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PROPOSED ECLAC CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES FOR THE PERIOD 2002-2004

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INTRODUCTION

During the sessions of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), which are held every two years, the Commission considers and approves the calendar of intergovernmental meetings for the following biennium, bearing in mind the various mandates issued by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and ECLAC, the availability of resources and other relevant factors.

In August 1987, after studying the Commission's intergovernmental structure and pattern of conferences, the nineteenth session of the Committee of the Whole adopted resolution 489(PLEN.19) (see annex 1), in which it recommended, inter alia, that the current institutional structure of ECLAC and its system should be maintained.

The Commission, at its twenty-sixth session, held in San José, Costa Rica, from 5 to 20 April 1996, considered the document entitled "Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC. Note by the secretariat". Following consideration of that topic, the Commission adopted resolution 553(XXVI) (see annex 2). With respect to the pattern of ECLAC conferences, the resolution recommends that the practice of holding biennial sessions of the main forum should continue to serve as the foundation for maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of the Commission.

At its twenty-eighth session, held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 3 to 7 April 2000, the Commission considered the document entitled "Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2000-2002. Note by the secretariat". Following an examination of that topic, the Commission adopted resolution 579(XXVIII) entitled "ECLAC calendar of conferences for the period 2000-2002". In addition to the regular statutory meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, the Commission approved the plans for holding the second Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, in compliance with ECLAC resolution 535(XXV) and the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development.

¹ LC/G.1899(SES.26/4).

² LC/G.2076(SES.28/8).

I. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION, ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Annex 3 to this document contains a table showing the statutory meetings of ECLAC and its subsidiary bodies, together with the date of establishment and legislative basis of each body, its membership, the periodicity of its meetings and its main sphere of competence, aims and terms of reference. This table lists in chart form the statutory intergovernmental meetings of ECLAC and the more informal meetings, such as seminars, symposia, round-table discussions and other meetings of experts convened by the Executive Secretary pursuant to the work programme approved by the Governments of the member States. Also included are other intergovernmental regional conferences, generally convened in the context of preparatory or follow-up activities for United Nations international conferences.

Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

In the area of statistics, ECLAC has collaborated on a systematic basis with the aim of assisting coordination among the developed countries, international organizations and the national statistical offices of its member countries. As of 1994, this effort included the organization of joint meetings with the Organization of American States (OAS). OAS decided to discontinue the Inter-American Statistical Conference, whose Permanent Executive Committee had been the counterpart of ECLAC in that field. Similarly, OAS requested its member states to combine their efforts with regard to statistical coordination within a single body in the context of ECLAC. Taking the above into account, the twenty-eighth session of ECLAC approved the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as one of the subsidiary organs of the Commission. This decision of ECLAC was ratified by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2000/7.

In view of the above, the first meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas was held in Santiago, Chile, from 9 to 11 May 2001. This meeting approved the "Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, June 2001-June 2003" (LC/L.1474), which lists all of the international and regional cooperation activities which will be held in the biennium by the governments of ECLAC member countries and institutions which are able to organize such activities and participate in them.

Subsequently the Executive Committee of the Conference held its first meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 25 and 26 March 2002. It is proposed that the second Conference take place in June 2003.

Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

At the thirty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from 9 to 11 October 2001, it was agreed that, in view of the need to harmonize regional follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 with the 10-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, that the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women be deferred until 2004 so that it could be linked up with the global process; and that the thirty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers be held during the second half of 2002 in view of the fact that the twenty-ninth session of ECLAC was to be held during the first half of that year.

Regional Conference on Migration and Development: Human rights and trafficking in migrants

In its resolution 56/203, entitled International Migration and Development, the General Assembly calls upon the United Nations, in collaboration with other relevant organizations and agencies, to provide support for dialogue involving Governments and other relevant stakeholders on international migration and development issues, and requests the Secretary-General to initiate or continue appropriate action in consultation with regional commissions in order to ensure the carrying out of interregional activities, with the contribution of the relevant actors on issues relating to international migration and development. Pursuant to that resolution, the secretariat proposes holding, during the second half of 2002, a Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Migration and Development: Human rights and trafficking in migrants. This conference would be organized in conjunction with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and other intergovernmental organizations interested in the issue.

Regional Conference Preparatory to the World Summit on the Information Society

In resolution 56/183, entitled World Summit on the Information Society, the General Assembly welcomed the resolution adopted by the Council of the International Telecommunication Union at its 2001 session, in which the Council endorsed the proposal of the Secretary General of the Union to hold the Summit at the highest possible level in two phases: the first in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003 and the second in Tunis in 2005; and encouraged all relevant United Nations bodies, in particular the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force to contribute to the intergovernmental preparatory process of the Summit and invited the countries to participate in the preparations for the Summit, including the regional meetings.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS

Venue of ECLAC meetings

The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 40/243, set forth provisions governing meetings of the United Nations system and in particular of the regional commissions and their subsidiary bodies. The resolution reaffirms the general principle that, in drawing up the schedule of conferences and meetings, United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their respective established headquarters, except in the case of regular sessions of the regional commissions and meetings of their subsidiary bodies, which may be held away from their headquarters when the commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

When the Commission considers convening its next session away from its headquarters, the corresponding proposal must be accompanied by an analysis of the financial implications of such a change of location. Once adopted by the Commission, the proposal must be submitted to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for their consideration and approval.

In the case of proposals to hold meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission away from ECLAC headquarters, the Commission must first analyse the financial implications of each such meeting. It is important to note that, in such cases, the additional costs involved in a change of venue are not chargeable to the host country, as is the case with meetings other than sessions of the Commission or of its subsidiary bodies, although host countries usually make significant contributions in kind which reduce the cost to the United Nations.

The principle of rotating the venue of the biennial session of the Commission, which is set forth in rule 2 of the ECLAC Rules of Procedure, was discussed in depth during the twenty-first session of the Commission (Mexico City, 17-25 April 1986). After weighing the advantages and disadvantages of rotation, including the financial aspects, and taking into account the fact that ECLAC headquarters in Santiago does not have the necessary physical facilities for hosting a regular session, the Commission adopted by consensus resolution 480(XXI), in which it reaffirmed the principle of rotating the venue of the regular sessions of ECLAC. It also reaffirmed the practice of having the host country provide the necessary facilities and local transport, as well as document reproduction equipment, materials and supplies for the conference and local support staff. In addition, it recommended to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly that the regular budget of the United Nations for each biennium should include the resources needed to hold the regular sessions of ECLAC in the city in which the Commission's headquarters are located, and that any additional expenditures should be financed out of the Commission's regular budget.

In 2000 the Government of Brazil offered to host the twenty-ninth session, and the Commission accepted this invitation. In July of that year the Economic and Social Council adopted decision 2000/8, confirming that the twenty-ninth session of ECLAC would be held in Brazil in the year 2002.

Should the Commission decide to hold its thirtieth session away from ECLAC headquarters, it would again be required to secure the approval of the Economic and Social Council.

III. CONCLUSIONS

Pursuant to the mandates mentioned above, it is incumbent upon the Commission at its twenty-ninth session to consider and approve the ECLAC calendar of conferences for the period 2002-2004. To this end, the secretariat has prepared a table showing the proposed schedule of meetings for those years, including the statutory meetings of ECLAC and its subsidiary bodies (see annex 4).

In considering the calendar of conferences, the representatives of member States should bear in mind that it may prove necessary to add unprogrammed meetings to the calendar, since ECLAC, like other regional commissions, receives mandates from higher bodies to hold meetings on specific topics. It also becomes necessary at times, owing to unforeseen circumstances, to change the date or location of a meeting. It is therefore suggested that the Executive Secretary of ECLAC be allowed a measure of flexibility in applying the calendar that is approved.

Annex 1

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RESOLUTION 489(PLEN.19). INTERGOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

<u>Recalling</u> General Assembly resolutions 40/237 and 41/213 on the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind decision 1987/112 of the Economic and Social Council to establish a Special Commission to carry out an in-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields, and in particular paragraph (i) of that decision, which requests all subsidiary bodies in the economic and social sectors to submit their views and proposals on achieving the objectives envisaged in recommendation 8 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations,

<u>Noting</u> the view of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly to the effect that the suitability of the activities of the regional commissions is a matter to be determined primarily by the member States concerned and that the regional commissions should be consulted on any action to be taken in this regard,

Bearing in mind the importance of General Assembly resolution 32/197, which was adopted after an in-depth evaluation of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations and contains the most comprehensive statement of the General Assembly on the regional commissions,

<u>Reaffirming</u> the provisions of ECLAC resolution 431(XIX) on the implementation of the mandates embodied in resolution 32/197 and the guidelines on coordination between organizations and agencies of the United Nations system,

<u>Recalling also</u> resolution 419(PLEN.14) on the rationalization of the institutional structure and the pattern of meetings of the ECLAC system, by which the Committee of the Whole, following a careful study, decided to "maintain the existing fundamental institutional structure of the ECLAC system", with certain adjustments,

<u>Convinced</u> of the effectiveness of the multidisciplinary and multisectoral regional approach which has characterized the work of the United Nations regional commissions and that, in this connection, the activities and programme of work of ECLAC approved by the Commission are fully consistent with the priorities of its member countries in their efforts to achieve the economic and social development of the region,

Also bearing in mind that the basic function of ECLAC is to serve as principal general economic and social development centre within the United Nations system in Latin America and the Caribbean, for which purpose it is necessary to strengthen its operation as a source of concepts and guidelines which the governments of the region can use in the light of their specific situations,

<u>Convinced</u> that in order to raise the level of economic activity it is necessary that these concepts and guidelines be aimed at the search for alternative development strategies which permit the region to reinforce its economic and social development in the context of a changing international environment and to reaffirm its autonomy,

- 1. <u>Affirms</u> the need that the restructuring of the economic and social sectors resulting from the process initiated in response to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/213 should:
 - (a) Intensify the regional and multidisciplinary approach within the secretariat;
- (b) Strengthen the role of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as the principal centre within the United Nations system for the general economic and social development of the region;
- (c) Reinforce the Commission's activities aimed at promoting effective co-ordination of the work of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system in Latin America and the Caribbean; and
- (d) Strengthen also its capacity to contribute to the analysis of the region's development problems and the consideration of economic and social development strategies and policy options to serve as a guide for the countries;
- 2. <u>Emphasizes</u> the important role that ECLAC is called upon to play in the search for alternative development strategies which help the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to secure a more beneficial form of participation by the region in the international economic system;
- 3. <u>Recommends</u> that the current institutional structure of ECLAC and its system (which includes ILPES and CELADE) be maintained, but decides to abolish the sessional committees on water and on human settlements topics which will henceforth be dealt with in the same way as other aspects of the Commission's work programme at each session with a view to rationalizing still further its mechanisms, procedures and meetings;
- 4. <u>Emphasizes</u> the high priority which should be assigned in the Commission's activities to work in support of regional and interregional co-operation efforts, and to this end requests the Executive Secretary to intensify the co-operation the Secretariat has been extending to regional integration and co-operation agencies, and to continue to accord a high level of attention to collaboration with other regional economic commissions of the United Nations system in support of technical and economic co-operation between the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and those of other developing regions;
- 5. <u>Emphasizes also</u> the importance of the work performed by the Commission's divisions and units and by its joint programmes with the global organizations and agencies of the system: an approach which constitutes an appropriate way of avoiding duplication and permits effective co-ordination of the activities of the Organization's various bodies;
- 6. <u>Stresses</u> the importance of maintaining close co-operation between ECLAC and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and further promoting the participation of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the regional activities carried out by the two organizations;

- 7. <u>Decides to transmit</u> this resolution, together with the relevant section of the report of the nineteenth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC and, as a background paper, the document entitled "Intergovernmental structure and functions of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean" to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, and requests the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to report to the Commission at its next session on the application of the guidelines contained in this resolution;
- 8. Requests the Special Commission, aside from taking appropriate measures to put the provisions of the preceding paragraphs into effect, and bearing in mind the new responsibilities of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination laid down in General Assembly resolution 41/213, to examine ways of strengthening the intergovernmental relations between the regional commissions and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in order to ensure that the Committee considers the regional commissions' decisions and priorities in the economic and social sector transmitted by the Secretariat through its biennial work programme and medium-term plan and also permits the regional commissions to provide inputs for the global policy-making processes of the competent United Nations organs and to participate fully in the implementation of the relevant policy and programme decisions taken by those organs.

³ LC/L.421(PLEN.19/2).

Annex 2

COMMISSION RESOLUTION 553(XXVI). REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS IMPACT ON ECLAC

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

<u>Recalling</u> Commission resolutions 520(XXIV) and 541(XXV) on the role and functions of ECLAC and the consequences for it of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 48/162 and decision 49/411 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social spheres and other questions relating thereto, and resolution 48/218 and decision 49/461 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind also the guidelines emanating from the open-ended high-level working group established by General Assembly resolution 49/252 with a mandate to undertake a thorough review of the revitalization, strengthening and reform of the United Nations system,

<u>Taking note</u> of the content of the Declaration issued by the States Members and observers of the United Nations on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations and, in particular, of the proposal for ensuring that the United Nations enters the twenty-first century equipped, financed and structured to serve effectively the peoples in whose name it was established,

<u>Reaffirming</u> its conviction that the activities entrusted to the Commission by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106 (VI) retain their full validity in the light of the present circumstances and the foreseeable future of the Latin American and Caribbean countries,

<u>Having before it</u> the note by the secretariat entitled "Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC" (LC/G.1899(SES.26/4)), of 22 January 1996,

<u>Convinced</u> that, as a new century dawns, sustainable development should occupy an important place in the agenda of the United Nations,

<u>Convinced further</u> that it is essential for the United Nations, in carrying out activities in the economic and social fields, to take account of the regional dimension and the decentralization of tasks in accordance with the comparative advantages of Headquarters and the subsidiary organs located in the developing regions,

- 1. <u>Affirms</u> that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC is especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106 (VI), in the framework of a restructured United Nations;
- 2. <u>Declares</u>, therefore, that ECLAC should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the

design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and the resulting provision of operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination;

- 3. <u>Declares further</u> that, in order to play a relevant role with greater effectiveness and efficiency, ECLAC will need to adapt to the evolving development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations;
- 4. <u>Recommends</u> that the institutional structure and pattern of conferences of the ECLAC system, including the practice of holding biennial sessions of the main forum, should continue to serve as the foundation in maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of the Commission;
- 5. <u>Recommends further</u> that ECLAC should pursue its efforts to improve its performance, productivity, impact, efficiency and effectiveness, taking into account, where appropriate, ongoing processes pertaining to the United Nations as a whole;
 - 6. <u>Instructs</u> the Executive Secretary, therefore, to:
- (a) Pursue and strengthen the institutional development and management upgrading activities aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the activities which ECLAC carries out in fulfilment of the mandates conferred on it by member States;
- (b) Improve the indicators for evaluating the activities of the Commission in terms of performance, productivity and impact;
- (c) Intensify consultation and strengthen cooperation and coordination with other United Nations organs, agencies and programmes, particularly the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, taking special care to avoid duplication of activities;
- (d) Strengthen existing cooperation and coordination with other multilateral organizations, such as the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States, the Latin American Economic System and other Latin American and Caribbean institutions pursuing similar objectives in the region, again taking care to avoid duplication of activities;
- 7. <u>Decides</u> to establish an ad hoc working group open to all ECLAC member countries, to be headed by the Chairman of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, which group, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, is empowered to define priorities for the work programme and recommend to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities, taking into account the development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as budgetary considerations. The first meeting of this ad hoc working group will be held within 90 days at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, and any subsequent meetings will be held preferably at either of the subregional headquarters of ECLAC or at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

- 8. Entrusts the ad hoc working group with preparing a progress report to be transmitted through the Executive Secretary to the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for consideration at the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and with transmitting its proposals regarding the priorities for the 1998-1999 work programme through the appropriate channels to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;
- 9. <u>Further entrusts</u> the ad hoc working group with submitting a final report on the review of priorities for the programme of work of ECLAC to the next session of the Commission.

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Annex 3
MAIN BODIES AND MEETINGS OF THE ECLAC SYSTEM

Main intergovernmental bodies and meetings	Date set up	Legislative basis	Membership	Periodicity	Main sphere of competence, aims and terms of reference
Commission, session	1948	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	All ECLAC member States and associate members	Every two years	All economic and social issues in accordance with para. 1 of the Commission's Terms of Reference. See also rule 8 of the Rules of Procedures relating to the provisional agenda for any session
Committee of the Whole, regular and special sessions	1952	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI), para. 3	All ECLAC member States and associate members	Meetings in years in which no Commission session is held. Special sessions convened by the Executive Secretary when necessary	Since it was set up, the Committee of the Whole has held 33 sessions. At the regular sessions, items similar to those dealt with at Commission sessions are discussed. In accordance with the agreement adopted by the Commission in 1969, ^{a/} special sessions are convened by the Executive Secretary in accordance with the procedure set forth in rule 1 (b) of the ECLAC Rules of Procedure when the situation calls for a Commission resolution
ECLAC sessional committees	1948	Rule 53 of ECLAC Rules of Procedure	All ECLAC member States and associate members	As required during sessions of the Commission	The Commission may assign to sessional committees any matter within its sphere of competence not already assigned to an existing body in the system. A sessional committee on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions was set up at the twenty-second session; a sessional ad hoc committee on population and development was set up at the twenty-fifth session
Regional intergovernmental conferences	-	Generally, resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission or the Committee of the Whole	All ECLAC member States and associate members	As required	Specific issues. In many cases, these are regional meetings preparatory or in follow-up to world conferences of the United Nations on the relevant issue

Annex 3 (continued)

Main intergovernmental bodies and meetings	Date set up	Legislative basis	Membership	Periodicity	Main sphere of competence, aims and terms of reference	
Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean b/	America consens an b/ Novem Commi			At least once every three years	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development	
		Whole at its eleventh special session			Regional programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001	
Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	C 580(XVIII) and States and associate		Every two years	Policies on statistics and statistical activities in the countries of the region		
(SCA-ECLAC)	AC) Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	members		To promote the development and improvement of national statistics and their international comparability and promote international cooperation on statistical issues		
					To draw up a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities	
Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	1971	ECLAC resolution 310(XIV)	Developing countries which are members of ECLAC	At a suitable date, at least once a year, normally before the session of the Commission or as required	To act as a forum for analysing the factors involved in implementing and evaluating the objectives of the International Development Strategy in Latin America (ECLAC resolution 310(XIV), para. 5)	
Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	1974	ECLAC resolution 340(AC.66) adopted at the eighth special	Countries of Latin America	As required	To act as the guiding governmental body for ILPES activities in the matters within its purview	
		session of the Committee of the Whole			To serve as a consultative body to the Executive Secretary of ECLAC in planning matters	
					3. To review the ILPES work programme	

Annex 3 (concluded)

Main intergovernmental bodies and meetings	Date set up	Legislative basis	Membership	Periodicity	Main sphere of competence, aims and terms of reference
Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	1952	ECLAC resolution 9(IV)	Countries of Central America and Panama	Once a year; special sessions may be convened by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC	To serve as a consultative and advisory forum for Central American integration
Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	1975	ECLAC resolution 358(XVI), CDCC Constituent Declaration, Functions and Rules of Procedure (E/CEPAL/1022)	Countries within the sphere of competence of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, together with Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean countries as they attain independence	Once a year; special sessions may be convened by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC	CDCC Rules of Procedure, chapter II, para. 10: "To act as a coordinating body for whatever activities relating to development and cooperation may be agreed upon and to serve as an advisory and consultative body to the Executive Secretary of ECLAC in respect of Caribbean issues and circumstances"
Ad hoc meetings of government-appointed experts	-	Rule 24 of the ECLAC Rules of Procedure, ECLAC resolution 401(XVIII) and other decisions	States members of ECLAC, according to the topic and available resources	As required	Specific issues stemming from the work programme adopted by the Commission or programmes coordinated with other intergovernmental bodies
Seminars, forums, round tables and other meetings convened by the Executive Secretary pursuant to mandates from Governments	-	Rule 24 of the ECLAC Rules of Procedure, ECLAC resolution 401(XVIII) and other decisions	Experts invited by the secretariat, according to the topic and available resources	As required	Specific issues stemming from the work programme adopted by the Commission or programmes coordinated with other intergovernmental bodies

E/CN.12/841/Rev.1, paragraph 490.
Formerly called Regional Conference on the integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean. The seventh Regional Conference (Santiago, Chile, November 1998) approved the name change.

Annex 4
ECLAC CALENDAR ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES FOR THE PERIOD 2002-2004

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Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding			
2002	Nineteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 14-15 March	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 579(XXVIII)	ECLAC regular budget			
2002	First meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 25-26 March	ECLAC resolution 580(XXVIII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget			
2002	Twenty-ninth session of ECLAC	Brasilia, Brazil, 6-10 May	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14), 489(PLEN.19), 553(XXVI), 579(XXVIII) and 584(XXVIII)	ECLAC regular budget			
2002	Twenty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	Brasilia, Brazil, 8 May	ECLAC resolution 351(XVI)	Regular budgets of ECLAC and ILPES			
2002	Regional Conference on Migration and Development: Human Rights and Trafficking in Migrants	Santiago, Chile, 11-13 November	General Assembly resolution 56/203	ECLAC regular budget/extrabudgetary resources			
2002	Thirty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Santiago, Chile, October	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2; ECLAC resolution 584(XXVIII) and in accordance with the thirty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers	ECLAC regular budget			
2002	Twelfth session of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	Madrid, Spain, November	ECLAC resolutions 340(AC.66) and 584(XXVIII)	Regular budgets of ECLAC and ILPES			
2002	Eleventh Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean	Madrid, Spain, November	ECLAC resolutions 340(AC.66) and 371(XVII)	ILPES budget			
2002	Second Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	Santiago, Chile, December	ECLAC resolution 580(XVIII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget			
2002	Twentieth session of the Committee of High- level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/, b/	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para.204; 425(XIX) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget			

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Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2002	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 9(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Regional Meeting preparatory for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States + 10	a/ March	General Assembly resolutions 54/225 and 55/203	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Thirty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Santiago, Chile, March	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Regional Conference preparatory for the World Summit on the Information Society	Santiago, Chile, May	General Assembly resolution 56/183	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Second Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	a/ June	ECLAC resolution 580(XXVIII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	a/ June	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI), 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Regional Conference on Education and Development	Santiago, Chile, July	General Assembly resolution 55/2	ECLAC regular budget/extrabudgetary resources
2003	Thirty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Lima, Peru, September	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Twenty-second session of the ECLAC Committee of the Whole	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Twenty-first session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para.204; 425(XIX) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 9(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2003	Twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 351(XVI)	Regular budgets of ECI and ILPES

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2004	Twentieth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	a/ First half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI), 419(PLEN.14), 489(PLEN.19) and 579(XXVIII)	ECLAC regular budget
2004	Thirtieth session of ECLAC	a/ First half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14), 489(PLEN.19), and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2004	Thirty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ First half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2004	Ninth Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	a/, b/	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2, in accordance with the thirty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers	ECLAC regular budget
2004	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 9(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2004	Twenty-second session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para.204; 425(XIX) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
2004	Third Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	a/, b/	ECLAC resolution 580(XVIII) and Economic and Social Council Resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2004	Twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	a/, b/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 351(XVI)	Regular budgets of ECLAC and ILPES
2004	Thirty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Santiago, Chile, second half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget

a/ Place to be decided.

b/ Date to be decided.