

597(XXX) SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 340(AC.66) of 25 January 1974, in which it directed that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning should become a permanent institution of the Commission which would have its own identity and would be responsible directly to the Executive Secretary of the Commission,

Bearing in mind its resolution 581(XXVIII), in which it recommended that meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Institute's Regional Council for Planning that were to take place in the years when the Commission convened its session should be held within the framework of that session,

Highlighting the conclusions of the eleventh Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Madrid, Spain, on 6 November 2002,

Highlighting also the Ibero-American Investment Summit held at the Casa de America in Madrid, Spain, on 5 November 2002,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the resolutions adopted by the Regional Council for Planning at its twelfth meeting, held in Madrid, Spain, on 6 November 2002, the highlights of which are as follows:

- (a) Adoption of the report on the activities of the Institute in 2002;
- (b) The support provided for the programme guidelines received by the Institute for the period 2003-2006;
- (c) Institution-building within the Institute, in particular through a more precise definition of its substantive profile and its emphasis on public management, and the assignment of the task of establishing itself as the training hub of the Commission and, as such, of contributing to the dissemination of secretariat publications, especially those of an institutional nature;
- (d) The election of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning for the period 2003-2006;

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the resolutions adopted by the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning at their twenty-second meeting, held within the framework of the thirtieth session of the Commission in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in June 2004, the highlights of which are as follows:

- (a) Adoption of the report on the activities of the Institute in the 2002-2003 biennium;
- (b) Adoption of the special report on training activities conducted by the Institute in 2003;
- (c) Approval of the first issue of the publication *Panorama de la gestión pública*;¹
- (d) The strengthening of activities for cooperation and the exchange of experiences between the Governments of the member countries in the areas specified;
- (e) The need to include issues relating to international economic negotiations and social policies in training activities, and to analyse public-private cooperation on investment projects;

3. Reiterates to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning the importance of their contributions to the regular system of government financing, which is essential for the future continuity of the activities of the Institute;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to continue to support the work of the Institute by providing human and financial resources so that the Institute may conduct its activities effectively;

5. Thanks the Government of Cuba for offering to host the twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, and agrees that the meeting should be held in mid-2005.

¹ LC/IP/L.243.