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AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF ECLAC

Note by the Secretariat

1. The text of the Terms of Reference of ECLAC, which was approved in Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI), by which the Commission was created in 1948, has been amended on a number of occasions. These amendments have become necessary with the passage of time as the Commission's sphere of activity has been more clearly defined and as resolutions have been adopted on the admission of new member countries located outside the original geographical scope of its work. After being duly approved by the Economic and Social Council, such amendments have made it necessary to publish revised versions of the text of the Commission's Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure.

2. On this occasion, following the adoption of resolutions 452 (XX) on the admission of Portugal and 455 (XX) on the change of name of ECLA, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/67, in which the Council endorses the aforementioned resolutions, a comprehensive review was carried out of the text of the Commission's Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure as set forth in document E/CN.12/850/Rev.1.

3. As a result of that review, it has been decided that the following changes shall be made in the text of the Commission's Terms of Reference:

a) Where the words "Economic Commission for Latin America" appear, they should be replaced by "Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean" (Article 1).

b) Wherever the words "Latin America" appear, they should be replaced by "Latin America and the Caribbean" (Articles 1a), 1b), 1e), 2 and 15).

c) The text of Article 3:

Reads

a) Membership of the Commission shall be open to Members of the United Nations in North, Central and South America, and in the Caribbean area, and to France, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom ...

Should read

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d) The text of Article 4:

Reads

4. The geographical scope of the Commission's work is the twenty Latin American States Members of the United Nations, participating territories in Central and South America which have frontiers adjoining any of these States, and participating territories in the Caribbean area.

Should read

4. The geographical scope of the Commission's work comprises the Latin American and Caribbean States Members of the United Nations and participating territories in Central America and the Caribbean.

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e) The text of Article 9:

Reads

9. The Commission shall co-operate with and take the necessary measures to co-ordinate its activities with the appropriate organs of the Inter-American System and as may be necessary with the Caribbean Commission in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication of effort between those organs and itself; to this end the Commission is empowered to, and shall seek to, make working arrangements with the appropriate organs of the Inter-American System regarding the joint or independent study or execution of economic problems within its competence and the fullest exchange of information necessary for the co-ordination of efforts in the economic field. The Commission shall invite the Pan-American Union to nominate a representative to attend meetings of the Commission in a consultative capacity.

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9. The Commission shall co-operate with and take the necessary measures to co-ordinate its activities with the appropriate organs of the Inter-American System in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication of effort between those organs and itself; to this end the Commission is empowered to, and shall seek to, make working arrangements with the appropriate organs of the Inter-American System regarding the joint or independent study of economic problems within its competence and the fullest exchange of information necessary for the co-ordination of efforts in the economic field. The Commission shall invite the Organization of American States and other regional bodies to nominate a representative to attend meetings of the Commission in a consultative capacity.

4. The amendments indicated above are being submitted to the delegations for their consideration in order that, if deemed appropriate, they may approve the amendments as proposed or suggest modifications. Once approved, the amendments of the Terms of Reference will be brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council.