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506 (XXIII) ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE CARIBBEAN NATIONS
AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Concerned at the economic and social crisis currently being suffered by the Caribbean countries,

Recognizing the efforts which these countries have been making in recent years --both individually and within the framework of the Caribbean Community-- to attain sustained economic and social development,

Bearing in mind that the rest of the countries of the region are interested, within the limits of their own economic and technical possibilities, in supporting the efforts of the Caribbean countries so as to contribute to their integration and economic strengthening,

Taking account of the interest expressed by the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held in July 1989, in rapidly developing and intensifying the relations between the countries of the Caribbean and those of Latin America,

Recalling ECLAC resolutions 440 (XIX) of 15 May 1981 and 460 (XX) of 6 April 1984, aimed at promoting technical and economic co-operation between the countries of the Caribbean and the other countries of the region,

Conscious of the background as regards co-operation between the two groups of countries, the institutional infrastructure of ECLAC and the role of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee as a consultative body of the Executive Secretariat of ECLAC,

Recognizing the efforts of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Latin American Support Group of Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil and more recently Mexico in promoting co-operation, better understanding and integration of CARICOM into Latin America,

1. Urges the Latin American and Caribbean member countries of the Commission and the secretariats of the relevant groupings of the countries of the region to intensify their efforts to identify concrete possibilities for co-operation between the Caribbean nations and the other Latin American countries;

2. Invites the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee to evaluate the possibilities for co-operation between

the above groups of countries and to make such recommendations in that respect as it considers appropriate;

3. Recommends that the agenda of the regular sessions of ECLAC should include an item entitled Strengthening of the relations of the Caribbean countries with other subregions and other countries of Latin America, with special attention to the recommendations which the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee might make in this respect;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to:

a) intensify co-operation between the subregional headquarters of ECLAC in the Caribbean and in Mexico, and between them and ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, in order to promote greater technical co-operation (commensurate with the availability of resources) with the Caribbean region, including the updated study and identification of solutions of the problems standing in the way of the expansion of trade in goods and services and joint investments by Caribbean and Latin American countries;

b) contribute, in co-ordination with the Secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee, to the preparation of the documentation required to facilitate the work of that Committee;

c) support the actions to benefit the Caribbean countries which were approved by the Latin American Council and are now under way within the framework of the Latin American Economic System, in co-ordination with the relevant bodies or secretariats of groupings of the region.

241st meeting
10 May 1990