda		2016	2017
(a) Consultants		10,000	10,000
Sub-total		10,000	10,000
TOTAL COST		65,000	65,000

5. Should the Committee of the Whole adopt the draft resolution, it is estimated that total recurrent additional resources in the amount of \$130,000 would be required under Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

6. The additional resource requirements mentioned above are contained in the Report of the Secretary-General Supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for development (A/70/794), currently under consideration by the General Assembly.

7. The implementation of requests contained in operative paragraphs 1, 7, and 8 of the draft resolution will require modifications to Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect.21)), which are detailed below.

Modifications required to Section 21 of the programme budget
for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect.21))

The implementation of the draft resolution would require the addition of four new outputs to the executive direction and management component of Section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect.21)), as follows:

- (a) the servicing of two intergovernmental meetings (one in 2016 and one in 2017);
- (b) two annual reports on the regional progress and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (one in 2016 and one in 2017).

Annex 3

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