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493 (XXII) SUPPORT FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE
FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING ON THE OCCASION
OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning is a permanent institution of the United Nations with its own identity within the ECLAC system and an intergovernmental service agency which functions in accordance with guidelines laid down directly by the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean,

1. Recognizes that ILPES has carried out a major task of conceptual and technical renovation in respect of planning, co-ordination of public policies and modernization of its management and organizational structure;
2. Approves with satisfaction the reports of the activities of ILPES for 1986 and 1987 */ and endorses the contents of the current programme of work and the draft programme of work for the period 1990-1991; **/

3. Agrees with the main lines of the New Institutional Project for the period 1987-1990, ***/ which include:

a) tripartite financing from the United Nations, the governments of member States and extra-budgetary resources attracted by the Institute;

b) recognition that the direct contributions to the Institute by the governments of its member States should constitute the regular financing of its multilateral activities and that it is important that member governments should maintain the amount of the contributions committed and should regularize their timely payment;

c) maintenance of a stable technical core staff of a size that is commensurate with the responsibilities entrusted by governments to the Institute, on the same terms approved by ECLAC at its twenty-first session; ****/

4. Takes note of the establishment of the ILPES Office for Central America and Panama with the support of all the governments of the subregion and expresses its gratitude to the Government of Costa Rica for the resources made available for the installation of the Office in San José; urges the other governments to support the work of the new Office, and also supports the continuity of the ECLAC/ILPES Joint Planning Unit for the Caribbean;

*/ See annexes 1 and 2 of document LC/G.1509 (SES.22/9).

**/ See document LC/G.1506 (SES.22/6).

***/ See paragraph 3 of document LC/G.1509 and paragraph 12 of annex 1 of that document.

****/ See operative paragraph 1(c) of ECLAC resolution 482 (XXI).

5. Expresses its gratitude to the Executive Secretariat of ECLAC for the continued support provided to ILPES and requests it to maintain and if possible to intensify its technical support, as well as to continue with its efforts to provide the Institute with stable resources and to give it greater flexibility as a multilateral service agency;
6. Ratifies the change of name of the Technical Committee to "Regional Council for Planning" and of the Technical Subcommittee to "Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning";
7. Notes with satisfaction that the Conferences of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean which are held within the framework of the System of Co-operation and Co-ordination among Planning Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean (SCOOPALC), as well as the meetings of the Regional Council for Planning, will be held every four years as from 1989 while also taking note of the possibility of holding extraordinary meetings of both forums in the period between two regular meetings;
8. Expresses once again its gratitude to the governments of the member States which have contributed to the financing of the Institute, as well as to the governments of States from outside the region (particularly France, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain) which support some of its activities through specific projects;
9. Expresses its satisfaction at the support provided by UNDP for the financing of specific projects executed by the Institute, which make it possible to fulfill requests from governments, and thanks UNDP's network of Resident Representatives for the co-operation which it provides to ILPES in the region;
10. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the Institute to articulate its activities with those of various international and bilateral bodies, and expresses particular satisfaction with the support provided to ILPES by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank;
11. Acknowledges the pioneering work of the Institute in the field of training and the provision of advisory services to non-governmental bodies, and expresses its satisfaction at the greater regional coverage of these activities during the last biennium;
12. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Uruguay for having offered the city of Montevideo as the venue for the Seventh Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean and for the eighth session of the Regional Council for Planning, to be held in 1989.

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27 April 1988