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Sixth Session Resolutions

Three of the resolutions adopted at the sixth session of CDCC on which further action can be reported since the publication of the document "Action on CDCC Resolutions Adopted at the Sixth Session"

(E/CEPAL/CDCC/95/Add.3) are:

- (A) Resolution 9(VI) - Co-ordination and Co-operation Activities to further the Implementation of the CDCC Work Programme;
- (B) Resolution 10(VI) - Measures for Strengthening the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee Secretariat;
- (C) Resolution 11(VI) - Increased CEPAL Support to Eastern Caribbean Countries.

A. Resolution on Co-ordination and Co-operation Activities to further the Implementation of the CDCC Work Programme, 9(VI)

It may be noted that in drafting Resolution 13(VII) the Committee emphasized and/or strengthened some clauses of Resolution 9(VI). Therefore the following brief text considers only those aspects not covered in the discussion of the Resolution 13(VII) given below.

Not much progress was possible with the proposed project to establish a Multinational Enterprise in the Fisheries sector. There was some limited progress towards the objective of establishing a Caribbean Enterprise for the Production and Distribution of Printed and Audio-Visual Materials and funding was secured for the experts' meeting to formulate recommendations to governments. There was also progress in the area of stimulating trade information including identification of focal points in non-CARICOM countries and the convening of the ad hoc experts group meeting on trade procedures.

More details on these activities are contained in the document "Implementation of the Work Programme" (E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.115 paras. 32, 54-55 and 78 respectively).

B. Resolution on Measures for Strengthening the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee Secretariat 10(VI)

The operative paragraph of this resolution in brief recommends the establishment of focal points in member states to facilitate the Secretariat in collecting and disseminating information and in monitoring subregional projects. With respect to the first part of the recommendation only one government has identified the focal point (as reported last year). The Secretariat has continued collecting information on subregional projects and it is expected that the volume of work in this area will be stepped-up during 1984.

The anticipated Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting to be called by the Chairman of CDCC has not materialized. The Committee may wish to issue a new mandate or reiterate its old mandate that the incoming chairman convene such a meeting.

C. Resolution on Increased CEPAL Support to Eastern Caribbean Countries 11(VI)

At CDCC seventh session the Secretariat reported on action taken on this resolution during the year 1982. (See document E/CEPAL/CDCC/95/Add.4 dated 9 December 1982).

It will be recalled that the Resolution was adopted on 4 February, 1982 and essentially requested ECLA to establish "the most appropriate relationship with the OECS".

In summary the detailed report outlined the results of ECLA/CDCC consultations with OECS member governments and the Secretariats, makes recommendations for concrete actions in light of the discussions, discusses specific areas of the CDCC work programme where increased participation appeared needed and noted possibilities for greater co-ordination between UN activities and ECLA/CDCC activities related to OECS countries.

Since the report to CDCC VII, certain concrete additional action can be reported:

(1) Consultations between officials of the OECS Secretariat, the ECLA Headquarters and the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean continued in an attempt to define the ECLA/CDCC role more precisely and to

articulate proposed activities more clearly;

(ii) A Memorandum of Understanding between OECS and ECLA/CDCC was drafted and discussed and a final version is expected to be signed shortly;

(iii) A short mission comprising officials from ECLA offices in Port of Spain, Santiago and Mexico visited the OECS Secretariats earlier this year to discuss, among other things, ways in which the Mexico and Santiago offices could provide assistance to the proposed OECS-ECLA/CDCC Work Programme 1984-89;

(iv) The OECS-ECLA/CDCC Co-ordinator has been designated and preliminary work has commenced;

(v) Preliminary papers have been prepared as the first steps in outlining the approach, modalities, etc., of the work on the proposed priority activities: Advancing the ECCM Economic Integration Process towards a Customs Union, and Assistance on International Trade Matters.

#### Seventh Session Resolutions

At its Seventh Session, the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) adopted two resolutions:

- (A) Resolution 12(VII) - Technical and Economic Co-operation within the framework of the CDCC;
- (B) Resolution 13(VII) - Functioning of the CDCC Secretariat.

#### A. Resolution on Technical and Economic Co-operation within the framework of CDCC 12(VII)

The operative sections of this resolution relate to the promotion and strengthening of economic, scientific and technical collaboration in the framework of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries. In operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of this resolution, the Committee decided that the Secretariat should obtain from member governments information on their countries' needs as well as their countries' achievements in the areas of work of the CDCC, on the basis of which member governments would be in a position to request or offer economic, scientific and technical co-operation. The established timetable required that the

information should be submitted to the Secretariat by member governments by June 1983. Based on this information the Secretariat was to prepare a working paper on recommendations for achieving the requirements of member governments and on promoting and strengthening of economic, scientific and technical co-operation. This working paper was to have been submitted to member governments by the third week of November 1983 and recommendations considered at a meeting of high level Government officials to be convened in January 1984. Operative paragraph 3 invited CARICOM, OECS, CDB and the United Nations Specialized Agencies to consider how they could co-operate in this activity.

On 17 February 1983 the Secretariat forwarded the text of this resolution to Member Governments of CDCC for their attention and action. Reminders were sent on 25 July 1983 and again on 18 October 1983.

To date only four Governments have responded and only two countries have submitted the information requested. On 3 June 1983, the Government of Cuba offered to co-ordinate this activity. The other activities contemplated could not be undertaken, however, due to the limited number of responses from CDCC governments.

In accordance with operative paragraph 3 of the resolution the Secretariat requested CARICOM, OECS, CDB and the UN Specialized Agencies to consider how they could co-operate on this activity and the response, in general, has been encouraging. In a number of replies it was suggested that the specific forms that such co-ordination should take would only become clear in the light of the information received from member governments and it is expected that once this information has been received the dialogue will continue.

Member governments may wish to give the Secretariat guidance on future activity on this resolution.

B. Resolution on Functioning of the CDCC Secretariat 13(VII)

The Committee in adopting Resolution 13(VII) noted that the ECLA Sub-regional Headquarters for the Caribbean had not been endowed with the required flexibility and authority to enable CDCC to serve as an effective

instrument in the economic and social development of the subregion.

The following paragraphs contain a summary of the actions taken on each request and recommendation of the resolution:

I.1 Designation of ECLA Office for the Caribbean as ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

On 31 May 1983, this Secretariat was authorized to use the above-mentioned designation. This re-designation is, however, subject to eventual review in terms of the organizational nomenclature to be applied generally to the Regional Commissions of the United Nations.

I.2 Delegation of additional authority and functions to the Office in Port of Spain

ECLA Santiago and ECLA Port of Spain agreed on text covering delegation of authority and measures for overcoming the difficulties in the areas of:

- (i) Regular budget;
- (ii) Extrabudgetary funds;
- (iii) Professional appointments;
- (iv) General Service appointments;
- (v) Redeployment of resources in other areas to meet urgent needs;
- (vi) Communications;
- (vii) Economic survey;
- (viii) Delegation of authority;
- (ix) Documenting of delegated authority.

Action has been taken to implement these proposals.

II.1(a) Authorization to seek, receive and administer funds from extrabudgetary resources

Final agreement and signature of project documents resides in ECLA Santiago.

(b) Clear identification of estimates

A separate allocation for this office in the programme budget for 1984-1985 has been made (see UN document A/38/6, volume II, annexes I, II, pages 179 and 180). Annex attached.

(c) Monitoring resources

The expenditures are still being monitored by ECLA Santiago although the monthly and other statements of accounts are now being sent directly to UN Headquarters in New York.

(d) Preparation and submission of budget

At present a draft programme budget for 1986-1987 for the Port of Spain Office is being prepared by ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean. It is expected that the Secretariat will be invited by the UN Budget Division in New York along with ECLA Santiago for discussions as was done last year.

(e) Re-establishment of the CDCC Work Programme as a separate programme

In making its submission to ECLA Santiago for incorporation in the Medium-term Plan, 1984-1989 the Secretariat requested that the CDCC Work Programme be shown as a separate programme as was the case during 1982-83. No response had been received up to the time this paper was prepared.

III. Filling of vacancies

Attempts have been made to reduce the vacancy list and at least to occupy posts if only with temporary personnel. Action to fill all posts on a more permanent basis has been initiated.

IV.1 The first meeting of the Monitoring Committee was held on 27 and 29 June 1983 and it is hoped to convene another before CDCC VIII. Consultations were held with the chairman of CDCC on many matters such as additional office accommodation, budgetary matters, participation in ECLA and CDCC meetings, etc.



## ANNEX I

ESTABLISHED POST REQUIREMENTS BY LEVEL AND BY LOCATION  
(REGULAR BUDGET)

Professional Category and above	Santiago		Mexico City		Port of Spain	
	1982/1983	1984/1985	1982/1983	1984/1985	1982/1983	1984/1985
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-
ASG	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-
D-1	11	12	1	1	1	1
P-5	26	25	4	4	1	1
P-4	36	38	8	9	6	6
P-3	35	34	6	6	5	6
P-2/1	22	23	8	8	2	2
Total	132	134	27	28	15	16
General Service Total	297	299	63	63	20	23
Grand Total	429	433	90	91	35	39

Professional Category and above	Washington		Brasilia		Montevideo	
	1982/1983	1984/1985	1982/1983	1984/1985	1982/1983	1984/1985
USG	-	-	-	-	-	-
ASG	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
P-5	1	1	1	1	1	1
P-4	1	1	2	2	-	-
P-3	1	1	2	2	-	-
P-2/1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	3	5	5	1	1
General Service Total	4	4	4	4	1	1
Grand Total	7	7	9	9	2	2

Professional Category and above	Bogotá		Buenos Aires		Total	
	1982/1983	1984/1985	1982/1983	1984/1985	1982/1983	1984/1985
USG	-	-	-	-	1	1
ASG	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-2	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	-	-	-	-	13	14
P-5	1	1	2	2	37	36
P-4	2	1	-	-	55	57
P-3	-	-	-	-	49	49
P-2/1	-	-	-	-	32	33
Total	3	2	2	2	188	191
General Service Total	-	-	4	4	393	398
Grand Total	3	2	6	6	581	589

Source: Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 1984-85, Vol. II, Supplement No.6 (A/38/6).

DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES BY MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
IN 1984-1985

(Thousands of US Dollars)

Object of expenditure	Santiago	Mexico City	Port-of-Spain	Total
Established posts	28,617.7	3,766.6	2,155.8	34,540.1
Temporary assistance for meetings	302.2	-	-	302.2
General temporary assistance	312.3	33.8	16.7	362.8
Consultants	255.6	13.5	46.1	315.2
Overtime	124.6	6.7	-	131.3
Ad hoc expert groups	226.5	0.1	88.3	314.9
Common Staff costs	9,162.1	1,431.7	690.2	11,284.0
Representation allowances	9.2	-	-	9.2
Travel of staff to meetings	323.4	-	21.9	345.3
Other official travel of staff	517.4	54.4	85.2	657.0
Contractual services	22.2	4.4	-	26.6
External printing and binding	214.7	-	32.3	247.0
Public information services	16.9	-	-	16.9
Data-processing contracts	370.0	-	11.6	381.6
General operating expenses	19.3	-	-	19.3
Rental and maintenance of premises	536.9	719.7	80.8	1,337.4
Utilities	541.4	21.4	6.0	568.8
Rental and maintenance of equipment	366.5	34.7	17.6	418.8
Communications	1,017.5	91.2	83.5	1,192.2
Hospitality	10.5	-	1.2	11.7
Miscellaneous services	355.1	10.5	5.2	350.8
Supplies and materials	719.7	108.2	59.5	887.4
Furniture and equipment	240.7	73.7	31.4	345.8
Improvements to premises	26.6	-	-	26.6
Total	44,289.0	6,370.6	3,433.3	54,092.9

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