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CEPAL/ILPES in previous consultation with the CDCC member countries and

- a) taking into consideration the resolutions adopted at the first meeting of Ministers of Planning for the Latin American and for the Caribbean countries held in Caracas (1977) ;
- b) reaffirming the resolutions adopted at the second meeting of Ministers of Planning for Latin America and the Caribbean countries held in Lima (1978) ;
- c) recalling the recommendations adopted by the technical sub-committee of ILPES in the meetings of Panama and Lima; and
- d) recognizing the need to put in practice the recommendations adopted at the first meeting of planning officials held in Havana (January 1979);

present for the approval and support of CDCC member countries meeting in Suriname the following programme for action:

to realize the different forms of horizontal cooperation among the Caribbean planning agencies in order to obtain more and better use of the actual resources available in the region , and to achieve the objectives proposed in the development plans.

Accordingly, it is recommended to give high priority and to pursue the following actions:

1. To organize seminars, workshops and several meetings on selected planning topics that the countries consider relevant and important also to benefit women's integration and equality. This is to assure a better use of the available human resources for planning, to strengthen the national planning agencies and to encourage regional integration.

2. Bilateral technical support among the planning agencies for the exchange of specialists for relatively short periods of time in those fields that can be considered important and relevant for the interest of both countries. Therefore a survey is urgently needed of the availability and needs of technical expertise at the sub-regional level. Terms of reference to be determined in consultation with the planning departments of Governments and this study could be done with the technical and financial support of ILPES and CEPAL.
3. To exchange information among the national planning agencies especially economic and social plans, sectorial plans, to exchange methodological and statistical documents that permit utilization of the experience and knowledge of the Caribbean planning experts. With regard to this , the CEPAL/ILPES/CDCC project network of information for planning is useful and necessary.
Also, the creation of a planning bulletin for the Caribbean should be an appropriate instrument to strengthen the planning mechanism in the region.
4. To assess the condition of women and their situation in the sub-region related to legislation and the institutional changes in the state organization.
5. To carry out a study of the possibilities for forward planning in Maritime Transport at the sub-regional level.
This is one of the most serious constraints that requires prompt and specific actions.
6. To channel and to request from the International Agencies stronger support for training activities in social and economic planning. In this sense, the establishment of scholarships, national courses and sub-regional courses in the field of planning deserves special attention and concrete actions.

Finally, CEPAL/ILPES/CDCC consider convenient that in the next meeting of Ministers of Planning to be held in Guatemala and for the next meeting of Caribbean planning officials to be held in Jamaica, each country should present a satisfactory report of objectives realized with respect to the above mentioned action programme.

