

# **ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)**

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508 (XXIII) CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES AND REGIONSThe Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action adopted at the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC) held in that city in September 1978 and endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Taking into account the decisions adopted at the sixth session of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, which met from 18 to 22 September 1989 at United Nations Headquarters, New York, and in particular decisions 6/3 and 6/5 addressed to the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system,

Recalling its resolutions 491 (XXII) and 492 (XXII) on technical and economic co-operation among developing countries and regions,

Bearing in mind the results of the meeting of government experts convened by UNDP (New York, 9-20 April 1990) to identify the obstacles to technical co-operation among developing countries and recommend measures for surmounting them,

1. Takes note of the report of activities of the ECLAC system in support of co-operation among developing countries and regions in the biennium 1988-1989, presented by the ECLAC Secretariat at this session;\*/

2. Reaffirms the importance of co-operation among the developing countries of Latin America and the Caribbean at the regional and subregional level as a means of achieving the economic and social development objectives of those countries;

3. Also reaffirms the importance of the role ECLAC must play in supporting initiatives and actions by the countries of the region aimed at materializing co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional level;

4. Emphasizes the need to continue and intensify the Secretariat's efforts to promote and support co-operation among the countries of the region in sectors which their Governments consider to be of interest and to support and further the existing regional and subregional co-operation systems in those sectors;

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\*/ See the document entitled Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical co-operation among developing countries and regions (LC/G.1611 (SES.23/12)).

5. Requests the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the relevant mandates, to:

- a) strengthen the links between the ECLAC system and the national government-designated focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries and regions so that the Secretariat's activities to promote and support such co-operation will continue to respond effectively to the needs of the countries of the region in those sectors which their Governments consider to be of priority importance for their economic and social development objectives, providing support, when so requested by Governments, for the management capacity as regards co-operation at the national level;
- b) intensify activities designed to support existing co-operation networks and systems in those sectors in the region, facilitating and promoting the exchange of co-operation experience in order to improve the management capacity for co-operation among the countries of the region;
- c) continue with activities designed to back up the dissemination of information on opportunities and initiatives for co-operation among developing countries at the regional and interregional levels;
- d) continue and further expand activities aimed at identifying and incorporating operational forms of technical co-operation among developing countries in the various sectors of the programme of work of the ECLAC Secretariat, with special emphasis on those forms which permit, where appropriate, the participation of both governmental and non-governmental agents of co-operation;
- e) collaborate with initiatives and mechanisms for co-ordinating the work of bodies and organizations which carry on activities in the region relating to projects for co-operation among developing countries, so as to consolidate the progress already made in these matters and help to improve the efficiency and efficacy of such activities;
- f) continue to give support to the regional programming exercises in technical co-operation among developing countries in sectors of priority importance to the countries, which are sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme in co-ordination with the Latin American Economic System;
- g) continue to collaborate with the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System in the preparation of activities with the national focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries within the scope of their respective mandates, especially in the case of activities connected with the annual Meetings of National Directors of Technical Co-operation;

h) step up joint action with the other regional commissions for the formulation and execution of projects to promote technical and economic co-operation among countries of the various developing regions, taking as the basis for this the initiatives already taken in this field among the regional commissions in recent years, in consultation and co-ordination with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system.

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