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INTRODUCTION

This fortieth report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean covers the period 16 May 1998 to 7 April 2000. It includes the report of the twenty-eighth session of the Commission held in Mexico City from 3 to 7 April 2000.

I. ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

A. ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

At its twenty-eighth session, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean received an invitation from the Government of Brazil to hold its twenty-ninth session in that country in 2002. In resolution 584(XXVIII) adopted on 7 April 2000, the Commission accepted that invitation and recommended that the Economic and Social Council should approve that decision.

In its resolution 580 (XXVIII), entitled “Establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean”, the Commission decided to approve the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas as a subsidiary body of ECLAC whose role would be to contribute to the promotion of statistical policies and activities in the countries of the region. It also requested the Executive Secretary to submit the proposals required for the establishment of the Statistical Conference to the competent organs of the United Nations for their consideration.

B. ISSUES BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

In its resolution 582(XXVIII), entitled “Mexico resolution on equity, development and citizenship, the Commission” welcomed the document prepared by the Secretariat entitled *Equity, Development and Citizenship*, inasmuch as it reinforced the idea of development as an integral process, regarded equity as the central pillar for the reorientation of the region’s development patterns and brought to the forefront the validity of economic, social and cultural rights and their interdependence with civil and political rights. In addition, the Commission emphasized the fact that the document served to consolidate the organization’s position regarding the need to integrate macroeconomic aspects, institutions and regulatory systems with the operation of factor markets and microeconomic performance. Lastly, the secretariat was urged to continue to deepen its analysis of the following issues: social policy as an integrative force; responsible macroeconomic policy based on a longer time horizon; the reinforcement of citizenship, understood as effective participation by social actors and as an essential tool for strengthening social cohesion; the interrelationship between the development agendas of the countries of the region and the policies

associated with globalization processes; and the construction of a stable, predictable international financial system and its linkage with social development.

Other resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session

In addition, the Commission adopted the following resolutions: “Follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (resolution 576(XXVIII)); “Population and development: priority lines of action for 2000-2002” (resolution 577(XXVIII)); “Programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the biennium 2002-2003” (resolution 578(XXVIII)) and ECLAC calendar of conferences for the period 2000-2002” (resolution 579(XXVIII). It also adopted resolutions entitled “Support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning” (resolution 581(XXVIII)) and “Technical cooperation among developing countries and regions” (resolution 583(XXVIII)) and “Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee” (resolution 585(XXVIII)).

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION SINCE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Introduction

The present report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) covers the two-year period since the last session of the Commission, held in May 1998. It outlines the activities carried out under the programme of work of the ECLAC system, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE). The report is divided into three parts and two annexes.

Part I describes the activities of subsidiary bodies and special committees, namely the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration on Women in Latin America, and the Caribbean and the Presiding Officers of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning. A brief description is provided of the activities carried out by each entity and the decisions and agreements adopted.

The present report also includes a summary of the most salient aspects of: the fourth and fifth meetings of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI); the ninth meeting of the CDCC Monitoring Committee; the technical stage of the seventeenth session of CDCC; the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in the Latin America and the Caribbean; the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean; the twentieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning; and the eleventh meeting of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning.

Part II summarizes the activities carried out under the programme of work of the secretariat. Section A covers the activities of substantive programmes and section B describes activities in support of substantive programmes.

The structure of part I of the report basically conforms to the programming structure of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001. It should be noted that it differs from that of the draft programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003, which will be considered by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session.

This part of the report opens with an account of the multidisciplinary studies carried out jointly by the substantive units of ECLAC. These consisted of documents prepared for the meetings of the Commission and other specific bodies, special emphasis being placed on the secretariat's comprehensive approach to the choices and factors that determine the economic and social development of the countries of the region. Next, an overview is provided of the articles published in CEPAL Review, and this is followed by a description of activities carried out under the 11 substantive subprogrammes.

The information provided on each subprogramme consists of a descriptive summary outlining the general scope and most salient aspects of the work performed, followed by a detailed list of the resulting outputs, divided into four categories: (i) documents; (ii) meetings, seminars and conferences; (iii) technical cooperation; and (iv) training and fellowships.

Each of these categories has a number of subdivisions. The first category is subdivided into ECLAC publications, books published under publishing agreements and articles distributed through outside publications. In some cases, a distinction is made between documents published as books, those prepared specifically for publication on the Internet owing to the need to keep them constantly up to date, and those which take the form of computer programs. Meetings, seminars and conferences are subdivided into those organized under the corresponding subprogramme and those sponsored or convened by other institutions, and where ECLAC has only been involved as a participant or presenter; only the most important of the latter have been listed. Lastly, technical cooperation activities are listed by recipient agency and country.

Part II, section B summarizes the main support activities carried out by the Programme Planning and Operations Division, which is in charge of technical cooperation, and by the Documents and Publications Division, the Library, the Computer Services Section, the Information Services Unit and the Conference Services Unit.

Part III summarizes the Commission's ongoing cooperation, coordination and consultation activities with specialized agencies and other organizations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, during the period covered by the present report.

Annex 1 lists the technical cooperation projects carried out during the biennium, indicating each project's starting and completion dates and sources of extrabudgetary financing. Lastly, annex 2 enumerates, in chronological order, the meetings organized by the ECLAC system, including the date and venue of each meeting and the subprogramme under which it was held.

A. ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Fourth meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI)

The fourth meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI) was held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, from 1 to 3 October 1998, for the purpose of deciding on priorities for the programme of work for 2000-2001.¹ At this meeting the secretariat submitted a note entitled “Proposed order of priorities for the execution of the programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2000-2001” (DDR/1).

The secretariat gave a presentation on each programme, and made clear that the establishing of priorities did not mean that programmes lower on the list would not be executed, but merely set the order in which they were to be carried out. The budgetary situation should allow execution of the entire programme.

Fifth meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI)

The fifth meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI) was held in New York on 8 July 1999, for the twin purposes of reviewing progress in modernizing the internal management of ECLAC, and reporting on certain activities that had not been included in the work programme. In this connection, the secretariat submitted a note entitled “ECLAC and its role in the reform process” (DDR/1).

The secretariat briefly discussed activities not included in the work program, highlighting those relating to assessment of damage caused by the various natural disasters that had recently affected the region, and those carried out by the United Nations Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, relating to analysis of the financial crisis and reform of the international financial architecture. It also reported on the coordination meeting between United Nations agencies for Latin America and the Caribbean, convened by ECLAC at the request of the Deputy Secretary-General, who presided the meeting. In relation to the modernization process, the secretariat referred to regional coordination and a strengthening of links with member countries; the delegation of authority in exercise of the powers given to it; modification of the organizational structure; the preparation of performance indicators; changes introduced in recent months on matters of communications, information and diffusion; and the transversal nature being acquired by certain aspects of the work of the ECLAC, as evidenced in its links with gender equity and sustainable development.

After raising certain questions and concerns in relation to the information received, delegates expressed their satisfaction at the work carried out by the secretariat.

¹ Report of the fourth meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI) (LC/G.2044(GET.4/2)).

Seventeenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)

The seventeenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee was held in two stages: the technical stage was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, between 23 and 24 March 1998, whereas the ministerial meeting took place in Oranjestad, Aruba on 15 May 1998.²

Both stages analysed progress made in applying the program of work for the biennium 1996-1997, before reviewing the work program for the rest of the 1998-1999 biennium. The ministerial meeting expressed satisfaction at the work proposal for the biennium 2000-2001, which was subsequently approved by the twenty-seventh session of the Commission. The meeting approved the admission of Anguila as an associate member of CDCC.

Ninth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)

The ninth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 10 and 11 May 1999.³

The meeting was convened to review the activities carried out by the secretariat between March 1998 and April 1999, and also to consider a revitalizing of CDCC to meet the challenges facing the subregion and identify issues for consideration by this committee at its next meeting.

The most important conclusions of the meeting include the recommendation to make an assessment of the capacity of the Caribbean subregion to compete in globalized markets, with a view to identifying modalities for more effective participation therein. It was also recommended that celebrations of the 25th anniversary of CDCC should have a cultural orientation, in recognition of the role of culture as a unifying element among Caribbean states.

Twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Santiago Chile, on 13 and 14 July 1998.⁴

The meeting agreed to hold activities aimed at applying the Regional Programme of Action, the "Santiago Consensus" and the world Platform for Action, mainly with a view to the five-year appraisal of progress made in implementing the agreements reached at the Fourth World Conference and the upcoming Regional Conference, both of which are scheduled to take place in 2000. In addition, the countries decided to strengthen the activities of the Presiding Officers, mainly with respect to their liaison function, by establishing closer relations with government agencies responsible for women's issues in the countries of the region, to contribute in particular to horizontal cooperation, the design of public policies and coordination not only with the United Nations system at the regional level but also with regional and subregional non-governmental organizations.

² Report of the seventeenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), (LC/CAR/G.537).

³ Report of the ninth meeting of the CDCC Monitoring Committee.

⁴ Report on the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1133(MDM.26/3)).

Twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in San Salvador, El Salvador, from 2 to 4 December 1998.⁵

During the meeting specific tasks were set in motion in preparation for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women, planned for the first quarter of 2000. Participants recommended that this be devoted to analysing the issue “Gender equity: the foundation for a just and equitable society”, covering gender equity, human rights, peace and violence.

Twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, on 3 and 4 June 1999.⁶

In the context of preparing position papers for the eighth session of the Regional Conference, the meeting made an in-depth study of the guidelines proposed by the secretariat on the analytical areas to be discussed, and comments made by some countries serving as Presiding Officers were incorporated. Participants also took note of the offer by the Government of Peru to host the eighth session of the Regional Conference, to be held in Lima during the last week of February 2000, and mandated the Secretariat to set the most suitable dates, in conjunction with that Government.

Twenty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Santiago, Chile, on 11 and 12 November 1999.⁷ During the meeting members considered the document entitled “The challenge of gender equity and human rights on the threshold of the twenty-first century”, with a view to its approval as a position paper at the eighth session of the Regional Conference; recommendations were made for its final version. Participants also set the agenda for the session and finalized modes of participation by non-governmental organizations.

Tenth session of the Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean

The tenth session of the Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean, was held in Santiago, Chile, on 26 and 27 November 1998. The substantive theme of the session consisted of an assessment of the working of the market economy and its prospects in each of the countries of the region. In connection with this, ILPES prepared a document entitled “Reflexiones sobre

⁵ Report on the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1188(MDM.27/4)).

⁶ Report on the twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1235(MDM.28/3)).

⁷ Report on the twenty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1298(MDM.29/3)).

el desarrollo y la responsabilidad del Estado” (“Reflections on the development and accountability of the State”).

Eleventh meeting of the Regional Council for Planning

The 11th meeting of the Regional Council for Planning took place in Santiago, Chile, on 26 November 1998. Representatives of member Governments reviewed the activities carried out by ILPES during the period July 1997-June 1998 and expressed opinions on its proposed program of work for 1999, and the financing thereof (document LC/IP/R.208). A number of resolutions were approved on these issues.

B. SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

1. SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Multidisciplinary studies are documents prepared jointly by substantive divisions of ECLAC, under the direction of the Executive Secretary. In some cases they are prepared for presentation at meetings of the Commission or in response to express requests from intergovernmental organizations in the region. They reflect the comprehensive approach taken by ECLAC in examining options for and factors that determine economic and social development in the countries of the region.

During the period covered by the present report, numerous such documents were prepared: one for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission (Mexico City, 3 to 7 April 2000); a set of papers in connection with the project "Growth, employment and equity: Latin American and Caribbean in the 1990s", and a series of documents aimed at making an overall social and economic assessment of the 1990s.

The document to be presented at the session entitled "Equity, development and citizenship" was written during 1999, and in the initial months of 2000 when the final versions together with the summary and conclusions were prepared. The document puts forward a proposal for addressing the equity challenge in the region and makes an overall assessment of the legacy of the 1990s in its economic, social and political dimensions; and concludes that a more comprehensive approach to equity is needed. It raises the need to seek closer complementarities between equity, competitiveness and citizenship, using the example of the education sector which acts on these three dimensions. Based on this trilogy of complementarities, the characteristics of the labour market and the evolution the public spending are examined, and there is discussion of the principles that should orient social policies, in the light of the health and social security reforms that have been taking place in the region. It then analyses the economic requirements for this: a more stable macroeconomy, more dynamic and comprehensive productive restructuring, reduction of regulatory shortcomings in public services and consolidation of spaces for sustainable development. In relation to each of these domains, the respective regional assessment is brought up to date, and policy measures are proposed to identify and highlight best practices and national debates.

Activities carried out in the framework of project HOL/96/S34 "Growth, employment and equity: Latin American and Caribbean in the 1990s" have involved the writing of five books:

(i) Growth employment and equity: the impact of the economic reforms in Latin America and the Caribbean; (ii) Reformas económicas e inversión; (iii) Reformas económicas, crecimiento y empleo: los mercados de trabajo en América Latina durante los años noventa; (iv) El problema de la distribución del ingreso en América Latina; and (v) Reformas estructurales, productividad y conducta tecnológica. In this same area, a further 48 publications were prepared in the Reformas Económicas series, especially created to garner the results of this project; the list of these publications is included under Subprogramme 4: Economic and institutional reforms and policies, Economic Development Division. In many cases these publications bring together work done by consultants from the various countries involved in the study, but each one also includes the results of interdivisional seminars held to define the basic guidelines of the project and each of its models and to discuss the drafts of these publications.

In 1999, the secretariat has coordinated interdivisional work aimed at finalizing a document containing an overall assessment of the decade, which includes work done by the different substantive units of ECLAC that have participated in discussions on the content of the document and its successive versions. This work will extend into the first-quarter of 2000. The document, which is expected to be

published in April 2000, contains the following chapters: analysis of the global and regional context of the decade; analysis of the linkages between the external and internal scenario (openness and changes in foreign trade and trade policy, specialization trends, competitiveness and efforts towards trade integration; external financial instability and its management, evolution of foreign direct investment and international labour migration); determining factors of macroeconomic behaviour; domestic productive restructuring (changes in the sectoral structure, in the composition of business entities, in productivity trends and in the debate on productive development policies); changes in social structures (population, poverty, gender, social security reforms, and educational and cultural trends); spaces for sustainable development in its external and internal dimensions, and the restructuring of national spaces (urbanization, internal migration and decentralization).

CEPAL REVIEW

During the biennium six issues of the CEPAL Review were published, along with a special edition to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Commission. These contained a total of 90 articles mainly relating to the topics proposed by ECLAC for the period. The special anniversary edition contained articles on the analytical contribution made by ECLAC to the conceptualization of development in the region, in its different aspects.

The articles published in the Review during the biennium can be classified into thematic groups as follows:

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS***General issues:***

The new capitalism
Beyond the Washington Consensus
The hub-spoke model today
External shocks in vulnerable economies
Effects of European Union expansion on Latin America

Financial issues:

External capital flows: experiences and policies
An expanded agenda for international financial reform
Two challenges for the 21st century: Imposing financial discipline and organizing the internationalization process

International trade :

Terms of trade and unequal development
Tariffs and the Real Plan in Brazil
Trade and growth in Chile

Integration:

Regional development and integration
ECLAC, the inter-American system and economic integration
Integration in Central America and Panama, 1952-1958
Competitive challenges for small and medium-sized industrial enterprises posed by Mercosur
The Free Trade Area of the Americas
Free trade agreements and female labour market activity: the Chilean situation

Globalization:

Globalization, Latin America and Central America
Globalization, currency markets and finance
Globalization of the capital market
A new centre and a new periphery

MACROECONOMICS***Macroeconomic policy:***

Structure, inter-temporal coordination and macroeconomic fluctuations
Fiscal policy and growth
Tensions in Latin American structural adjustment: allocation versus distribution
Macroeconomic policy in Chile, Paraguay and Peru
Public and private investment in Brazil
The Cuban economy

Military expenditure:

Military spending and development in Latin America and the Caribbean
Military expenditure in Colombia: macro- and microeconomic aspects

DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL CHANGE***Development strategy:***

ECLAC and the new growth theories
A development strategy founded on natural resource-based production clusters
Apparel-based industrialization in the Caribbean Basin

Technical change:

Technological learning yesterday and today
Convergence towards best productive practices and policies Promoting quality to improve competitiveness
The in-bond assembly industry and technical change
Technological maturity in the world petrochemical industry
Training in small enterprises

Science and technology policies in Argentina

Companies:

Large firms and industrial conglomerates

The small and medium-sized enterprise

Internationalization among Mexican firms

EQUITY AND EMPLOYMENT

Employment :

Structural heterogeneity and employment

Labour relations and competitiveness

Profit sharing among workers

Labour costs and competitiveness in the manufacturing sector

Poverty and income distribution:

Poverty and inequality

Growth, distributive justice and social policy

Income distribution, poverty and social expenditure

Determinants of inequality among urban households

Equity, foreign investment and international competitiveness

PRODUCTIVE SECTORS

Manufacturing sector:

The industrial policy debate

ECLAC and industrialization theory

Industrial restructuring in Chile, Mexico and Venezuela

Argentina's industrial specialization regime

Rural sector:

The role of agents in agricultural policies

Urban dimensions in rural development

Regulation and public services:

The natural gas industry

Regulating the private supply of drinking water and sewerage services

The evolution of the State's role in the regulation of land transport

Concessions and the optimization of road and rail transport

ENVIRONMENT

Comparative advantage and the use of environmental resources

Integrated water management

The North-South dimension of the environmental and cleaner technology industries

SOCIAL POLICIES

Health :

Health management contracts in Costa Rica

Reforms to health-system financing in Chile

Education and culture:

Education in Latin America: demand and distribution

Educational decentralization models

Culture and development

Housing:

Access to housing and direct housing subsidies

Family:

Latin American families: models and policies

INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS AND SOCIAL CAPITAL

Globalization and governance in developing countries

Institutions and growth: the human capital link

Building up community social capital

Evolution of agrarian property rights in Mexico

POLITICS AND STATE

International politics :

First World and Third World after the Cold War

Medina Echavarría and the international order

National politics :

Globalization and democracy

Rebuilding the State

The future of political parties in Argentina

ECLAC

Fifty years of ECLAC

Evolution of ECLAC ideas

The titles and authors of the articles contained in each of the editions of CEPAL Review published during the biennium are listed below:

CEPAL Review, N° 64 (LC/G.2022-P)

Nauro Campos and Jeffrey B. Nugent, “Institutions and Growth: can human capital be a link?”.
Günther Held and Raquel Szalachman, “External capital flows in Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s: experiences and policies”.
Roberto Zahler, “The Central Bank and Chilean macroeconomic policy in the 1990s”.
Ricardo Martner, “Fiscal policy, cycles and growth”.
Francisco Sercovich, “Best practices, policy convergence and the WTO trade-related investment measures”.
Peter Nunnenkamp, “Possible effects of European Union widening on Latin America”.
Jonathan R. Barton, “The North-South dimension of the environmental and cleaner technology industries”.
Ian Thomson, “The evolution of the State’s role in the regulation of land transport”.
Miguel Solanes, “Integrated water management from the perspective of the Dublin Principles”.

CEPAL Review, N° 65 (LC/G.2033-P)

José Antonio Ocampo, “Income distribution, poverty and social expenditure in Latin America”.
Eugenio Lahera and Marcelo Ortúzar, “Military expenditure and development in Latin America”.
Andrés Solimano, “Growth, distributive justice and social policy”.
Adolfo Figueroa, “Equity, foreign investment and international competitiveness”.
Daniel M. Schydrowsky, “Tensions in Latin American structural adjustment: allocation versus distribution”.
Luis Beccaria and Pedro Galín, “Competitiveness and labour regulations”.
Irma Arriagada, “Latin American families: convergences and divergences in models and policies”.
Alicia Frohmann and Pilar Romaguera, “Free trade agreements and women’s work: the Chilean situation”.
Stéphane Straub, “Macroeconomic trends in Paraguay from 1989 to 1997: consumption bubble and financial crisis”.
Alejandra Salas-Porras, “The strategies pursued by Mexican firms in their efforts to become global players”.
Terence R. Lee and Andrei S. Jouravlev, “Regulating the private supply of drinking water and sewerage services”.
Hessel Schuurman, “Quality management promotion to improve competitiveness”.

CEPAL Review. Special edition (published in Spanish only).

CEPAL cincuenta años: reflexiones sobre América Latina y el Caribe (LC/G.2037-P)

José A. Ocampo, “Cincuenta años de la CEPAL”.
Celso Furtado, “El nuevo capitalismo”.
Ricardo Bielschowsky, “Evolución de las ideas de la CEPAL”.
Valpy FitzGerald, “La CEPAL y la teoría de la industrialización”.
Jorge Katz, “Aprendizaje tecnológico ayer y hoy”.
Jaime Ros, “Relación del intercambio y desarrollo desigual”.
Nancy Birdsall y Carlos Lozada, “Shocks externos en economías vulnerables: una reconsideración de Prebisch”.

Daniel Heymann, “Estructura, coordinación intertemporal y fluctuaciones macroeconómicas”.
Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira, “La reconstrucción del Estado en América Latina”.
David Ibarra, “Globalización, moneda y finanzas”.
Roberto Bouzas y Ricardo Ffrench-Davis, “La globalización y la gobernabilidad de los países en desarrollo”.
David Felix, “La globalización del capital financiero”.
Aldo Ferrer, “América Latina y la globalización”.
Richard Mallon, “Un nuevo centro y una nueva periferia”.
Armando Di Filippo, “La visión centro-periferia hoy”.
Alberto Couriel, “Globalización y democracia en América Latina”.
Gert Rosenthal, “Los desafíos de la globalización para Centroamérica”.
Maria da Conceicao Tavares y Gerson Gomes, “La CEPAL y la integración económica de América Latina”.
Osvaldo Sunkel, “Desarrollo e integración regional: ¿otra oportunidad para una promesa incumplida?”.
Víctor Bulmer-Thomas, “El área de libre comercio de las Américas”.
Víctor L. Urquidí, “Incidentes de integración en Centromérica y Panamá, 1952-1958”.
Vivianne Ventura-Dias, “La CEPAL y el sistema interamericano”.
Joseph Hodara, “Medina Echavarría y el orden internacional: una revisión”.
Héctor Assael, “La búsqueda de la equidad”.
Nora Lustig, “Pobreza y desigualdad: un desafío que perdura”.
Octavio Rodríguez, “Heterogeneidad estructural y empleo”.
Ernesto Ottone, “La apuesta educativa en América Latina”.
Albert Berry, “Las tareas de la pequeña y mediana empresa en América Latina”.
Torcuato S. Di Tella, “El futuro de los partidos políticos en la Argentina”.
Luciano Tomassini, “Cultura y desarrollo”.

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José Antonio Ocampo, “Beyond the Washington Consensus: an ECLAC perspective”.
David Ibarra and Jorge Máttar, “The Cuban economy”.
Nancy Birdsall, Juan Luis Londoño and Lesley O’Connell, “Education in Latin America: demand and distribution are factors that matter”.
Luis Felipe Jiménez and Nora Ruedi, “Determinants of inequality among urban households”.
Ana Sojo, “Health management contracts in Costa Rica from a comparative perspective”.
Joseph Ramos, “A development strategy founded on natural resource-based production clusters”.
Celso Garrido and Wilson Peres, “Big Latin American industrial companies and groups”.
Gustavo Gordillo, Alain de Janvry and Elizabeth Sadoulet, “Between political control and efficiency gains: the evolution of agrarian property rights in Mexico”.
Renato Baumann, Josefina Rivero and Yohann Zavattiero, “Tariffs and the Real Plan in Brazil”.

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Eric Hobsbawm, “First World and Third World after the Cold War”.
Alexander Schejtman, “Urban dimensions in rural development”.
Guillermo Labarca, “Training and the small enterprises of Latin America”.
Oscar Dancourt, “Neoliberal reforms and macroeconomic policy in Peru”.
Bruno de Oliveira Cruz and Joanílio R. Teixeira, “The impact of public investment on private investment in Brazil, 1947-1990”.
Sebastián Sáez and Juan Gabriel Valdés S., “Chile and its ‘lateral’ trade policy”.

Carla Macario, “Restructuring in manufacturing: case studies of Chile, Mexico and Venezuela”.
Michael Mortimore, “Apparel-based industrialization in the Caribbean Basin: A threadbare garment?”
Rudolf M. Buitelaar, Ramón Padilla and Ruth Urrutia, “The in-bond assembly industry and technical change”.
Daniel Chudnovsky, “Science and technology policy and the National Innovation System in Argentina”.
Ian Thomson, “Concessions and road and rail transport optimization”.

CEPAL Review, N° 68 (LC/G.2039-P)

Adela Hounie, Lucía Pittaluga, Gabriel Porcile and Fabio Scatolin, “ECLAC and the new growth theories”.
Bernardo Kosacoff and Adrián Ramos, “The industrial policy debate”.
Francisco Gatto, “Mercosur: its challenges to small and medium-sized industrial enterprises in terms of competition”.
Manuel R. Agosin, “Trade and growth in Chile”.
Pablo Sirlin, “Argentina’s Industrial Specialization Regime: new-generation industrial policy or merely a transfer of resources?”
Diego Azqueta and Daniel Sotelsek, “Comparative advantages and the use of environmental resources”.
Humberto Campodónico, “The natural gas industry and its regulation in Latin America”.
Emanuela Di Gropello, “Educational decentralization models in Latin America”.
Martine Dirven, “The role of agents in agricultural policies: intentions and reality”.

CEPAL Review, N° 69 (LC/G.2067-P)

José Antonio Ocampo, “International financial reform: An expanded agenda”.
Robert Boyer, “Two challenges for the 21st century: Imposing financial discipline and organizing the internationalization process”.
Víctor E. Tokman and Daniel Martínez, “Labour costs and competitiveness in the Latin American manufacturing sector, 1990-1998”.
Andrés E. Marinakis, “Worker participation in enterprise profits or trading results in Latin America”.
Bernardo Kliksberg, “Social capital and culture: master keys to development”.
John Durston, “Building up community social capital”.
Javier Jasso Villazul, “Technological maturity in the world petrochemical industry”.
Gerardo M. Gonzales Arrieta, “Access to housing and direct housing subsidies: some Latin American experiences”.
Yaneth Giha Tobar, Héctor Riveros Reyes and Andrés Soto Velasco, “Military expenditure in Colombia: macro and microeconomic aspects”.
Daniel Titelman, “Reforms in health system financing in Chile”.

SUBPROGRAMME 1: LINKAGES WITH THE WORLD ECONOMY, COMPETITIVENESS AND PRODUCTIVE SPECIALIZATION

During the biennium 1998-1999, the activities carried out by the International Trade Unit (the main body in charge of this subprogramme) focused on the various changes that have been taking place in the international economy. Analyses were made of their effect on the demand for products exported by Latin American and Caribbean countries, on the international organization of production, and on the capacity of the region to adapt. Given that national practices have become more generally exposed to international scrutiny as interdependence has intensified, the work undertaken has put special emphasis on identifying the opportunities being created for the region's economies in a context of greater transparency and clear rules, along with the problems caused for developing countries by constant supervision of the tools used to alter their export profile.

It was against this background that the annual publication Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Economy. 1998 Edition (LC/G.2038-P) was published. This document is divided in four parts, three of which relate directly to the issues of this subprogramme, while the remainder relate to subprogramme 2. The first part examines the international situation in its circumstantial and structural aspects. The second concentrates on the evolution of trade and trade policy in Latin America and Caribbean during the period; it reviews the instruments used by the countries of the region to control imports and to diversify their exports and make them more competitive, and considers the main obstacles faced by their exports in destination markets. The final part analyses certain specific aspects of international linkages, trade and trade policy.

In the framework of project JAP/96/SO1 "Comparative study of development strategies of selected East Asian and Latin American countries with special reference to trade and industrial policies under the new international trading system", financed by the government of Japan, eight documents analysing the experience of selected countries in each region were published in both English and Spanish. A seminar on the theme of "Trade and industrial policies in East Asian and Latin America under the new trading system" was also held in Santiago, Chile on 11 and 12 August 1998, and a book was published entitled Nuevas políticas comerciales en América Latina y Asia: algunos casos nacionales (ECLAC book No. 51).

The fourth meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin American and the Caribbean was held in Santiago, Chile on 20 and 21 August 1998, and the fifth meeting in Lima, Peru, on 11 and 12 November 1999, in the framework of the ECLAC/LAIA/SELA inter-institutional cooperation mechanism. These main purpose of these meetings was to foster an interchange of opinions, and to develop approaches for defining negotiating stances among Latin American and Caribbean governments with respect to the Free-Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and in the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations, thereby following up on agreements reached in previous meeting held in Quito, Caracas and Montevideo. In this connection, analyses were made of the following: recent trends in international trade and the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean in international flows of goods, services and capital; progress and problems in the multilateral trade agenda; and the opportunities and challenges posed by the formation of the FTAA. In addition, the ECLAC office in Washington participated actively in meetings of the FTAA Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC), providing logistic support to the office of its president and collaborating with its Administrative Secretariat. It also provided support to the work of the Committee of Government Representatives on the Participation of Civil Society and the Joint Government-Private Sector Committee of Experts, on Electronic Commerce.

A joint project was carried out in the framework of ECLAC-UNCTAD cooperation, involving individual country case-studies of private-sector interests in international and regional negotiations, mechanisms for diffusing information from the public- to the private-sector, and mechanisms for making up the negotiating agenda. Studies were carried out, in preparation for multilateral and hemispheric trade negotiations, covering four countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Uruguay. A conceptual and methodological study was also prepared. These were all presented at the fourth Meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin America and the Caribbean, mentioned above, and in the meeting of the Group of Experts of the General Secretariat of UNCTAD, held in Geneva on 21 and 22 September 1998.

Lastly, two workshops on methodological issues were held. The first of these, organized jointly with the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) on researching issues to be included in a positive trade negotiations agenda, was held in Buenos Aires in June 1998. The second, organized in conjunction with UNCTAD and UNDP on the need for research and the training of negotiators on multilateral negotiations issues, was held in Santiago, Chile, in November 1999.

(i) (a) Documents

Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Economy. 1998 Edition. United Nations publication, Sales N° E.99.II.G.3/Panorama de la inserción internacional de América Latina y el Caribe. Edición 1998 (LC/G.2038-P). Publicación de las Naciones Unidas, N° de venta: S.99.II.G.3.

Trade and growth in Chile: past performance and future prospects (LC/R.1782)/Comercio y crecimiento en Chile: realizaciones del pasado y perspectivas para el futuro (LC/L.1103).

Relaciones comerciales entre América Latina y los países de Europa Central y Oriental a la luz de sus reformas económicas (LC/L.1105).

Trade and industrial policies in Brazil: past performance and future prospects (LC/L.1107)/Las políticas de comercio e industria en el Brasil: evolución y perspectivas (LC/L.1107).

Trade and industrial policies in Argentina since the 1960s (LC/R.1778)/Políticas comerciales e industriales de la Argentina desde la década de 1960 (LC/L.1109).

Trade and industrial policies in Indonesia since the 1980s (LC/R.1809)/Políticas comerciales e industriales en Indonesia a contar de la década de 1980 (LC/L.1110).

Comercio y medio ambiente en la Organización Mundial del Comercio (LC/L.1127).

Malaysian industrial and trade policies under the new international trading system (LC/R.1805)/Políticas comerciales e industriales en Malasia en el marco del nuevo sistema internacional de comercio (LC/L.1130).

Trade and industrial policies in the Republic of Korea: past performance and future prospects (LC/R.1811)/Políticas comerciales e industriales de la República de Corea: antecedentes y perspectivas (LC/L.1136).

Multilateral rules on competition policy: an overview of the debate, Comercio internacional series, No. 2 (LC/L.1143-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.99.II.G.63.

Los productos textiles y el vestido de América Latina y de los países de Europa Central y Oriental en el mercado de la Unión Europea: ¿competencia o complementación? (LC/L.1147).

América Latina en el mercado mundial de la harina de pescado: situación actual y perspectivas futuras (LC/L.1222).

América Latina y el Caribe en la agenda de transformaciones estructurales de la Unión Europea. Una contribución de la CEPAL a la Cumbre de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de América Latina y el Caribe y de la Unión Europea, Temas de coyuntura series, No. 3 (LC/L.1223-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.12.

Las barreras medioambientales a las exportaciones latinoamericanas de camarones, Comercio internacional series, No. 1 (LC/L.1270-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.45.

El desafío de las nuevas negociaciones comerciales multilaterales para América Latina y el Caribe, Temas de coyuntura series, No. 7 (LC/L.1277-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.50.

Las condiciones de acceso a los mercados de bienes: algunos problemas pendientes, Comercio internacional series, No. 3 (LC/L.1297-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.62.

Trade reforms and trade patterns in Latin America, Comercio internacional series, No. 5 (LC/L.1306-P). International economic highlights, 1997 (LC/WAS/L.46).

U.S. barriers to Latin American and Caribbean exports, 1997 (LC/WAS/L.47).

Economic survey of the United States, 1997 (LC/WAS/L.48).

Economic survey of Canada, 1997 (LC/WAS/L.49).

Capital flows to Latin America; third and fourth quarters of 1998 (LC/WAS/L.51).

Capital flows to Latin America; first quarter 1999 (LC/WAS/L.52).

Economic survey of the United States, 1998 (LC/WAS/L.53).

Economic survey of Canada, 1998 (LC/WAS/L.54).

Trade and industrial policies: past performance and future prospects (LC/L.1129)/Las políticas comerciales e industriales: evolución y perspectivas (LC/L.1129).

Chile's macroeconomic policies in the 1990's as seen from the vantage point of the Central Bank (LC/L.1140)/La política macroeconómica de Chile en los años noventa: la visión del Banco Central (LC/R.1771).

Lessons from the NAFTA: some policy recommendations for the Free Trade Area of the Americas (LC/R.1838).

El comercio exterior de Uruguay en los noventa: creación y desvío de comercio en la región (LC/MVD/R.157/Rev.2).

CEPAL news, vol. XVIII, N°s 1-12.

CEPAL news, vol. XIX, N°s 1-12.

(b) Books published under editorial agreements

Nuevas políticas comerciales en América Latina y Asia: algunos casos nacionales, Mikio Kuwayama (ed.), Libro de la CEPAL No. 51 (LC/G.2053-P), Santiago de Chile, 1999. United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.47.

(c) Articles in outside publications

“Apertura, crecimiento industrial y territorio en la nueva fase de crecimiento en Chile”, serie Azul, No. 17, Institute for Urban Studies, Catholic University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, March 1998.

“Vulnerabilidad, la otra cara de la apertura económica”, América Latina en la crisis financiera internacional. Capítulo del SELA, Edición No. 56, May-August 1999.

“Beisyu chiiki no sabisu boeki: sono dolo to kyotei kousho” (Servicios comerciales en las Américas: su tendencia y sus negociaciones), Latin America Report, June 1999.

“Trade perspectives between Latin America and Asia and the Pacific”, Regional Integration and Development Policy: a comparative study of East Asia and the Americas, Akio Hosono (ed.), Tsukuba University, 1999.

Política comercial y la relación público-privada en Chile durante los noventa, Futuro y presente de las relaciones público-privadas en Chile, Oscar Muñoz (ed.), 1999.

“Managing access to markets: preferential trade arrangements between the European Union and Latin American countries”, The External Economic Dimension of the European Union, Pitou van Dyck (ed.), Kluwer Law International, 1999.

“Latin America and structural reforms in the European Union”, European-Latin American Trade and Investment 2000, European Latin American Business Information Services (EULABIS) and McGraw Hill, pp. 119-151.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Workshop to prepare for the fourth Meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized in conjunction with FLACSO (Buenos Aires, 3 June 1998).

Seminar on trade and development strategies: comparison of experiences in Latin America and East Asia (Santiago, Chile, 11 and 12 August 1998).

Fourth Meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly by LAIA and SELA (Santiago, Chile, 20 and 21 August 1998).

Regional meeting on international trade research and training needs in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized in conjunction with UNCTAD and UNDP (Santiago, Chile, 4 and 5 November 1999).

Fifth Meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly by LAIA and SELA (Lima, 22 and 23 November 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Presentation on the topic “Globalization, regional integration and employment” in the seminar on globalization and employment organized by the Interim Secretariat for Panama of the Rio Group at the Eighth Institutionalized Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Rio Group and the European Union (Panama City, 11 and 12 February 1998).

Presentation entitled “Trade perspectives between Latin America and Asia and the Pacific”, in the international round table “Project on Regional integration and Development Policy” organized by the University of Tsukuba, Japan (Tsukuba, 25 February to 1 March, 1998).

Seminar on the theme “ECLAC: Past, present and future. Is there room for United Nations agencies in market-led development?” organized by the Program in Latin American Studies, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (Princeton, New Jersey, 9 March 1998).

Seminar on the theme of “Trading relations between Latin America and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the light of their economic reforms”, in the session of the Board of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow, 21 July 1998).

Meeting of the Group of Experts of the UNCTAD Secretariat. Presentation of the paper “Country-specific studies on the implications of the Uruguay Round, the built-in agenda and new issues. Terms of reference”, and case studies on Argentina and Brazil (Geneva, 21 and 22 September, 1998).

Seminar on “Strategic interaction scenarios on the threshold of the twenty-first century: American and European perspectives”, organized by the Training Centre for Regional Integration (CEFIR). Presentation of a paper on the challenges of globalization and multilateral negotiations for Latin America and the Caribbean (Brasilia, 6 to 8 October, 1998).

Presentation on international linkages and Latin American trade specialization, given at the tenth international seminar of the Department of Rural Economics, at the Federal University of Viçosa, on “Crisis and reconstruction in the Latin American economy” (Minas Gerais, Brazil, 20 to 29 October, 1998).

Seminar on services trade. A paper was presented on the topic “Globalization and services trade: aspects for consideration” (Panama City, 25 and 26 November 1998).

Workshop for the project on public-private sector relations in Chile, organized by FLACSO. Presentation of the first version of a study on trade policy and public-private sector relations in Chile during the 1990s (Santiago, Chile, 25 March 1999).

Conference on “The importance of the WTO for Latin America”, in the seminar on multilateral trade negotiations held under the auspices of the European Commission, SELA and the Andean Community (Lima, 14 to 16 June 1999).

Second meeting of the Latin American Trade Network (LATN) , organized by FLACSO. Commentary on case studies on “New trade-policy trends: the cases of Peru, Colombia and Venezuela” (Buenos Aires, 16 to 18 June 1999).

Conference OAS/IDB/INTAL “Global services trade and the Americas”. Commentaries on “Interpreting and applying the multilateral disciplines on services to an FTAA agreement (Article V of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS))” (San José, 8 and 9 July 1999).

International workshop on the theme “Developing a positive Venezuelan agenda for the Millennium Round”, organized by UNCTAD and the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry. Presentation of a study on the topic “Multilateral negotiations from a regional perspective (emphasis on market access)” (Caracas, 9 to 11 August 1999).

Thirteenth Brazilian Congress of Economists, Seventh Congress of Economists of Latin America and the Caribbean. A lecture was given on the theme “Latin American and Caribbean international economic linkages” at the round table on trade policy, regulation and trade flows (Rio de Janeiro, 13 to 17 September 1999).

Fourth Congress of the Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association (LACEA). A paper was presented entitled “Trade reforms and trade patterns in Latin America” (Santiago Chile, 21 to 23 October 1999).

Presentation on the topic of “Globalization in the international marketplace and challenges for the transport sector”, at the fifth International Congress on Transport, Ports and Foreign Trade (Porto Alegre, Brazil, 27 and 28 October 1999).

(iii) Training and Fellowships

A course was held on the theme “Development of the Pacific basin and its importance for Latin America” (Santiago, Chile, 18 and 25 May 1999), and another “Overview of Latin American international economic linkages”, as part of the doctoral program “Estudio de las Sociedades Latinoamericanas”, organized by the University of Art and Social Sciences (ARCIS) (Santiago Chile, 15, 22 and 29 June 1999).

A class was given on Chile’s international economic linkages, in the course given by FLACSO on the theme of “Political, economic and social analyses and processes in contemporary Chile” (Santiago, Chile, 10 November 1999).

SUBPROGRAMME 2: INTEGRATION, OPEN REGIONALISM AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

This Subprogramme consists of analyses made by the International Trade Unit on the evolution of the main Latin American and Caribbean regional integration schemes, and their prospects, together with ECLAC transport activities.

Integration, open regionalism and regional cooperation

During the biennium 1998-1999, the International Trade Unit, the main body responsible for activities in this area, concentrated on analysing the evolution of the main Latin American and Caribbean regional integration schemes and their prospects. There was a special focus on the tendency for trade policy instruments and productive restructuring in current schemes to converge towards a common denominator. In the open regionalism framework, studies were made of the economic aspects of convergence between the various bilateral and multilateral agreements. In addition, technical and logistical assistance was provided to the working group on services trade, and later to the corresponding negotiating group. Activities were carried out in conjunction with IDB in the framework of project BID/98/S01 “Estudio de los temas prioritarios de los grupos de trabajo del ALCA en materia de servicios e inversión” to improve the information base on measures affecting hemispheric trade in services, and also with the ECLAC Statistics and Economic Projections Division with the aim of improving statistical data on such trade.

In this context, the Unit contributed to the annual publication “Latin America and the Caribbean in the world economy, 1998 Edition” (LC/G.2038-P), by preparing a special section on the evolution of Latin American and Caribbean regional integration in the trade, political, institutional and foreign relations domains, and a chapter analysing issues arising from the regional convergence process.

In addition, an expert meeting was held on the topic of “Open regionalism: evolution and outlook-comparing experiences between Latin America and the Caribbean and the Asia-Pacific region” (Santiago Chile, 17 and 18 November 1999). This meeting analysed different types of open regionalism in the economic and geopolitical contexts of Asia and Latin America, and how these relate to multilateralism, private and public instruments for directing regional integration, the costs of integration, and the community institutions that could improve the adjustment of countries’ productive structures to the dynamic of regional integration.

Apart from this, in conjunction with LAIA and SELA, there were two meetings of the Integration and Cooperation Secretariats of Latin America and the Caribbean, one in Santiago, Chile (19 August 1998), and the other in Lima, Peru (12 November 1999). A seminar was also held on the participation of the Andean Community in the international economy, in conjunction with the ECLAC office in Bogotá (Bogotá, 26 May, 1998).

The convergence of hemispheric integration processes was also analysed at a seminar held in Santiago, Chile, in November 1998, where a paper was presented on asymmetry and convergence in Latin American economic integration.

Lastly, activities took place, in the framework of the inter-institutional cooperation activities of the IDB/ECLAC/OAS Tripartite Committee, to support the working group on trade in services and later

the corresponding negotiating group. In this framework, a workshop was held in conjunction with the Andean Community to identify measures affecting trade in services (Lima, 20 to 22 September 1999).

(i) (a) Documents

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA): three years after implementation (LC/L.1075)/El Tratado de Libre Comercio de América del Norte (TLC): tres años después de entrar en vigencia (LC/L.1075).

Regional integration in Latin America, globalization and South-South trade (LC/L.1128)/Integración regional latinoamericana, globalización y comercio Sur-Sur (LC/R.1820).

Estructura y nivel del arancel externo del Mercado Común del Sur (Mercosur) (LC/R.1800).

Lessons from the NAFTA: Some policy recommendations for the Free Trade Area of the Americas (LC/R.1838).

Síntesis del Seminario sobre la inserción económica internacional de la Comunidad Andina (Bogotá, 26 May 1998) (LC/R.1846).

Revisión de los acuerdos sectoriales suscritos por países miembros del Mercado Común del Sur (Mercosur) (LC/R.1880).

Síntesis del Seminario sobre la Convergencia de los procesos hemisféricos de integración (Santiago, Chile, 10 November 1998) (LC/R.1900).

Open regionalism in Asia-Pacific and Latin America: a survey of the literature, Comercio internacional series, No. 4 (LC/L.1299-P).

Comparative analysis of Latin America and Asia-Pacific regional experiences, Comercio internacional series, No. 6 (LC/L.1307-P).

“Manual para la preparación del cuestionario sobre las medidas que afectan el comercio de servicios en el hemisferio”, Manuales series, No. 6 (LC/L.1296-P).

Uruguay en el Mercosur: perspectivas del comercio intrarregional (LC/MVD/R.168/Rev.1).

Uruguay y la inversión extranjera en el Mercosur (LC/MVD/R.174).

Los efectos de la integración regional en el comercio, el empleo y la productividad (LC/MVD/R.181).

(b) Articles in outside publications

“KLAKE-50 Let” (Fiftieth Anniversary of ECLAC), Eleonora Yermolieva, América Latina, Nos. 2-3, 1999.

“Lessons from the NAFTA: Some Policy Recommendations for the Free Trade Area of the Americas”, CD-ROM of the XIII Brazilian Congress of Economists and VII Congress of Economists of Latin America and the Caribbean, Federal Council of Economists (Cofecon), Rio de Janeiro, September 1999.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on the participation of the Andean Community in the international economy, organized jointly with the General Secretariat of the Andean Community and the ECLAC office in Bogotá. A paper was presented on globalization, multilateralism and regionalism; the final seminar report was prepared as an input in defining a foreign relations strategy for the Andean Community (Bogotá, 26 May 1998).

Meeting of Integration and Cooperation Secretariats of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile 19 August 1998).

Seminar on the convergence of hemispheric integration processes, jointly organized with the General Secretariat of the Andean Community. Paper presented on asymmetry and convergence in the economic integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (published as chapter VI in Latin American and Caribbean in the World Economy. 1998 Edition) (Santiago, Chile, 10 November 1998).

Meeting of Integration and Cooperation Secretariats of Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, 12 November 1999).

Expert meeting on “Open regionalism: evolution and outlook – comparing experiences between Latin America and the Caribbean and the Asia-Pacific region” (Santiago, Chile, 17 and 18 November 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Presentation on prospects for the FTAA and its influence on trade flows, at the international seminar on “Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and the productive sector: progress and challenges”, organized by the Catholic University of Peru and the Association of Peruvian Exporters (Lima, 4 to 7 February 1998).

Presentation of a research note entitled “Inter-American and intra-American relations: the dynamics of cooperation between unequal partners (a research note)”, in the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Program at the Center of International Studies, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (Princeton, NJ, 24 February 1998).

Presentation of ECLAC research activities on regional integration and Mercosur, at the Mercosur Economic Research Network meeting organized by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Montevideo, 24 to 30 May 1998).

Presentation of paper on “Latin America and the Caribbean: statistical series on trade in services, 1980-1997”, ECLAC Cuadernos Estadísticos series No. 26 (LC/G.2023-P), at the first meeting of the FTAA Negotiating Group on services trade (Miami, 8 and 9 September 1998).

A lecture was given on “The dynamics of regional, continental and global integration in Latin America”, at the Instituto Affari Internazionale (Rome, 30 September 1998).

Notes on regional convergence presented at the seminar on economic integration and convergence, organized by Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Empresariales, Universidad de Alcalá de Henares (Spain) (Buenos Aires, 27 and 28 May 1999).

Lecture on coordinating multilateral and regional commitments, given at the seminar on multilateral trade negotiations, held under the joint auspices of the European Commission, SELA and the Andean Community (Lima, 14 to 16 June 1999).

(iii) Technical Cooperation

FTAA

With government authorities, in activities to support Latin American and Caribbean countries in negotiations aimed at setting up the FTAA. First meeting of the FTAA Trade Negotiations Committee (Buenos Aires, 16 to 19 June 1998). Support for the working group on trade in services, and subsequently for the corresponding negotiating group, with meetings held in Santiago, Chile and Miami, United States.

Brazil

With the Inter-Union Department of Statistics and Socioeconomic Research (DIEESE), in training activities for government officials, union leaders and academics, at the international seminar on employment and technological development in Mercosur (Florianópolis, Brazil, 29 and 30 September 1998).

(iv) Training and fellowships

Two lectures on Mercosur at the Centro de Estudio Integral para el Desarrollo Comunitario (Puerto Iguazú, Posadas, Argentina, 26 to 30 March 1998).

Classes on the topic “Latin American integration, the case of Mercosur”, as part of the Masters program in trade and international finance, and in the Ph.D. program in international economics and development, at the University of Barcelona, under an agreement signed with that university (Barcelona, 3 to 11 June 1998).

Training for government officials from the Central American Common Market (CACM), Belize and Panama during the fourth Course on Integration in Central America (San Salvador, 5 and 8 October 1998).

Seminar on economic integration in Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of the Ph.D. program in the study of Latin American societies, organized by the University of Art and Social Sciences (ARCIS) (Chile, 6, 13 and 20 July 1999).

Two lectures on integration and convergence in the Masters program on subregional integration, at Universidad Arturo Prat (Iquique, Chile, 29 to 30 July 1999).

Lecture on market access as part of the fifth Course on Integration in Central America, organized by ECLAC and SELA (Managua, 30 August to 1 September 1999).

Classes given as part of the training workshop on basic measures in services trade in the Andean Community (Lima, 20 to 22 September 1999).

Transport unit

During the biennium 1998-1999, the Transport Unit focused mainly on applied research and institutional technical cooperation; at the same time, it also continued to carry out tasks related to information and diffusion, through improvements made to its information service and the monthly publication of the bulletin on the facilitation of trade and transport in Latin American and Caribbean (FAL Bulletin).

In the field of transport-sector regulation, the second Latin American meeting of bodies responsible for the supervision, control and regulation of land transport was held in Santiago, Chile (10 to 12 August 1999), sponsored by the Chilean Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications with participation from experts from Latin America and Spain. Professional and technical representatives from entities involved in transport regulation also attended from many countries of the region, particularly Bolivia, Guatemala, and Peru – countries that are setting up or strengthening their regulatory bodies in this area. The September 1999 edition of the FAL Bulletin was devoted exclusively to bringing together and publishing abstracts of the main presentations.

In order to meet the information needs of governments, shipping lines, researchers, consultants and other users, a constantly updated database was established on the maritime profile of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/W.001), which brings together data on seaborne transport, ports and foreign trade for a selected group of the region's countries.

In the area of technical cooperation, advisory services were provided to government agencies in several countries of the region, as well as to subregional, regional and international institutions such as the World Bank, the Ministry of Transport, Communications, Housing and Construction of Peru, the Latin American Railways Association (ALAF), LAIA, Institute of the Americas, IDB, the National Port Enterprise of Peru, the Ministry of Public Works of Chile, the Central American Commission of Maritime Transport (COCATRAM), the Western Hemisphere Transport Initiative, the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), the Senate of the Republic of Chile and the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Bolivia. The Unit also provided technical cooperation to CAF, in assessing the damage caused by El Niño, and it participated in missions to assess the impacts of hurricane Mitch and El Niño, coordinated by the ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico.

In training activities, the Unit gave a course on port modernization in a number of countries in the region and in Africa. At the request of the World Bank, it also provided training at an international workshop on transport-sector regulation, and collaborated with ILPES in classes on transport regulation and urban transport modeling.

Apart from this, the following documents were prepared: "Concentration in liner shipping: its causes and impacts for ports and shipping services in developing regions" (LC/G.2027); and "Un análisis del concesionamiento de autopistas urbanas, con referencia a los casos de la Costanera Norte de Santiago de Chile y el Eje Javier Prado de Lima, Perú" (LC/R.1879). The need for transport-sector statistics in the

region led the Unit to initiate the pilot phase of a project aimed at systemizing the statistics prepared in the region's countries. A document entitled "Perfil de sistemas regionales de transporte en las Américas" (LC/R.1952) was also published, in the context of the Summit of the Americas.

A model of the impacts of different options for controlling congestion was developed in conjunction with a Chilean government institution, in the framework of Project FRG/97/S51 "Charging for use of road space in Latin American cities", which was ongoing during the biennium. Activities were also carried out under project FRG/97/S26 "Introduction of road maintenance concepts in Latin America and the Caribbean (phase VI)", the aim of which is to reduce the costs suffered by the region's economies as a result of inadequate highway maintenance. During the biennium, the possibility of setting up highway funds with revenues earmarked exclusively for highway maintenance was promoted, as was the idea of administering maintenance work via contracts that define the standards at which highways should be maintained.

(i) (a) Documents

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FAL Bulletin. Bulletin on the facilitation of trade and transport in Latin America and the Caribbean, Nos. 149-160, 1999/Boletín FAL. Boletín sobre facilitación del comercio y el transporte en América Latina y el Caribe, N°s 149 al 160, 1999.

Reforma conservación vial, four editions (January and July, 1998 and 1999), published biannually by ECLAC in conjunction with the International Road Federation (IRF) and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ).

Concentration in liner shipping: its causes and impacts for ports and shipping services in developing regions (LC/G.2027).

Port modernization: a pyramid of interrelated challenges (LC/G.2031)/Modernización portuaria: una pirámide de desafíos entrelazados (LC/G.2031).

Desarrollo histórico y aceptación política del concepto de cobranza por el uso de la vialidad urbana congestionada (LC/L.1167).

Sistema de estadísticas de transporte para América del Sur (LC/R.1780).

Un análisis del concesionamiento de autopistas urbanas, con referencia a los casos de la Costanera Norte de Santiago de Chile y el Eje Javier Prado de Lima, Perú (LC/R.1879).

Perfil de sistemas regionales de transporte en las Américas (LC/R.1952).

(b) Documents published on the Internet

Perfil marítimo de América Latina y el Caribe (LC/W.001), published in full on the Internet with a summary in printed form (<http://www.eclac.cl/espanol/investigacion/transporte/perfil/index.htm>).

“Un cuarto siglo de cambios en el transporte en América Latina y el Caribe: de la reglamentación a la regulación”, and “La privatización y regulación de los puertos latinoamericanos”, papers presented at the Second Latin American meeting of bodies responsible for the supervision, control and regulation of land transport (Santiago, Chile, 10 to 12 August 1999) (<http://www.eclac.cl/espanol/investigacion/transporte/encuentro/encuentrotrans.htm>).

(c) Documents published as books

Privatización portuaria: bases, alternativas y consecuencias, Libros de la CEPAL, No. 50 (LC/G.2045-P). United Nations publication, Sales No.: S.99.II.G.59.

La Historia del ferrocarril en Chile, published by Biblioteca Nacional de Chile, Santiago, Chile, Ian Thomson and Dietrich Angerstein (eds.), ISBN 956-244-065-6, March 1998.

(d) Computer programs

Statistical analysis of the international trade of the member countries of the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA). Software in Access format developed jointly with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division.

(e) Articles in outside publications

“Problemas y soluciones del transporte en Lima”, Boletín de los Transportes Públicos de América Latina, Ian Thomson (ed.), São Paulo, Brazil, Associação Nacional de Transportes Públicos (ANTP), January/March 1998.

“Profile of Regional Transport Systems in the Western Hemisphere”, José María Rubiato (ed.), published on the Internet at the website of the Summit of the Americas (<http://www.summit-americas.org>), 10 December 1998.

“Red Norte. The Story of State-Owned Railways in the North of Chile”, Locomotives International, Ian Thomson (ed.), Birmingham, England, ISBN 1-900340-05-04, January 1998.

“La Quinta Libertad y el Cono Sur”, Énfasis - Logística, No. 42, J.M. Rubiato (ed.), Buenos Aires, May 1998.

“Transandean rail connections: perspectives in the era of privatization and commercial liberalization”, papers presented at Latin Rail’98, Ian Thomson (ed.), Buenos Aires, May 1998.

“Hubs radiate success”, Cargo Systems, Jan Hoffmann (ed.), London, June 1998.

“Concentration in liner shipping: causes and impacts”, World Sea Trade Service, Jan Hoffmann (ed.), DRI McGraw Hill, 1998.

Various articles on urban and inter-urban transport and natural disasters/Varios artículos sobre el transporte urbano e interurbano y los desastres naturales, Sobre Ruedas, Ian Thomson (ed.), Asociación Gremial Metropolitana de Transporte de Pasajeros, Santiago, Chile, bimonthly in 1998 and 1999.

“El mercado de los trenes especiales de turismo con equipos históricos en América Latina”, published as a special supplement to Revista Rieles, No. 49, Ian Thomson (ed.), Buenos Aires, January 1999.

“Las privatizaciones portuarias en América Latina en los ’90: determinantes y resultados”, included in the course Manual for the Third International Programme on Privatization and Regulation of Transport Services, World Bank, Las Palmas, Canary Islands, April 1999.

“Metros y la congestión de tránsito: mitos y realidad”, paper presented at Latin Rail ’99, Ian Thomson (ed.), Buenos Aires, May 1999.

“Why doesn’t investment in metros reduce peak hour traffic congestion?”, website of the Congress The City and its region (<http://www.cip-icu.ca>), Ian Thomson (ed.), Canadian Institute of Planners and the Ordre des Urbanistes du Quebec, Montreal, 6 to 9 June 1999.

“In spite of concentration in liner shipping: one dozen points why competition is increasing in secondary trades: the example of Chile”, papers presented at the Terminal Operations Conference and Exhibition, Jan Hoffmann (ed.), Genoa, June 1999.

“Las características de las terminales de transbordo”, Énfasis, Jan Hoffmann (ed.), Buenos Aires, August 1999.

“Un análisis del concesionamiento de autopistas urbanas”, papers presented at the X Latin American Congress on Public and Urban Transport, Ian Thomson (ed.), Caracas, December 1999.

“Profile of Regional Transportation Systems”, chapter in the book European-Latin American Trade and Investment, José María Rubiato (ed.), McGraw-Hill, London, 1999.

“Los ferrocarriles del Capricornio Andino”, chapter in the book Las rutas del Capricornio Andino, Ian Thomson (ed.), Dirección de Bibliotecas, Archivos y Museos (DIBAM), Santiago, Chile, 1999.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Meeting on openness and integration, organized jointly with the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications of Chile, attended by 200 participants (Santiago, Chile, 19 and 20 March 1998).

Meetings of experts to assess the regional maritime transport situation in relation to globalization and the vertical integration of services. The first two meetings were held in the framework of TRAINMAR seminars, the third meeting was held during Latin Ports ’98 (Santiago, Chile, August 1998; Havana, September 1998; and Miami, October 1998, respectively). Seminar on the legal aspects of maritime transport, organized in conjunction with Universidad del Mar and the TRAINMAR Association of South America (ATAS) (Santiago, Chile, 23 to 25 June, and 30 June to 2 July 1999).

Second Latin American meeting of bodies responsible for the supervision, control and regulation of land transport, attended by 17 presenters and 20 delegates (Santiago, Chile, 10 to 12 August 1999).

Expert group meeting to fine-tune the South American Transport Statistics System project (SETAS) (Santiago, Chile, 27 to 28 October 1999).

Continental meeting of ECLAC and UNCTAD/TRAINMAR (Santiago, Chile, 1 to 3 December 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Presentation on traffic and the use of national infrastructure at a seminar on the theme of “International experience in tolling”, organized by the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Venezuela (Caracas, 5 to 7 February 1998).

Presentation on maritime transport in the Caribbean, at meetings of the Special Committee on Transportation of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Cartagena, Colombia, 28 April to 2 May 1998 and Cancún Mexico, 17 to 19 June 1998). Presentation on the subject of “Idealism and pragmatism in the search for solutions to the urban transport congestion problem”, given at the following meetings: (i) seminar to lay foundations for an environmental policy in the transport sector, organized by the National Council for the Environment of Peru (Lima, 8 and 9 May 1998); (ii) seminar on the question of “Decongestion or transport to improve the quality of urban life”, organized by the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), (Brasilia, 29 and 30 May 1998); (iii) tenth Latin American Congress on Public and Urban Transport (Guadalajara, Mexico, 28 to 30 June 1998).

Presentation on the market for special tourism trains using historical engines and rolling stock in Latin America, at the seminar on “Railways and tourism, engines for development”, organized by the Latin American Railways Association (ALAF) (Quito, 23 and 24 July 1998), and in an updated version at the second “Jornadas del ferrocarril y el turismo: motores del desarrollo” (Havana, 5 to 8 July 1999).

Presentation on the theme “Transport infrastructure financing and optimization of the modal split in the age of concessions”, at a seminar on “The challenge for the 21st century”, organized by the Presidency of the Republic of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 8 to 10 September 1998).

Presentation on the process of concentration in shipping and its impact on Caribbean ports, at the annual meeting of the Caribbean Shipping Association (Port of Spain, 16 to 21 October 1998).

Presentation on latest developments in shipping lines, at the seminar on “Multimodal transport as a trade facilitator”, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Public Works and Services of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 18 to 20 November 1998).

Presentation on the advantages and disadvantages of port privatization according to socioeconomic context, in a seminar on port restructuring and its social impact organized by OAS (Cali, Colombia, 1 to 3 December 1998).

Paper given on the profile of regional transport systems in the Americas, at the third Trade Ministerial Meeting of the Western Hemisphere Transport Initiative organized by the United States Department of Transportation in fulfillment of its mandate from the Summit of the Americas (New Orleans, United States 13 to 19 December 1998).

Fifth ordinary meeting of the Conference of South American Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works, organized by the Ministry Transport of Bolivia (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 22 and 23 April 1999).

Presentation on the institutional development of Latin American ports at the sixth Meeting of Mercosur's Association of Private Ports and Terminals (Buenos Aires, 13 and 14 May 1999).

Participation as rapporteur and in drafting the conclusions of a conference on the effects of the Year 2000 computer problem (Y2K) in Western Hemisphere transport systems, organized by the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Mexico, under the auspices of the Summit of the Americas (Cancún, Mexico, 13 and 14 May 1999).

With the World Bank, on questions of transport planning and project appraisal for the metropolitan region of Lima and Callao; this included estimating traffic demand on the Periférico Vial Norte.

With the World Bank and the Port of Rotterdam, via participation in the working group on the training of port workers, as part of a new World Bank study on port modernization.

With the World Bank, to train professional and technical staff in the area of transport regulation, via a presentation on the case of ports, in the Third International Program on the privatization and regulation of transport services.

With the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), on issues relating to developing the work program in the transport area; a draft report on setting up non-vessel operating common carriers (NVOCC) was reviewed. The advisory service included a visit to Trinidad and Tobago, and meetings held in Colombia and Mexico in the context of missions organized by ACS.

Meeting of governmental experts from land-locked and transit developing countries with representatives of donor countries and financial and development institutions, organized by UNCTAD. Exposition of the regional experience on this issue (New York, 24 to 26 August 1999).

Paper given on "System of transport statistics for South America" (SETAS) at the joint meeting of Mercosur and the European Union on systems of transport statistics, organized by the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) (Buenos Aires, 16 and 17 September 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and international organizations

With the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), in a joint program on port modernization. A course was given on the theme of "Port modernization: a pyramid of interwoven challenges", in Mombasa, Kenya and Maputo, Mozambique.

With the Central American Commission of Maritime Transport (COCATRAM), on issues relating to Central American maritime policy, and on the program of work and organization of the subregional multimodal transport project, for which this subregional organization is responsible.

With the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), in preparing a transport master plan for Central America, and other issues on the agenda of the Sectoral Council of Ministers of Transport of Central America (COMITRAN).

With LAIA, in connection with the LAIA/ALAF initiative for a transport master plan for South America.

With IDB, regarding coordination between different initiatives for developing systems of transport statistics in the Americas.

Bolivia

With the Ministry of Transport and Communications in connection with the working group on weights and measures.

With CAF, in assessing the impact of El Niño on the country's transport systems.

Brazil

With the Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA), on questions relating to the mechanisms available for controlling urban highway congestion.

Chile

With the Maritime Chamber of Chile, to coordinate future activities.

With the Senate commissions on transport, communications, national assets and the environment, in connection with a bill to introduce charges for using congested urban highways.

With the first Expo-Puerto, held in Talcahuano, relating to information systems and the diffusion of publications on transport information services.

With the Municipality of Los Andes, Region V, in connection with the proposal to declare the railway installations in this city as national monuments.

With the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications in preparing and holding a regional seminar on land transport.

With the Canadian Embassy in Santiago, Chile, in connection with a seminar on urban transport held during a mission to Chile by Canadian businessmen and government officials.

With the Ministry of Public Works (MOP) to develop an investment master plan for this ministry for the period 2000-2005.

Colombia

With the Municipality of Bogotá, on issues relating to traffic congestion and the redesign of public transport routes.

With the Spanish Railways Foundation of the Spanish National Railways System, at the request of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI), on specialized infrastructure for maritime/land logistical activities.

With the Government, to assess the socioeconomic impact of the earthquake in Armenia on the transport, communications and tourism sectors of that country.

Cuba

With the Institute of Transport Research, in connection with the exploitation of railways for tourism, and training in the area of urban transport.

Ecuador

With the Government to assess the impact of El Niño on the country's transport systems.

El Salvador

With the Government, to assess the socioeconomic impact of hurricane Mitch.

United States

With the Department of Transportation (DOT) concerning the feasibility of establishing a geographic information system (GIS) throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Guatemala

With the government, to assess the socioeconomic impact of hurricane Mitch.

Peru

With the Lima Metro (Autoridad Autónoma del Tren Eléctrico de Lima y el Callao), to draw up terms of reference for a feasibility study for developing the network.

With CAF, to assess the impact of El Niño on the country's transport systems.

With the National Port Enterprise of Peru, on port privatization.

With the Ministry of Transport, Communications, Housing and Construction, in connection with research into the operational design of exclusive bus lanes.

Venezuela

With the Ministry of Transport and Communications on issues relating to highway tolls.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Course on port modernization attended by 29 participants (Port-au-Prince, 2 to 4 June 1998).

Course on port modernization held in Brazil, Paranaguá (36 participants) and Fortaleza (30 participants) (23 to 29 August 1998).

Course on port modernization for 26 participants from the Peruvian public and private sectors of (Lima, 14 to 16 September 1998).

Course on port modernization for 50 participants from the public and private sectors of Ecuador (Guayaquil, 24 to 25 November 1998).

Course on port modernization for 90 participants from the public and private sectors of Costa Rica (San José, 29 November to 3 December 1998).

Course on port modernization for 63 participants from the port and foreign trade community of Cuba (Havana, 21 to 26 February 1999).

Classes on maritime transport, ports and urban transport, in the respective modules of the seminar-course given by ILPES on the provision and regulation of infrastructure and services (Santiago, Chile, 23 August to 3 September 1999).

A class on the design and appraisal of urban transport projects, at the sixth International Course on Preparation and Evaluation of Local Development Projects offered by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 1 October to 12 November 1999).

SUBPROGRAMME 3: PRODUCTIVE, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT

During the biennium 1998-1999, the Division of Production, Productivity and Management, which is responsible for this Subprogramme, concentrated on working with countries to analyse and implement policies and actions aimed at: enhancing the technological dimension of productive activities; increasing competitiveness; overcoming bottlenecks in the markets for key factors of production; and stimulating entrepreneurial development. It also worked towards a better understanding of natural resource-based productive systems, with a view to identifying policies for their strengthening and development; and to a deeper analysis of the behaviour of the different types of enterprise, ranging from small and medium-sized firms (SMEs) to large transnational companies, special attention being paid to the latter's potential contribution to the economic development of the countries of the region.

The main activities carried out by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management, whose organizational structure encompasses the Industrial and Technological Development Unit, the Agricultural Development Unit and the Unit on Investment in Corporate Strategies, included the following:

(i) During the course of the biennium, activities were concluded under ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/03 on "Policies to improve the quality, efficiency, and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean", which entailed work in several of the region's countries (Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela). This project provided technical assistance on policies for export development, human resource development, and technological innovation and diffusion; it also gave support to governmental organizations in industrial policy design, and helped to promote the modernization of business associations. The year 1998 saw publication of a book entitled "Grandes empresas y grupos industriales latinoamericanos. Expansión y desafíos en la era de la apertura y la globalización", which analyzes cases of organizational restructuring and changes in business strategy in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico.

(ii) Progress was made in executing the second phase of ECLAC/CIID project CAN/97/S25 "Industrial restructuring, innovation and international competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean", funded by the International Development Research Centre (IRDC). Research activities focusing on forestry industry clusters in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico are in their final phase, as also are studies on the new contractual linkages between the auto parts and automotive industries in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico, and studies on the leather and footwear industries in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico.

(iii) In the framework of project HOL/97/S75, "A natural resource-cluster development strategy: its growth, distributive and environmental implications", seven national studies were carried out and a comparative study has been started with dairy industry clusters in the Netherlands. Other studies have also started with funding from several countries; these aim to carry out more in-depth analyses of productive clusters (energy and the dairy industry in Colombia, and the dairy industry in Argentina), and incorporate other sectors (forestry in Brazil and Argentina, tourism in Chile). With respect to tourism industry clusters, an inter-institutional collaboration agreement between ECLAC and the Government of Chile, CHI/97/S101 "Evolución del sector turismo en la economía nacional" got underway. In addition, in early 1999 another project was started with IRDC funding, CAN/99/S47 "Mining clusters in Latin America", consisting of comparative studies of the mining sector in Latin America (Chile, Mexico and

Peru) with mining clusters in developed countries, such as Canada and possibly Australia. A project funded by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), FRG/99/S128 “A natural resource cluster development strategy” began to be implemented in late 1999.

(iv) In support of, and in coordination with the Economic Development Division, participation has continued in the project financed by the government of the Netherlands (HOL/96/S34) “Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s”. The Division collaborated in analyses included in the module on technical progress and growth, which involved studies of innovative behaviour in the light of the economic liberalization seen in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru. The purpose of the studies was to evaluate the differences in labour productivity that exist between these countries and manufacturing industry in the United States. As part of the same project, studies have begun on the telecommunications sector in the countries mentioned, and also on the mining industry in Chile.

A second project was started with funds from the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) entitled “Institutional requirements for market-led structures in Latin America and the Caribbean” FRG/98/S24. The project includes studies on the labour and capital markets, and on the market for technological knowledge —the latter under the responsibility of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management. In this area, studies are being completed on national innovation systems in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru.

(v) The development of a methodology for evaluating export competitiveness among individual countries, or groups thereof, in the most important markets for Latin American and Caribbean international trade, has led to the development a series of analytical computer software programs, comprising the “Competitive Analysis of Nations” (CAN) system; during the biennium, the software was upgraded to CANplus for Windows 95, which included data up to 1996. Apart from this, another piece of software was developed —the “Industrial Performance Analysis Program” (PADI)— also for Windows 95. With support from the World Bank, the software CANplus was further upgraded and updated to the version tradeCAN, which covers two new markets (developing Asia and Africa) and includes more disaggregated information together with data on technology.

(vi) The project HOL/97/S93, “Small and medium-size industrial enterprises in Latin America and the Caribbean and international competitiveness”, the aim of which is to analyse the dynamics of industrial companies in these categories and propose actions to enhance their competitiveness. Several studies were carried out in different countries of the region: Argentina, Barbados, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay. The studies will be compiled in a book to be published shortly, under an outside publishing agreement.

(vii) The project FRG/96/S38, “Policies to improve the quality, efficiency and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean”, funded by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ). The aim of this project is to introduce and promote successful models of training and human resource formation, with a view to improving the productivity and competitiveness of the region. Activities were carried out in Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay. Over 40 studies have been published analysing technical and professional education in the different working areas, both in large companies and industries, and in small medium-sized and craft-based enterprises in the private and public sector. Studies have also been made of the effects and reach of such education on vulnerable groups.

(viii) The agreement between ECLAC and the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile (CHI/97/S87), relating to tools for designing technology and productive development policies, concluded with the presentation of several studies on the topic. In mid-1999 two new agreements were started with the same institution. The first of these, CHI/99/S119, entails a comparative analysis of the determinants of the location of foreign investment in Chile; and the second, CHI/99/S121, addresses the topic of "Analysis of the market for consultancy services for small and medium sized enterprises, in relation to productive development programmes in Chile."

(ix) The Brazilian Pulp and Paper Association provided funding for a comparative study of forestry incentives in eight Latin American countries, which was brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

(x) In the field of agricultural development, attention focused on the analysis and formulation of policies toward investment, technological innovation, and productive and service linkages; these related not only to agriculture and agribusiness, but also to streamlining the land market and strengthening the registry of title deeds, promotion of the forestry and agriculture sector, and rural development. At the start of this biennium, ECLAC organized a meeting attended by officials from several international organizations involved with agricultural development in the region, including FAO, IDB, IICA the World Bank and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). The aim of the meeting was to reflect jointly on the development of Latin American agriculture since the 1980s, with special emphasis on the repercussions of adjustment, liberalization and free-market policies (Washington, D.C., 26 and 27 May 1998). An expert meeting was also held to examine the impact of structural reforms and macroeconomic policies on agriculture in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 26 and 27 November 1998); studies were presented on several countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru.

(xi) Two national seminars were held under ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/97/S70, "Policy options to promote the development of agricultural land markets with a view to facilitating land transfer to small farmers". One of these was held in Bolivia and the other in Peru; case studies are being carried out on Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic and Peru, which will be published in the Desarrollo Productivo series.

Apart from this, technical assistance was provided to the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Institute for Agricultural Development (INDAP) of Chile, in project CHI/99/S122, "Research into the development of poor rural areas in Chile". This aim of this project is to analyse and appraise the instruments designed by various government organizations to combat rural poverty, especially those administered by INDAP.

(xii) In the field of entrepreneurial investments and strategies, activities were carried out in connection with information, investigation and technical cooperation. In the information area, a foreign direct investment information centre was designed and set up; its purpose is to gather and process statistical and legal information generated by international agencies and competent national bodies, along with that originating from other secondary sources such as the specialized press, business associations and academic institutions, and data arising from research undertaken. This information centre serves two purposes simultaneously: first, the statistical and legal information it processes provides essential support for research activity; and secondly, it makes for a broad diffusion of information on the subject.

In the context of research carried out during the biennium, the 1998 and 1999 editions of "Foreign Investment in Latin America and Caribbean" were published. This entailed detailed research into the following: foreign direct investment (FDI) in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico; FDI flowing into Latin America from the United States and Spain; and the competitive situation with respect to FDI and

transnational companies in the region's automotive and apparel industries. The "Directory on Foreign Investment and Transnational Corporations in Latin America and the Caribbean" was also published, which updates the legal framework and provides relevant statistical information. In addition, regional research on industrial restructuring and international competitiveness in Latin America, Asia and Africa, undertaken in conjunction with UNCTAD, was concluded; the project was coordinated and several case studies were undertaken, based on formal questionnaires sent to companies in the automotive, electronics and apparel industries. Lastly, a number of investigations were made of issues relating to globalization, international competitiveness and transnationalization, together with an analysis of foreign investment negotiations currently taking place in a variety of integration frameworks.

(xiii) During the biennium being reported on, the Division of Production, Productivity and Management served as a focal point in the ECLAC/OAS/IDB Tripartite Committee in support of the Negotiating Group on Competition Policy of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). In this connection, the Division prepared documents requested by the Negotiating Group, in particular relating to competition policy in small economies; analytical methodologies were also designed and consultancy work was coordinated. In addition, the Division participated as a member of the Tripartite Committee in support of the Negotiating Group on Subsidies, Antidumping and Countervailing Duties, provided statistical and analytical support to the Negotiating Group on Investment, and participated in an analysis of the effects of integration on small enterprises at the request of the Consultative Group on Smaller Economies.

(xiv) Lastly, staff from the Division of Production, Productivity and Management participated in over 100 meetings, expert groups, seminars and workshops; they also granted interviews to representatives of important international communications media, and gave lectures mainly in the academic and university spheres.

(i) (a) Documents

Quality management, ISO 9000 and government programmes, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 42 (LC/G.1960).

Restructuring in manufacturing: Case studies in Chile, Mexico and Venezuela, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 44 (LC/G.1971).

La competitividad internacional de la industria del vestuario de la República Dominicana, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 45 (LC/G.1973).

The international competitiveness of the Costa Rican clothing industry, Desarrollo productivo series, N° 46 (LC/G.1979)/La competitividad internacional en la industria de prendas de vestir de Costa Rica, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 46 (LC/G.1979).

Comercialización de los derechos de aguas en Chile, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 47 (LC/G.1989).

Policy competition for foreign direct investment in the Caribbean Basin: Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 49 (LC/G.1991).

El impacto de las empresas transnacionales en la reestructuración industrial de México: el caso de las industrias de partes para vehículos y de televisores, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 50 (LC/G.1994).

Agroindustria y pequeña agricultura: vínculos, potencialidades y oportunidades comerciales (LC/G.2007-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.98.II.G.4.

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Meeting on Latin American agriculture, organized by the Agricultural Development Unit of ECLAC, with participation from officials from IDB, the World Bank, IICA, FAO and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), attended by 38 participants. A variety of issues were discussed relating to agricultural development since the 1980s (Washington, D.C., 26 and 27 May 1998).

Seminars on “Professional education and training: keys to efficient and equitable productive restructuring”, organized under the joint ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38, “Policies to improve the quality, efficiency and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean”, attended by 50 participants (São Paulo, 27 and 28 May 1998; Rio de Janeiro, 29 May 1998).

Meeting on rural development in relation to intermediate cities (Santiago, Chile, 11 June 1998).

Meeting on competitive funds in agricultural research, organized in conjunction with the Institute of Agricultural Research (INIA) and the Cooperative Programme for the Technological Development of Agriculture in the Southern Cone (PROCISUR) (Santiago, Chile, 28 and 29 July 1998).

Regional seminar on the theme, “Skill development and training in Latin America and Caribbean: diagnosis and proposals”, in the framework of the joint ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38 (Santiago, Chile, 28 and 29 September 1998).

Seminar on the potential for developing productive clusters in the dairy industry, under project HOL/97/S75 “A natural resource-cluster development strategy: its growth, distributive and environmental implications”, attended by 40 participants (Santiago, Chile, 6 and 7 October 1998).

Seminar on the exploitation of forestry resources and the development of related industries (Santiago, Chile, 19 to 20 November 1998).

Press conference and technical seminar on the theme “Education in Chile: how does it compare with Latin America?”; and regional launch of the publication “Education at a glance: OECD indicators 1998”, prepared in conjunction with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (Santiago, Chile, 23 November 1998).

Meeting of experts on the impact of structural reforms and macroeconomic policies on the forestry and agricultural sector in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 26 and 27 November 1998).

Workshop on concepts and methodologies in cluster analysis, attended by 37 participants (Santiago, Chile, 17 and 18 May 1999).

Seminar on the theme “Education and training to meet the challenges of economic openness and company restructuring”, in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38, organized jointly with Red Latinoamericana de Educación y Trabajo (RET) and Consejo de Normalización y Certificación de Competencia Laboral (CONOCER) of Mexico (Mexico City, 15 and 16 July 1999).

Seminar on the development of rural nonfarm employment, organized jointly with FAO, IDB and the International Network for Farming Systems Research Methodology (RIMSIP) (Santiago, Chile, 6 to 8 September 1999).

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National seminar on land market in Peru, also in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/97/S70 (Lima, 1 December 1999).

International seminar on globalization and new business strategies in Latin America, attended by government officials, academics, consultants and editors of specialized journals from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico (Santiago, Chile, 20 and 21 December 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Sixth meeting of the Working Group on Competition policy of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), organized by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Integration and International Trade Negotiations of Peru, presided by the FTAA Working Group (Lima, 20 to 22 January 1998).

International seminar on “International competitiveness: policies and measurement tools”, organized by the University of the Pacific, the National University of Engineering, and Universidad Nacional de San Marcos de Lima. Lectures were given on “Globalization, regionalization and competitiveness”, “Technological specialization in Latin America: analysis and policy options”, and “Industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America” (Lima, 11 to 15 May 1998).

Presentation entitled “Policies and programmes to promote agroindustrialization firm development in Latin America”, in the workshop “Strategies for stimulating growth of the rural non-farm economy in developing countries”, organized by the Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) (Washington, D.C., 17 to 21 May 1998).

Presentations on “Competitiveness, development and resources” and “Large companies and Latin American industrial conglomerates in the 1990s”, in the session on industrialization at the sixteenth meeting of the Latin American Econometric Society, organized by the Economics Department of the Catholic University of Peru (Lima, 12 to 14 August 1998).

Presentation of the document “Informe de las Américas” at the first meeting of the FTAA Negotiating Group on Investment (Miami, 10 and 11 September 1998); representation of ECLAC at the first meeting of the FTAA Negotiating Group on Subsidies, Antidumping and Countervailing duties (Miami, 16 September 1998); and ECLAC representation as focal point for the meeting of the ECLAC/OAS/IDB Tripartite Committee in support of the FTAA Negotiating Group on Competition Policy (Miami, 16 to 28 September 1998).

Presentation on “Competitiveness policies and their impact on large industrial firms in Latin America”, at the twenty-first International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), in the panel discussion on “Competitiveness, technological change and wage developments in the global economy: lessons from and for America” (Chicago, United States, 24 September 1998).

Paper on the restructuring of innovation systems in Latin American countries following the opening and deregulation of markets, given at the conference on “Industrial structure, innovation dynamics and technology policy”, organized by the United Nations University, Institute for New Technologies (INTECH) (Lisbon, 16 and 17 October 1998).

Presentation on structural reforms and technological behaviour, at the Regional Workshop in Latin America on Industrial Transformation, organized by the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research, the International Human Dimensions Programme, the Brazilian Human Dimensions Programme, the Brazilian Academy of Sciences and the U.S. National Science Foundation (São José dos Campos, Brazil, 12 and 13 November 1998).

Presentation on the document Foreign Investment in Latin America and Caribbean, 1998 edition (LC/G.2042-P), and on changing production and employment structures in the agricultural sector, at the annual meeting of Asociación Nacional de Centros de Postgraduados de Economía (ANPEC) (Vitória, Brazil, 8 to 11 December 1998).

Presentation entitled “Global trends in foreign direct investment and implications for Latin America”, in the seminar on “Foreign direct investment policy and promotion in Latin America”, organized by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Government of Peru (Lima, 14 to 17 December 1998).

Presentation of the document Foreign Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1998 edition (LC/G.2042-P) at meetings of the FTAA Negotiating Group on Investment (Miami, 15 to 17 February 1999, 19 to 23 April 1999, and 10 to 12 August 1999).

Meetings of the FTAA Negotiating Group on Subsidies, Antidumping and Countervailing duties (Miami, 23 and 24 February 1999, and 19 and 20 July 1999).

Paper prepared jointly with OAS on the subject of competition policies in the small economies of the eastern Caribbean, and the first draft of a document dealing with the interactions between competition and trade presented at meetings of the FTAA Negotiating Group on Competition Policy. Representation of ECLAC in the ECLAC/OAS/IDB Tripartite Committee in support of this group (Miami, 25 and 26 February 1999, 12 and 13 May 1999, 21 to 23 July 1999, and 6 and 7 October 1999).

Presentation on “Agricultural policies and agents: intentions and reality”, at the sixth International Conference of the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Agricultural Economists (ALACEA), the theme of which was “Rural development challenges in the next century” (Port of Spain, 30 June to 2 July 1999).

Presentation on the development of industrial clusters at the seminar on “Emerging and mature clusters” organized by the Competitiveness Institute (Varese, Italy, 10 to 12 November 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

International organizations

In conjunction with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the World Education Indicators Programme, assistance was provided to the programme for Latin American countries, with a view to improving regional participation and strengthening comparative national data, for use in the analysis of productivity and economic growth, and in studies of national education systems and their performance in the regional and world context.

With UNESCO, Education Sector, Global Action Programme on Education for All, in the assessment of programmes.

With agencies in the region

With OAS and IDB in the ECLAC/OAS/IDB Tripartite Committee in support of the FTAA Negotiating Group on Competition Policy and the Negotiating Group on Subsidies, Antidumping and Countervailing Duties.

With the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), on the subject of small and medium-sized enterprise in regional integration processes.

Argentina, Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru

On rural land markets, in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/97/S70, in conjunction with: the Government of the Province of Salta and the Ministry of Production and Development in the Province of La Rioja, Argentina; Superintendencia Agraria and the National Institute for Agricultural Reform (INRA) of Bolivia; the Ministry of Agriculture, Undersecretariat for Statistics and Censuses, of El Salvador; the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Distribution of Guatemala; the Institute for Rural Welfare (IBR) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Cattle (MAG) of Paraguay; and the Ministry of Agriculture, Special Programme on Land Titling (PETT); in Valle de Colca, Peru.

Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico

Professional training, in the joint ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38, in conjunction with the Federal Government of Brazil and with the governments of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; the Ministry of National Education of Colombia; the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, and the Association of Industrialists of Guatemala; the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of Mexico; and the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Association of Industrialists of the Dominican Republic.

Argentina

With the Consejo Consultativo del Gabinete Científico y Tecnológico (GACTEC), in the Biennial Science and Technology Plan, at the request of the Secretariat for Science and Technology at the Ministry of Culture and Education.

With Centro de Estudios de Comercio Exterior (CARI), on the forestry sector.

With the Institute for Health, Environment, Economy and Society (Fundación ISALUD) on health sector reforms in Argentina.

With the University of Aconcagua, Mendoza, on health sector reforms.

With the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Mining in tasks relating to the country's industrial structure. Analyses were made of data on performance and evolution of small and medium-sized industrial enterprises (industrial SMEs) in Argentina, and SMEs in the services area.

With Instituto de Capacitación y Estudios sobre el Desarrollo Económico Local (ICEDEL) of the Municipality of Rafaela, Province of Santa Fé, in a technical cooperation agreement to coordinate institutions providing support to the productive sector in Rafaela and its region.

With the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Trade of the Province of Santa Fé to monitor and appraise productive-sector support policy.

Bolivia

With Centro de Estudios para el Desarrollo Laboral y Agrario (CEDLA), on the topic of industrial competitiveness and employment.

Brazil

With the Industrial Policy Secretariat at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, on the situation in the automotive industry and its prospects.

With the Agriculture and Livestock Department of the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) on the 2001 census.

Chile

With the Ministry of Public Education, Teacher Training Improvement Programme, Higher Education Division, on the topic of education quality.

Colombia

With the Ministry of Foreign Trade, on industrial cluster development policies.

With the Government in assessing the damage caused by the earthquake in Armenia.

Costa Rica

With the National University of Costa Rica to design a Masters Programme in Rural Development to be taught in distance mode for students in Central America.

Honduras

With the Government in assessing the damage caused by hurricane Mitch in the agriculture sector.

Dominican Republic

With the Government on the rational management of dry land forestry in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/97/S70.

Uruguay

With the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, in project URU/96/011 “Support to the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining in preparing studies on the industrial sector”, in activities that culminated in a book entitled “La cooperación interempresarial en la industria uruguaya” (LC/MVD/R.169) published in conjunction with this Ministry and UNDP in Uruguay.

Venezuela

With the Assembly of Governors on competitiveness policies.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Ninety hours of classes on the subject of adjustment policy and stabilization in Latin America, in a postgraduate course forming part of the Master of Economics programme at the University of Havana, organized by Carleton University, Canada, and ECLAC, for 15 Cuban students (Havana, 5 to 25 January 1998).

Lecture given on technological challenges and agricultural development, at the Panamanian Institute for Agricultural Research (IDIAP) (Panama City, 28 January 1998).

Presentation on agricultural development and innovation processes, at the National University of Costa Rica (San José, 24 January 1998).

Four hours of classes on the role of foreign investment in the development process, as part of the Ph.D. programme in the Study of Latin American Societies offered by the University of Art and Social Science (ARCIS) for 12 students of various nationalities (Santiago, Chile, 12 May 1998).

Eight hours of classes on innovation and industrial development in the Masters programme in Economics and Industrial Development with special reference to small and medium-sized enterprises, (SMEs) (Buenos Aires, 15 and 16 May 1998).

Course on the topic of “Technological and industrial development in Latin America in the 1990s”, at Complutense University of Madrid, Masters programme in Advanced Ibero-American Studies (Madrid, 27 to 30 May 1998).

Six hours of classes in the course on “The economic climate: the situation on international markets”, in the Postgraduate Executive MBA programme at Diego Portales University, attended by 30 undergraduate students (Santiago, Chile, 18 and 19 June 1998).

Classes on issues relating to the structure and behaviour of health markets, dealing especially with the case of Argentina, at the Institute for Health, the Environment, the Economy and Society (Fundación ISALUD) (Buenos Aires, 19 to 21 June 1998).

Course given on “Latin America and globalization”, in the Masters programme in Economics and Industrial Development with special reference to small and medium-sized enterprises, organized by Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento and Universidad Nacional Mar del Plata (Buenos Aires, 11 to 13 August 1998).

Course given in the Masters programme on industrial competitiveness policies, organized by Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento (Buenos Aires, 22 to 23 October 1998).

Course on the theme of “Where is the second generation of reforms in Latin America headed?” in the Masters programme on Economic Development “Theories and models of economic and social development - II”, organized by Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (UMSA) (La Paz, 16 to 18 November 1998).

Three classes (of three hours' duration each) on "Globalization and regionalization, technology and systems organization, and industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America and Caribbean," in the course on "Enterprise and the internationalization process", forming part of the Masters programme in International Relations offered in the Postgraduate Programme in Development Sciences (CIDES) at Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (UMSA) (La Paz, 16 to 18 November 1998).

Thirty hours of classes on the subject of Latin America and globalization, in a postgraduate course forming part of the Masters programme in Economics at the University of Havana, organized by Carleton University, Canada, and ECLAC, 420 Cuban students (Havana, 11 to 15 January 1999).

Four hours of classes for 12 students of various nationalities in a course on "Globalization and transnationalization", in the Ph.D. programme at the University of Art and Social Sciences (ARCIS) (Santiago, Chile, 4 May 1999).

A REDATAM course was organized in conjunction with the Study Programme on Agriculture and Sustainable Development (PROGRESA), to provide training for staff at the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) and the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ) in understanding and using REDATAM for transferring census databases to this software program (Rio de Janeiro, 28 June to 2 July 1999).

Course organized in conjunction with the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) on using the Statistical Analysis System (SAS) to analyse data from surveys, censuses, international trade and other similar information sources. The course was for staff of IBGE and the State University of Rio de Janeiro, and was attended by 25 participants (Rio de Janeiro, 12 to 23 July 1999).

Postgraduate course of 34 teaching hours on the structure and behaviour of the Latin American productive system during the periods of import substitution, and economic liberalization and deregulation, for five postgraduate students from Bocconi University, Milan (Santiago, Chile, 2 August to 20 September 1999).

Classes on the themes "Analytical framework and competitiveness policies in Latin America", and "Lessons from ECLAC practices and experience", in the course "Territorial analysis laboratory: information and knowledge for management (LATIGGER)", jointly organized by ILPES, ECLAC and the Buenos Aires Research Centre (CEB) (La Plata, Argentina, 8 to 10 September 1999).

Classes on "Competitiveness policies in Latin America and the local dimension", in a course on the strategic management of local development, organized by ILPES (Sucre, Bolivia, 21 and 22 September 1999).

Classes on "Competitiveness policies in Latin America and the local dimension", in the second International Course on Strategic Management of Local Development, jointly organized by ILPES, ECLAC and the Regional Planning Council (Santiago, Chile, 26 and 27 October 1999).

Courses on the computer program "Competitive Analysis of Countries" (CAN), for the following institutions: Ministry of Agriculture of the Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo, 19 to 25 April 1998, and 12 to 17 July 1998); University of the Pacific (Lima, 13 to 16 May 1998); World Bank (Washington, D.C., 25, 26 and 29 May 1998, and September 1999); Universidad Autónoma de Chapingo (Mexico City, 18 and 19 March 1999); and the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Columbia (Bogotá, September 1999).

SUBPROGRAMME 4: MACROECONOMIC EQUILIBRIA, INVESTMENT AND FINANCING

This Subprogramme covers the analytical work undertaken by the Economic Development Division, together with the activities relating to information and documentation on economic and social development carried out by the Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES), and activities relating to saving, investment and financing undertaken by the Development Finance Unit.

Economic Development Division

During the biennium 1998-1999, the activities of the Economic Development Division have been aimed in two main directions. The first line of work has been devoted to monitoring the regional conjuncture and analysing national macroeconomic policies, with the aim of periodically supplying the regional and international communities with a timely and analytical view of the state of the economies in the region, accompanied by an assessment of the main regional trends and an identification of future challenges. The second line of work takes a longer-term view and assesses the effects of the structural changes and institutional reforms implemented over the last 15 years on patterns of economic growth and social equity in the region. The need to disseminate the results of these analyses has resulted in the publication of a large number of technical documents, the organization of numerous international seminars and the provision of technical assistance to the countries of region.

During the biennium under review, the region's economies went through a crisis that revealed the external fragility of its economic growth patterns, in particular with regard to international capital movements. The disturbances originating in the Asian crisis in 1997, which turned into a global financial crisis the following year, subjected macroeconomic policies to a stern test of fire which made it possible to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the measures and reforms undertaken in recent years. In this context, the two annual publications Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean and Preliminary Overview of the Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean sought to provide a timely and analytical view of the state of the regional economy. Apart from this, and in a more specific way, analysis of the impacts of the international crisis on the economies of the region gave rise to special publications that were widely distributed both in the region and elsewhere.

The data and analysis contained in these publications helped to fuel a regional debate that has been particularly active during the biennium concerning the most appropriate monetary and exchange-rate policy to face such situations, and on the modalities of capital account openness. Continuing with efforts initiated in the previous biennium, a special effort was made to extend the coverage of short-term indicators and provide users with up-to-date information, by bringing forward the publication date of the Economic Survey and including a statistical annex on CD-ROM, and by using electronic means to publicize the main results of short-term analysis over the Internet.

At the same time, the Economic Development Division focused its research programme on the determining factors of development in the analysis of linkages between the results seen in the region in terms of growth and equity, on the one hand, and the macroeconomic policies, the structural and institutional reforms executed in the countries of the region and the international context, on the other. Among other priority issues, this second thematic area of development strategies includes the study of macroeconomic and fiscal policies aimed at restoring or consolidating macroeconomic stability, strengthening domestic capacity to generate financial resources for investment, and facilitating the appropriate working of institutions and instruments to channel those resources toward capital

accumulation. Research was also undertaken into productivity trends and job creation in the region's economies, and the role of social spending in increasing equity in Latin American societies in a sustainable manner.

During the biennium, the Economic Development Division, with cooperation from other ECLAC divisions, participated actively in carrying out a set of projects that sought to promote a multidisciplinary approach to the evaluation of development policies implemented in the region during the last 15 years. Studies carried out in the framework of project HOL/96/S34 "Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s" focused on analysing the relation between the macro-, meso- and microeconomic levels in explaining the degree of success of the new economic model in terms of economic growth rates, job creation and equity, and environmental improvements. Apart from this, activities were carried out in the fields of fiscal policy and public-sector decentralization, under project FRG/98/S111 "Decentralization and promotion of economic development in Latin America: experiences and policy lessons". In addition, the project FRG/98/S24 "Institutional requirements for market-led structures in Latin America and the Caribbean- Phase II" was begun with financial support from the Government of Germany, which aims to analyse the relation between markets and institutions in the economic development process.

The execution of the projects mentioned above entailed preparing numerous technical documents, including studies of the conceptual aspects of decentralization in its national and territorial dimensions, particularly those related to the fiscal domain and the coverage of social services. Other documents focused on analysing the coordination between the meso- and the macroeconomy in the structural reform process, mainly in terms of relations between sectoral investment, productivity, growth and labour markets. The latter issue also gave rise to research on the linkages that exist between structural reforms, income distribution and equity.

On the basis of these arguments and analytical material collected during their preparation, a number of seminars and workshops were organized, particularly in the area of fiscal policy and on the relation between growth, employment and equity. During the biennium, the Division also participated in numerous seminars and training courses, and provided technical assistance to several of the countries of the region, specifically on issues of fiscal policy and decentralization.

Lastly, the Division participated wholeheartedly in the activities promoted by ECLAC, in support of negotiations for the Free Trade Area of the Americas, while also seeking to extend and strengthen its cooperative links with a number of bilateral and multilateral organizations both within the region and elsewhere.

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“Joint privatization of the productive sector and the social security system”, Rosella Cominetti and André Hofman, The Bolivian Experiment: Structural Adjustment and Poverty Alleviation, Pitou van Dijk (ed.), Latin America Studies series, No. 84, Amsterdam, Centre for Latin American research and Documentation (CEDLA), September 1998.

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“Os 50 Anos da CEPAL”, Jornal do Brasil and O Globo, Renato Baumann, October 1998.

“The comparative productivity performance of Brazil and Mexico, 1950-1994”, Latin America and the World Economy since 1800, John H. Coatsworth and Alan M. Taylor (eds.), The David Rockefeller Center Series on Latin American Studies, Harvard University, November 1998.

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(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Tenth regional seminar on fiscal policy, co-sponsored by the IMF, World Bank and IDB under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 26 to 28 January 1998).

Workshop on evaluating public expenditure management, co-sponsored by the IDB Evaluation Office, the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) and the Ministry of Planning and Budget of Brazil (Santiago, Chile, 29 January 1998).

Workshop on fiscal and municipal strengthening and decentralization in Chile, in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/98/S111 “Decentralization and promotion of economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Experiences and policy lessons” (Santiago, Chile, 16 April 1998).

The following meetings were held in the framework of project HOL/96/S34 “Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s”:

- Workshop on employment and equity (Santiago, Chile, 22 to 24 April 1998).
- Workshop on investment (Santiago, Chile, 27 and 28 April 1998).
- Workshop on growth, employment and equity (Santiago, Chile, 7 May 1999).
- Workshop on growth employment and equity: coordination and pending tasks (Santiago, Chile, 26 and 27 July 1999).

International seminar “Development models and policies - a tribute to Aníbal Pinto”, organized jointly by the ECLAC office in Brasília and the National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES) (Rio de Janeiro, 22 June 1998).

Seminar on macroeconomics and poverty, organized jointly with UNDP (Santiago, Chile, 8 September 1998).

“Brasilia Economic Forum” (BEF) Editions I to IV organized by the ECLAC office in Brasilia, and attended by representatives from 10 embassies and Brazilian government officials (Brasilia, 23 September, 23 November and 17 December 1998, and 10 June 1999).

Joint ECLAC/European Union round table on “Coordination of national macroeconomic policies: the European experience and its relevance for Latin America” (Santiago, Chile, 20 October 1998).

Workshops on municipal financing, in project FRG/98/111 “Decentralization and promotion of economic development in Latin America: experiences and policy lessons” (Santiago, Chile, 24 November and 18 December 1998).

Eleventh regional seminar on fiscal policy (Brasilia, 25 to 28 January 1999).

Whole-day session of economic analysis applied to Argentina, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ECLAC office in Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires, 12 August 1999).

Expert meeting to review the conclusions of the document on employment and wage trends and their impact on equity in Latin American societies (Santiago, Chile, 14 and 15 October 1999).

Expert meeting to review the conclusions of the document on economic reforms and their impact on strategies for changing production patterns with equity (Santiago, Chile, 20 October 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Presentation on “Poverty and reform in Latin America: 1985-1995”, in the seminar “Poverty eradication in the framework of sustainable human development”, organized by UNDP (San Salvador, 25 February 1998).

Presentation of document “Foreign investment in Brazil and the international financial markets”, in the conference “Brazil in the world context”, organized by the University of London/Institute of Latin American Studies/School of Advanced Studies (London, 26 and 27 February 1998).

Presentation on “Intraregional investment in Latin America: a contribution to regional integration”, in the international round table on “Regional integration and development policy”, organized by the University of Tsukuba, Japan (Tsukuba, Japan, 28 February and 1 March 1998).

Presentation on the topic of “Integration agreements in America” in the thirty-second general assembly of the Inter-American Centre for Tax Administrators (CIAT) (San Salvador, 10 and 11 May 1998).

Presentation entitled “The impact of the macroeconomic environment on urban poverty”, in the seminar “Urban poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean”, organized by the World Bank and the Latin American Association of Development Organizations (ALOP) (Rio de Janeiro, 14 to 16 May 1998).

Various presentations in the seminar on the contribution made by ECLAC to development theory and its influence on the Brazilian economic thought, held to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of ECLAC, organized by the Faculty of Economics, Management, Accountancy and Auditing of the Catholic University of São Paulo (São Paulo, 15 to 18 June 1998).

Lectures on “Estimating income mobility in Colombia using maximum entropy econometrics” and “Models and policies on development”, organized by the Brookings Institution, Center on Social and Economic Dynamics/IDB. Discussion on the politics of adjustment, economic growth and income distribution in Latin America (Rio de Janeiro, 22 and 23 June 1998).

Presentation on “Economic reforms and investment: the case of the electricity and telecommunications sectors in Chile”, in the sixteenth Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (Lima, 12 to 14 August 1998).

Presentation on municipal financing in the Southern Cone regional meeting of the Ibero-American and Caribbean Forum on Best Practices, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT), in conjunction with the Ministry of Economic Development of Spain, and the Brazilian Institute of Municipal Administration (Florianópolis, Brazil, 23 to 26 September 1998).

Presentation of an article on the social implications of the new development model in Latin America, by Hubert Escaith, together with P. Livenais of the French Scientific Research Institute for Development through Cooperation (ORSTOM) (Paris, 7 October 1998).

Presentation on “The nature and characteristics of employment in Latin America and Caribbean”, in the seminar on globalization and employment, organized by the Interim Secretariat of the Rio Group (Panama City, 20 to 24 October 1998).

Several presentations at meetings of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) (Buenos Aires, 21 to 23 October 1998; Santiago, Chile, 21 to 23 October 1999).

Seminars on “Balance of payments liberalization: effects on employment distribution poverty and growth”, organized by UNDP, in the regional project RLA/97/019 “Equity and Macroeconomic policies” (Rio de Janeiro, 24 to 28 February 1999; Antigua, Guatemala, 26 to 28 August 1999).

Second meeting of the working group on smaller economies organized by the FTAA Special Committee. Representation of ECLAC as the lead agency of the IDB/ECLAC/OAS Tripartite Committee. Presentation of three technical documents on the following: the fiscal implications of openness; impact of the crisis on small economies; and small enterprises and openness (Miami, 15 and 16 March 1999).

Presentation entitled “Overview and political origins of decentralization in Latin America and Caribbean”, in the fifth World Bank Annual Conference on Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, “Decentralization and public-sector accountability” (Valdivia, Chile, 20 to 22 June 1999).

Presentation on “Latin America: trends in employment and labour productivity in the 1990s”, at V Foro Bolívar de la Empresa Latinoamericana, organized by Programa Bolívar and Instituto de Desarrollo Empresario Bonaerense (IDEB) (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 7 to 9 July 1999).

Thirteenth Brazilian Congress of Economists and the seventh Congress of Economists of Latin America the Caribbean. Presentation of results from the project HOL/96/S34 “Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s” (Rio de Janeiro, 13 to 17 September 1999).

Presentation on the evolution of the international financial crisis and its impact on Latin America and Caribbean, in the third meeting of Centros Académicos de Asia Pacífico en América Latina y el Caribe, organized by SELA/IDB-INTAL/Fundación Chilena del Pacífico/University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 30 September and 1 October 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico

With the relevant sectoral authorities, on the matters of fiscal policy. Presentation and discussion of the document “The Fiscal covenant: strengths, weaknesses, challenges (LC/G.2024/Rev.1).

Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay

With government authorities, on questions of fiscal policy and decentralization.

Argentina

With the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC), for the processing and dissemination of a national Survey of Household Expenditure and Income and for methodological revision and base-year updating of the consumer price index.

Brazil

With the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) in the area of planning, in the following technical tasks:

(a) Support for the Presidency and for the public policy and social development divisions of IPEA, in specific research, the organization of thematic seminars, training activities for technical staff, and the exchange of experts, in areas related to the national and international economic conjuncture, public finance and public-expenditure management, and on industrial policy matters;

(b) Participation in debates on specific issues related to the globalization process and social policies, trading relations between Brazil and other countries, and the potential effects of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) in Brazil.

Colombia

With government authorities to make a socioeconomic assessment of the effects of the earthquake that hit the “coffee belt”.

Chile

With regional government authorities of Valparaíso and Puerto Montt, and with researchers from the Austral University, on questions of local economic development and decentralization.

El Salvador, Paraguay

With the respective Governments on the topic of poverty.

Guatemala

With government authorities on an upcoming tax reform.

With the Ministry of Public Finance on fiscal policy.

Mexico

With government authorities on the topic of local economic development and decentralization.

Uruguay

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance, in the project URU/93/S73 “Agreement between ECLAC and the Government of Uruguay on economic and social cooperation (Phase II)”, to prepare and publish 11 studies analysing issues related to employment and productivity, labour market, the service sector, regional integration in external trade, and foreign investment.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Classes on “Fiscal decentralization: trends and main challenges” in the course “Integrated laboratory on the design of regional strategies” (LIDER), Tolima 1998, (Ibagué, Colombia, 10 to 14 May 1998).

Classes on fiscal policy in the Masters programme in Economics at the University of Havana, organized by Carleton University of Canada and ECLAC (Havana, 31 May to 14 June 1998).

Classes on regulation in the electricity sector in Chile, in the International Course on Economic Reforms and Strategic State Management, organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 24 November 1998).

Classes on challenges and pending issues of fiscal decentralization in Latin America, in the Masters programme in Management and Public Policies of the Department of Industrial Engineering at University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, May 1999).

Classes on local financing: strengths, weakness and new challenges, in the International course on Strategic Management of Local Development organized by ILPES (Manizales, Colombia, July 1999).

Classes on “Infrastructure: sectoral overview”, in the first course-seminar on the provision and regulation of infrastructure services, organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 25 August 1999).

Classes on the labour market, in the course “Poverty and social policy”, Universidad Alberto Hurtado/Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES) (Santiago, Chile, 9 and 10 September 1999).

Classes on “Fiscal decentralization: trends and pending tasks”, in the “Laboratory of territorial analysis: information and knowledge for management” (LATICGER). (La Plata, Argentina, 10 September 1999).

During the biennium 1998-1999 support was given to students from:

- The University of Groningen, Netherlands, in preparing a study on the role of foreign direct investment in the region’s economic growth, and in constructing a database on human capital.

- The Masters programme in International Studies of the Institute of International Studies at the University of Chile, in preparing a study on reform and equity.

- The University of Paris Sorbonne, to prepare two studies, one on employment policies in Latin America and the other on the fiscal implications of trade liberalization.

Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES)

The activities carried out by CLADES under Subprogramme 4 focused on the management of information and information technologies for economic and social development purposes.

During 1998-1999, the substantive and operational work of CLADES was directed at enhancing knowledge, reflection and dissemination of the new information management and information technology paradigms which condition the performance and functioning of Latin American and Caribbean societies. At present there is still unequal access to information and knowledge, as new information technologies are entering the region; at the same time, the region is gaining access to information sources in digital format (information products in unprecedented quantity and quality), and spaces are being created for other cognitive, informational and communicational processes to take place, one of whose clearest expressions, although not the only one, is the development of Internet and Intranets.

These phenomena, which relate knowledge to action, are coming to be seen as decisive in new forms of world intercourse, in trade and in international finance, in economic and political relations, and in the creation and adaptation of results that are emerging from science and technology. They also play a key role in the modernization of public-sector management and in strengthening private-sector competitiveness.

(i) (a) Documents

Gestión de la información y de la tecnología de la información en el gobierno central y local, Información y desarrollo series, No. 9 (LC/L.1210-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.8.

(b) Articles in outside publications

“La universidad en red: nuevo contexto de información y comunicación para una comunidad académica de excelencia”, Revista Calidad de la Educación, Santiago, Chile, Consejo Superior de Educación, December 1998.

(c) Operational documents on information and communications technologies

Manual práctico del HTML para la creación de sitios web en Internet (preliminary version), Santiago, Chile, May 1998.

Informes mensuales sobre el uso externo del sitio web de la CEPAL utilizando el software Webtrends, January-September 1998; January-December 1999.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Presentation on “Leadership as an essential dimension of the professional future of information, in cyberspace and elsewhere” in the training seminar on information management, held as part of the fourth Regional Conference on Health Information in Latin America, sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences Information Center of Brazil (BIREME) (San José, 25 to 27 March 1998).

Meetings on the state of information science research in Latin America and the Caribbean, sponsored by the Corporation for the Study of Information Sciences and Librarianship (CECIB) (Santiago, Chile, 8 and 9 January 1998), and another by the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (Panama City, 30 and 31 March 1998).

Training seminar on new leaders in information management, organized jointly with the Federation of Students of the School of Art and Communication at the University of São Paulo, and attended by 25 participants (Sao Paulo, 5 June 1998).

Training seminar on total quality in local government management, held at the Municipio of Cerro Navia, attended by 50 participants (Santiago, Chile, 13, 15, 16 and 20 July 1998).

Training seminar on information search and retrieval strategies on the Internet, held at the National University of Cuyo, attended by 40 participants (Mendoza, Argentina, 29 to 31 July 1998).

Seminar-workshop for training in the design of information projects for Latin American and Caribbean organizations, attended by seven organizations (Santiago, Chile, 11 to 15 January 1999).

Seminar on knowledge management with information science researchers, held at the University of Antioquía (Medellín, Columbia, 18 to 21 March 1999).

First regional seminar on knowledge management via Internet websites, attended by 21 participants from six countries of the region (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Nicaragua, Uruguay and Venezuela) (Santiago, Chile, 23 to 27 August 1999).

Second regional seminar on knowledge management via Internet websites (Santiago, Chile, 29 November to 3 December 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Presentation on “Information technology management and information content. Echoes of a Latin American meeting”, in the Latin American Informatics and Information Industry meeting, sponsored by Fundación Fontaina Minelli (San José, Costa Rica, 27 and 28 April 1988).

International seminar on the information market in Latin America and Mercosur, held at Universidade Estadual de Londrina (Londrina, Brazil, 1 to 3 June 1998).

First international seminar on “Information and global intelligence: a competitive advantage for firms”, held at the Information Training Centre Office of the Assistant Chancellor of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 23 and 24 June 1998).

Presentation on economic information and the new information and communication technologies, at the round table in the lecture cycle organized to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Miguel Lerda de Tejada Library, sponsored by the Culture and Public Heritage Office of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico (Mexico City, 4 November 1998).

National seminar on information management in the health sector, held at the Pan-American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (PAFAMS) (Bogotá, 22 to 25 March 1999).

Twenty-third meeting of Graduate Librarians of Argentina, organized by the Association of Graduate Librarians (ABGRA) (Buenos Aires, 14 April 1999).

Seminar on the development of new forms of leadership in information management, held at the Ministry of Culture and Education of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 15 and 16 April 1999).

Presentation on website management in the pre-sessional seminar on information management, at the thirtieth Mexican Meeting on Library Economics, organized by the Mexican Librarians Association, A.C. (AMBAC) (Morelia, Mexico, 2 to 5 May 1999).

Seminar on Internet for the integrated library system at the National University of Cuyo (Mendoza, Argentina, 29 to 31 June 1999).

Training seminars on information management for academic staff, held at the University of La Serena (La Serena, Chile, 31 August to 3 September 1999) and at the University of Antofagasta (Antofagasta, Chile, 6 to 10 September 1999).

Presentation on the theme of “The University in the mirror: information technologies and organizational changes to meet the ‘other’ dimension”, at the meeting on “New technologies and higher education”, organized by the Higher Education Council (Santiago, Chile, October 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental organizations

With the Latin American Economic System (SELA), in Caracas, to rebuild its information assets destroyed by a fire at its headquarters.

With the educational component of the Mercosur Administrative Secretariat, in Buenos Aires, to set up an education information system for Mercosur.

With the Regional Centre for New Information Technologies (CRNTI), in Montevideo, to hold a seminar on organizational intelligence in the UNESCO Programme.

With the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO), in Buenos Aires, to transform the LADES methodological teaching package on formulating information projects into a training course via Internet.

Argentina

With the National University of the South, in preparing a strategic plan for the library system.

With the National University of Cuyo, in formulating information projects for the development of the Integrated Library System (Phase IV).

Brazil

With the University of São Paulo, to make a reassessment of its integrated library system, and carry out a post-evaluation of the seminar on leadership in information management held at its School of Communication and Arts.

Panama

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance, to provide training for staff in the formulation of a project to design and set up a ministry website.

Venezuela

With the Central University of Venezuela, to discuss and design a postgraduate course on information for development.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Work in conjunction with the Department of Journalism at the Santo Tomás University, and with the Department of Bilingual Public Relations at the University of Arts, Science and Communication (UNIACC), on the topic of information management (Santiago, Chile, January 1998).

Development financing

During the biennium covered by this report, activities were carried out in the following main areas: (i) joint regional ECLAC/UNDP project RLA/92/003 “Financial policies for development”; (ii) aspects related to saving, financial institutions and capital formation; (iii) pension system reforms; (iv) joint ECLAC/Netherlands project HOL/94/S22 “Income distribution and poverty in recent stabilization and adjustment policies in Latin American and Caribbean countries”; (v) joint ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/98/S24 “Institutional requirements for market-led structures in Latin America and the Caribbean”; (vi) joint ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/98/S41 “Reform of health-care financing systems in Latin America and the Caribbean”; (vii) joint ECLAC/Netherlands project HOL/07/S108 “Financial policies to increase savings and promote equity”; (viii) joint ECLAC/Under-Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction/Production Development Corporation/Banco del Estado de Chile project CHI/98/S42 “Policies for financing small and medium-sized enterprises in Chile”; (ix) agreement between ECLAC and IDB (BID/99/120) “Projected fiscal liabilities arising from pension reform in Latin America and the Caribbean”; and (x) joint ECLAC/UNDP technical cooperation project with the Government of the Dominican Republic.

In the framework of project RLA/92/003, the summary of the studies on Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Mexico and Venezuela, on the regulation and supervision of financial conglomerates, was completed. A final revision was also made of studies on access to housing finance for low and middle-income groups, in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica and Chile, together with a comparative study on housing finance subsidies in several countries of the region. The project is currently in its final phase, which involves holding national seminars to publicize its results at the country level, and the preparation

of the corresponding comparative analyses of country experiences, including conclusions and policy recommendations.

With regard to saving, financial institutions and capital formation, a paper was written on saving, and another on “Regulation of the banking sector, liberalization and financial instability in Latin America and Caribbean”.

In the area of pension reform, a project was started on “Pension fund and old-age provision”, financed by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ). In this project, case studies were initiated on Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica and Mexico and, finally, Venezuela. At the same time, work was done in conjunction with several institutions in organizing seminars, publications and research programmes on this issue.

In the framework of project HOL/94/S22, documents relating to the case studies analysed (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile and Mexico) continued to be distributed, and publication of the second comparative report in English, based on studies of household surveys in the five countries mentioned, went ahead. In addition, a special edition of the summary report of this project was published in the *CEPAL Review*, and the Division participated in meetings organized by other regional agencies, to present the conclusions and recommendations to be drawn from this project.

Six studies were carried out in the context of ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/98/S24, three on each of the two thematic areas: institutional factors in the reforms to policies on finance and credit to small companies; and institutional factors in the reform of housing policies for low-income groups.

Case studies were made of Chile, Colombia and Costa Rica on both topics. In addition, a comparative study was prepared on “Credit policies for smaller-sized firms: recent experiences with second-tier banks in Chile, Colombia and Costa Rica” (LC/L.1259-P), and a seminar on “Low-income sector housing policies” was held in conjunction with the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce, in Colombia on 3 August 1999.

In the framework of ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/98/S41 a summary document containing policy recommendations on financial reforms to health-care systems was completed, and preparations began for publishing a book containing papers produced in the project. In addition, a study was completed on the gender perspective in social security reforms in the health sector in Colombia, together with three other studies on health-care systems in Brazil, Chile and Mexico. These latter papers analyse the structure and workings of health-care systems and suggest possible reform agendas. Apart from this, two new studies were started on Colombia, one on Venezuela and another on Chile. Staff from the Division have also made presentations at a variety of seminars and outreach courses, in order to present conclusions and policy recommendations arising from the project.

Project HOL/97/S108 has three phases. In the first phase, dealing with estimates of the housing deficit in several countries of the region based on information from household surveys, work was completed on Bolivia, Colombia and Uruguay. The case study on Chile is in the editing stage, and a comparative study was begun.

In the second phase of the project, which analyses savings instruments for low-income groups, two case studies have been made of Peru and El Salvador, while work on Uruguay and Chile is expected to finish shortly, and the third phase of the project to begin.

Four studies were carried out under project CHI/98/S42, based on proposals to strengthen the development action of the Production Development Corporation (CORFO) in its capacity as a second-tier bank; expand access to credit and financing for small companies exporting non-traditional goods and services; and improve instruments for expanding access to credit and financing for small companies. Apart from this, a participatory observation case study was carried out to obtain field data on the factors affecting access to credit and financing for smaller firms. On the basis of these data, a final report was prepared with conclusions and policy recommendations on smaller firms' access to credit and financing.

Case studies covering Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, and a comparative study for Costa Rica, El Salvador and Mexico, were undertaken in the framework of ECLAC/IDB agreement BID/99/S120. These studies are currently in the editing and/or publication process. In addition, an international seminar was held at ECLAC on "Fiscal liabilities of the pension system" in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance of Chile.

A training workshop on macroeconomic analysis for communications media was held in the framework of the joint ECLAC/UNDP technical cooperation project with the Government of the Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo, 16 to 23 July 1998); and a five-day seminar-workshop was held for members of Congress and political parties on aspects of macroeconomic policy management and on experiences of pension system reform in Latin America (Santo Domingo, 24 to 28 May 1999). A report was also prepared containing policy recommendations and alternatives for improved management of external resources and borrowing.

(i) Documents

Stylized facts of income distribution in five countries of Latin America and general guidelines for a redistributive policy, *Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 72 (LC/L.1084)*/Rasgos estilizados de la distribución del ingreso en cinco países de América Latina y lineamientos generales para una política redistributiva, *Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 72 (LC/L.1084)*.

Perspectiva de género en la reforma de la seguridad social en salud en Colombia, *Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 73 (LC/L.1108)*.

Reformas a la institucionalidad del crédito y el financiamiento a empresas de menor tamaño: la experiencia chilena con sistemas de "segundo piso" 1990-98, *Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 74 (LC/L.1156)*.

El factor institucional en reformas a las políticas de crédito y financiamiento de empresas de menor tamaño: la experiencia colombiana reciente, *Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 75 (LC/L.1163)*.

Un perfil del déficit de vivienda en Uruguay, 1994, *Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 76 (LC/L.1165)*.

El financiamiento de la pequeña y mediana empresa en Costa Rica: análisis del comportamiento reciente y propuestas de reforma, *Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 77 (LC/L.1178)*.

El factor institucional en los resultados y desafíos de la política de vivienda de interés social en Chile, *Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 78 (LC/L.1194)*.

Un perfil del déficit de vivienda en Bolivia, 1992, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 79 (LC/L.1200).

La política de vivienda de interés social en Colombia en los noventa, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 80 (LC/L.1211-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.10.

El factor institucional en reformas a la política de vivienda de interés social: la experiencia reciente de Costa Rica, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 81 (LC/L.1212-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.11.

O financiamento do sistema público de saúde brasileiro, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 82 (LC/L.1233-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.14.

Un perfil del déficit de vivienda en Colombia, 1994, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 83 (LC/L.1234-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.15.

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Pension funds, the financing of transition costs and financial markets development: Lessons from the Chilean privatization reform (LC/R.1822).

The retirement outlook for Chile's independently employed workers. A case study of attitudes and saving behavior (LC/R.1840).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferencesOrganized by the subprogramme

Seminar on the “Regulation and supervision of financial conglomerates: recent experiences in Latin America”, organized jointly with the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA), in project RLA/92/003 “Financial Policies for Changing production patterns with social equity” (Mexico City, 22 and 23 January 1998).

Seminar on “Social housing policies in Latin America”, organized jointly with the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce, in project FRG/98/S24 “Institutional requirements for market-led structures in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase II)” (Bogotá, 3 August 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Colloquium on pension funds and financial markets, organized by the University of Paris IX. Lecture on the impact of pension funds on national investment and saving, based on the Latin American experience (Paris, 17 to 31 March 1998).

Seminar on “Social Security reform, mapping the future”, organized by the Colonial Life Insurance Company. Participation in the session on “Social Security reform: evidence and experience. Chile and selected countries” (Port-of-Spain, 22 to 25 April 1998).

Presentation on “Banks and capital markets: solid financial systems for the twenty-first century”, at the fourth Annual World Bank Conference on Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (San Salvador, 28 to 30 June 1998).

Presentation on financial systems, macroeconomics and capital flows, at the international seminar “Conference on social security reforms, pension savings and economic development”, in commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the Central Bank of Bolivia (La Paz, 20 to 22 July 1998).

Consultancy services to participants on the international course, “Formulation of competitiveness and financing policies for small and medium-sized enterprises in Latin America”, organized by the Corporation for Socioeconomic and Technological Research of Colombia (CINSET) (Bogotá, 4 to 6 August 1998).

Consultancy services to participants in the symposium “Reintegration into world society: Cuba in international perspective”, on aspects of labour-market policy and social security in the process of re-admitting Cuba into the world economy. This event is part of the international symposia cycle organized by the “Cuba Project” of Queens College and City University of New York (New York, 27 to 29 September 1998).

Presentations on “Comparison of social security system reforms in Chile and Argentina” and “The Chilean experience and that of eight Latin American countries on the financing of housing, with particular reference to social sector housing”, in the seminar “Options for pension reform in the Czech Republic”, organized by the Investment and Postal Bank and the Institute for East-West Studies (Prague, 1 and 2 October 1998).

Presentation on the health-care system in Argentina, in a seminar on health systems, organized by the Argentinian Foundation for Development with Equity (Buenos Aires, 26 and 27 October 1998).

Presentation on “The international experience on financial reforms to health-care systems, and possible lessons to be drawn in the context of the Brazilian economy”, in the seminar “The federation in disequilibrium: new challenges for intergovernmental relations in Brazil”, organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) (Brasilia, 2 to 5 November 1998).

Comments and presentations by consultants and experts from the World Bank on the international experience and its implications for social security reform in Brazil, in the “International seminar on Social Security reform”, organized by the Ministry of Welfare and Social Assistance (Brasilia, 1 to 3 December 1998).

Presentation on protection schemes for the elderly poor, in the “Conference on social protection and poverty” organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 2 and 3 February 1999).

Lecture on challenges for pension reform in Latin America, in the seminar on “Social security and workers”, organized by the General Confederation of Labour (CGT) of Argentina and the ILO office for Paraguay and Uruguay (Buenos Aires, 5 to 7 May 1999).

Paper on “The housing deficit profile in Bolivia, 1992” (LC/L.1200), prepared in the framework of project HOL/97/S108 “Financial policies to increase savings and promote equity”, at the international seminar on “Mortgage titling: developments and prospects in Latin America”, organized by the Inter-American Housing Union (UNIAPRAVI) and the Bolivian Union of Housing Saving and loan Institutions (UNIVIV) (La Paz, 31 May to 1 June 1999).

Lecture on the universalization of social security and old age provision at the second International Social Policy Forum, held at the Pontifical Javerian University of Colombia (Bogotá, 24 to 26 August 1999).

Lecture on the fiscal costs of the pension reform in Brazil, at the seminar “Fiscal liabilities in social security systems”, organized jointly by ECLAC and IDB and the Ministry of Finance of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 2 and 3 September 1999).

Presentation on health-care reform in Latin America, in the conference “Reforming Latin American health systems” organized by the London School of Economics and Political Science and the Latin American Newsletter (London, 14 to 16 September 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Brazil

With the Ministry of Welfare and Social Assistance, on pension reform.

Chile

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs Development and Reconstruction, the Production Development Corporation (CORFO) and Banco del Estado de Chile, in preparing the report on “Access for smaller firms to credit and financing: conclusions and policy recommendations”.

Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico

Interviews were held with national authorities and experts from the Foundation for Higher Education and Development (FEDESARROLLO) in Colombia; the Office of the Superintendent of Securities in Costa Rica and the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico, to undertake case studies and gather data for comparative reports in the project “Pension fund and old-age provision” FRG/98/S010.

Colombia

With authorities from the health sector and academics, to discuss the preparation of two papers on the evolution of health care reform.

Paraguay

With the Technical Secretariat for Planning and Economic and Social Development, in conjunction with the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), in defining terms of reference for the study on social security reform in the health sector.

Dominican Republic

With the Government, through UNDP, in holding a macroeconomic analysis workshop aimed at communications media, and preparing a document on the external solvency of the Dominican Republic.

Venezuela

With the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, to discuss the health sector reforms being proposed by this ministry. At the same time, a number talks were given on national experiences of health system reform.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Classes on international trade theory and open-economy macroeconomics, in the Masters programme in Economics at the University of Havana, organized by Carleton University of Canada (Havana, 10 to 31 May 1998).

A course for communications media professionals on “Basic concepts of macroeconomic analysis, with special reference to the Dominican Republic” (Santo Domingo, 16 to 23 July 1998).

Classes on regional experiences of financial reforms in the health sector, in the fifth course on “Health legislation: emerging problems from processes of change II. Legal framework of health-care financing”, organized by PAHO and the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS) (Mexico City, 30 August to 4 September 1998).

Classes on access to housing finance, income distribution, social policy reforms, and the regulation and supervision of financial institutions, in the course on “Economic reforms and strategic public management”, organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 30 October to 4 December 1998).

A five-day course on aspects of macroeconomic policy management, external debt and pension system reform, for members of Congress and technical staff from political parties in the Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo, 24 to 28 May 1999).

Participation in a television programme in the Dominican Republic to publicize the results of the joint ECLAC/UNDP technical cooperation project with the Government of the Dominican Republic (DOM/97/005 “Macroeconomic situation and external debt in the Dominican Republic”). Issues addressed included external solvency and the improved management of external resources and borrowing (Santo Domingo, 28 May 1999).

A course on international trade theory and open-economy macroeconomics in the joint Masters programme run by ECLAC, Carleton University and the University of Havana (Havana, 21 to 28 August 1999 and 4 to 10 September 1999).

Lectures to academics and technical staff in the Social Policy Division of the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, organized by the University of Chile (November 1999).

SUBPROGRAMME 5: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY

The programme of work for the 1998-1999 biennium was carried out in a development phase characterized by improvements in the productivity and competitiveness of the region's economies, the inclusion of social dimensions in economic development, and innovations in both social policy-making and the role of the State in this area. These changes, which have occurred in the goals and mechanisms of social policy, together with progress achieved in social service reform, raise the need for a deeper analysis of the new management approaches that are being applied in the region, particularly in experiences of decentralization and dispersion of social services.

Despite progress made in reducing poverty levels, in most of the region there was a deterioration in the distributional situation and a higher incidence of unemployment, especially among young people. These conditions were aggravated by the Asian crisis, which led to slower economic growth in several Latin American countries.

In this context, the Social Development Division, which is responsible for this subprogramme, carried out activities in four areas. The first of these involved supporting the countries of the region in designing and implementing social policies, programmes and projects. In this connection, a number of seminars and meetings were organized, in some cases co-sponsored by other organizations, to analyse the current situation of social sector reform, the labour market and human resource management in health care, and the reform of the State and public administration. The joint ECLAC/GTZ research project FRG/97/S19 "Reforms to social policies management in Latin America and the Caribbean" was also carried out in this area, which included an analysis of progress made in the management methodologies used by social programmes in selected countries, the results of which are brought together in the document "Gestión de programas sociales en América Latina, Vol. I" (LC/L.1114). At the same time, training activities were carried out under the joint ECLAC/OAS programme OEA/9/S35 "Social policies in Latin America and the Caribbean (PROPOSAL)". Also during the period under review, several books were published under publishing agreements: one entitled El gran eslabón: educación y desarrollo en el umbral del siglo XXI, published in conjunction with Fondo de Cultura Económica, another on the Social institutional framework for overcoming poverty and promoting equity, co-published with OAS and the Government of Chile, a third on Inequality and social policy, with the Paraguayan Centre for Sociological Studies, and a fourth on Educational reform in Chile, published with IDB. In addition, a volume was compiled in honour of Aldo E. Solari, entitled Sociología de desarrollo, políticas sociales y democracia. Apart from this, 20 titles in the Políticas sociales series were published, dealing with topics related to equity trends in education and employment, youth and rural development, comparative experiences in health care, the management of social policies and programmes, and citizen safety.

On the topic of youth, inter-institutional collaboration was strengthened around preparations and follow-up to the World Youth Forum, held in Braga, Portugal in 1998, and meetings were held to analyse best practices in projects self-managed by young people.

The work undertaken in relation to second thematic area concentrated on intensifying and keeping up-to-date the social diagnosis of the countries of the region. To this end, the 1998 and 1999 editions of Social Panorama of Latin America were published in conjunction with the ECLAC Statistics and Economics Projection Division and with support from UNICEF. These editions analyse the situation on employment, income distribution, poverty and social spending, together with achievements in the region in terms of quantitative targets for children and adolescents in education and access to basic services. The 1999 edition also includes a study of the living conditions of older adults, especially the

family arrangements in which they live. In both editions, the chapter dealing with the region's social agenda analyses aspects concerning citizen safety and violence, and it reviews the successes and failures of drug prevention and control programmes.

In the sphere of technical cooperation, special help was provided to the Government of Honduras, in project HON/96/002 "Support for the development of guidelines for eradicating poverty", which resulted in the publication of a book edited jointly with UNDP entitled Gasto social en servicios sociales básicos en América Latina y el Caribe: análisis desde la perspectiva de la Iniciativa 20/20. Technical assistance was also provided to the Government of the Dominican Republic in producing a national human development report, in conjunction with UNDP. In addition, project HOL/97/103 "Simultaneous analysis of poverty alleviation and income distribution improvement objectives in Latin American Countries" was carried out with support from the Netherlands, in coordination with the ECLAC Statistics and Economic Projections Division.

Activities in the third thematic area focused on examining the effects of socioeconomic development policies on welfare and social equity. In this connection, contributions were made to a number of documents issued by the ECLAC Secretariat, and progress was made in preparing the document to be presented at the second follow-up meeting of the Social Development Summit and in the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2000, to make an overall study and assessment of implementation of the results of the World Summit for Social Development, scheduled for the year 2000. These activities received additional support from ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/99/S114 "Development and Social Equity in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase I)".

Project CHI/98/S33 "Diagnosis, evaluation and projection of the work of CONACE (Phase II)" was executed in the fourth thematic area – analysis of the social, economic and institutional effects of the cultivation, traffic and consumption of drugs, and strategies to deal with this. This led to a proposal for the National Drug Control Council (CONACE) of Chile, for a public policy for the prevention and control of drugs.

Lastly, in this period, cooperative links were developed with other international bodies, such as UNESCO and FAO, and also with academic institutions from countries of the region with which joint training activities were carried out on topics from the work programme.

(i) (a) Documents

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Social Panorama of Latin America. 1998 Edition (LC/G.2050-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.99.II.G.4/Panorama social de América Latina. Edición 1998 (LC/G.2050-P). Publicación de las Naciones Unidas, N° de venta: S.99.II.G.4.

Social Panorama of Latin America. 1999 Edition (LC/G.2068-P)/Panorama social de América Latina. Edición 1999 (LC/G.2068-P).

Aspectos sociales de la integración, Políticas sociales series, No. 14, vol. III (LC/L.996/Add.2); vol. IV (LC/L.996/Add.3).

Las encuestas de hogares como fuente de información para el análisis de la educación y sus vínculos con el bienestar y la equidad, Políticas sociales series, No. 22 (LC/L.1111).

Social policies and socioeconomic indicators for transitional economies, Políticas sociales series, No. 23 (LC/L.1112).

Los proyectos sociales: de la certeza omnipotente al comportamiento estratégico, Políticas sociales series, No. 24 (LC/L.1113).

Gestión de programas sociales en América Latina, Políticas sociales series, No. 25, vol. I (LC/L.1114).

Gestión de programas sociales en América Latina. Propuesta metodológica, Políticas sociales series No. 25, vol. II (LC/L.1114/Add.1).

Las reformas sociales en acción: la perspectiva macro, Políticas sociales series, No. 26 (LC/L.1118).

Hacia unas nuevas reglas del juego: los compromisos de gestión en salud de Costa Rica desde una perspectiva comparativa, Políticas sociales series, No. 27 (LC/L.1135).

Juventud y desarrollo rural: marco conceptual y contextual, Políticas sociales series, N° 28 (LC/L.1146).

La inseguridad en el Perú, Políticas sociales series, No. 29 (LC/L.1176).

Construyendo capital social comunitario. Una experiencia de empoderamiento rural en Guatemala, Políticas sociales series, No. 30 (LC/L.1177).

Seguridad ciudadana y violencia en América Latina: diagnóstico y políticas en los años noventa, Políticas sociales series, No. 32 (LC/L.1179-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.24.

Salud, reforma sectorial y mercado de trabajo. El caso de las enfermeras en Santiago de Chile, Políticas sociales series, No. 31 (LC/L.1190).

Compromisos de gestión en salud, Políticas sociales series, No. 33 (LC/L.1239-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.00.II.G.03.

Criterios básicos para una política de prevención y control de drogas en Chile, Políticas sociales series, No. 34 (LC/L.1247-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.II.G.49.

Desempeño macroeconómico y su impacto en la pobreza, Políticas sociales series, No. 35 (LC/L.1248-P).

Desarrollo social, reforma del Estado y de la seguridad social, al umbral del siglo XXI, Políticas sociales series, N° 36 (LC/L.1249-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.00.II.G.05.

Participación de la juventud en las actividades laborales y el proceso de toma de decisiones en América Latina y el Caribe: desafíos a las políticas de juventud y a los actores sociales juveniles (LC/R.1777).

Marco de referencia para una agenda educativa en Honduras (LC/R.1793).

Políticas contra la pobreza en Honduras (LC/R.1794).

Violencia en las Américas, una amenaza a la integración social (LC/R.1795).

Sector informal urbano en Honduras: caracterización y sugerencias de políticas (LC/R.1799).

Desempeño macroeconómico y su impacto en la pobreza: análisis de algunos escenarios en el caso de Honduras (LC/R.1801).

Honduras: en pos de la seguridad alimentaria sustentable (LC/R.1803).

Juventud rural en Brasil y México: reduciendo la invisibilidad (LC/R.1819).

La exclusión social de los grupos pobres en Chile (LC/R.1824).

Report of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Youth Meeting preparatory to the third session of the World Youth Forum (Santiago, Chile, 1-3 June 1998) (LC/R.1847)/Informe de la reunión regional de jóvenes de América Latina y el Caribe preparatoria del tercer período de sesiones del Foro Mundial de Juventud (Santiago de Chile, 1º al 3 de junio de 1998) (LC/R.1847).

Informe de la primera reunión interagencial preparatoria del Encuentro de Juventud de América Latina y el Caribe (Santiago de Chile, 13 de enero de 1999) (LC/R.1882).

Gestión comunitaria de la escuela rural: lecciones de seis experiencias internacionales (LC/R.1883).

¿Equidad por movilidad individual o por reducción de distancias? Desafíos de las tendencias recientes en la educación, el empleo y el ingreso en Chile (LC/R.1884).

Aprendiendo de la experiencia: propuestas para avanzar en la política y el Plan Nacional de Prevención y Control de Drogas (LC/R.1885).

Género en el desarrollo de República Dominicana (LC/R.1918).

Políticas sociales: reorganización y coordinación (LC/R.1920).

Gasto público en servicios sociales básicos en América Latina y el Caribe. Análisis desde la perspectiva de la Iniciativa 20/20 (LC/R.1933).

Reforma del Estado, modernización administrativa y evaluación del desempeño de la gestión pública (LC/R.1942).

Modernización y comercio exterior de los servicios de salud (LC/R.1943).

La percepción del Instituto Nacional de la Juventud (INJU) en el imaginario juvenil (LC/MVD/R.150/Rev.1).

Emancipación juvenil: trayectorias y destinos (LC/MVD/R.154/Rev.2).

Vulnerabilidad, activos y recursos de los hogares: una exploración de indicadores (LC/MVD/R.158; LC/MVD/R.158/Rev.1).

Patrones de consumo y gasto en Uruguay: estimaciones de elasticidades de ingresos (LC/MVD/R.161).

Flexibilidad del mercado de trabajo en Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.166/Rev.1).

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Los recursos de las familias urbanas de bajos ingresos para enfrentar situaciones críticas (LC/MVD/R.171; LC/MVD/R.171/Rev.1).

Uruguay: envejecimiento demográfico y salud. Características generales de la población adulta mayor. Estudio analítico de datos secundarios (LC/MVD/R.173).

Marco conceptual sobre activos, vulnerabilidad y estructuras de oportunidades (LC/MVD/R.176; LC/MVD/R.176/Rev.1).

Segregación residencial y desigualdades sociales en Montevideo (LC/MVD/R.177; LC/MVD/R.177/Rev.1).

Aportes teórico-metodológicos para la estimación de un índice de capital social comunal (LC/MVD/R.178).

La vivienda como un activo de los hogares (LC/MVD/R.179).

La distribución del ingreso en Uruguay: aspectos metodológicos (LC/MVD/R.182).

La distribución del ingreso en Uruguay, según fuentes de ingreso (LC/MVD/R.183).

Informe sobre el empleo en Uruguay, 1997-1998 (LC/MVD/R.184).

Uruguay: envejecimiento demográfico y salud. Informe final de la ENEVISA (Encuesta sobre estilos de vida y salud de la población adulta) (LC/MVD/R.185).

(b) Computer programs

Computer system for designing, appraising and monitoring social programmes, based on this cost-impact analysis methodology. Programming language: Delphi 3, which interfaces with Win-Redatam and Microsoft Project 4.1.

(c) Books published under editorial agreements

Avaliação de projetos sociais, Ernesto Cohen and Rolando Franco (eds.), fourth edition, Rio de Janeiro, Editora Vozes Ltda., 1998.

Institucionalidad social para la superación de la pobreza y promoción de la equidad. Seminario-taller, OEA/MIDEPLAN/ECLAC, Santiago, Chile, Andros Ltda., 1998.

Equidad en el logro de las metas para la infancia (Volumen II), Bogotá, Nariño Accord - the Santiago Accord, UNICEF, 1998.

El gran eslabón: educación y desarrollo en el umbral del siglo XXI, Santiago, Chile, Fondo de Cultura Económica, 1999.

Inequidad y política social, Rolando Franco and Domingo Rivarola (eds.), Asunción, Paraguayan Centre for Sociological Studies (CPES)/ECLAC/University Institute for social Development (IUDES), Ediciones y Arte SRL, 1998.

Integración regional, desarrollo y equidad, Armando Di Filippo and Rolando Franco, Mexico City, Siglo Veintiuno Editores, 1999.

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Sociología del desarrollo, políticas sociales y democracia. Estudios en homenaje a Aldo E. Solari, Rolando Franco (ed.), Mexico City, Siglo Veintiuno Editores, 1999.

Activos y estructuras de oportunidades: estudios sobre las raíces de la vulnerabilidad social en Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.180); published jointly by the ECLAC office in Montevideo and the UNDP office in Uruguay, Montevideo, May 1999.

(d) Articles in outside publications

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“La institucionalidad del desarrollo humano sostenible”, Desarrollo humano sostenible frente a la globalización, Ana Sojo (ed.), comment on topic 2 of the Conference on “Sustainable human development and globalization”, San José, Costa Rica, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (MIDEPLAN)/UNDP, 1998.

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“Desarrollo económico y social y salud para todos”, Ruben Kaztman, Atención a la salud en América Latina y el Caribe en el siglo XXI. Perspectivas para lograr salud para todos, Clement Bezold, Julio Frenk and Shann Mc Carthy (eds.), Mexico City, Institute for Alternative Futures (IAF) and Fundación Mexicana para la Salud, 1998.

“La política social en la encrucijada: opciones o disyuntivas”, Ana Sojo, De igual a igual. El desafío del Estado ante los nuevos problemas sociales, Jorge Carpio and Irene Novacovsky (eds.), Buenos Aires, Fondo de Cultura Económica/Social Programme Information, Monitoring and Evaluation System (SIEMPRO)/Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), 1999.

“Género y pobreza: perspectivas y políticas”, Irma Arriagada, (ed.), Santiago, Chile, University of the Academy of Christian Humanism, Diploma in Gender and Society Studies and Isis International, 1999.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

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Seminar on “Educational reform in Chile: views from five ministers”, organized jointly with IDB (Santiago, Chile, 18 May 1998).

Regional Youth Meeting of Latin America and Caribbean prior to the third session of the World Youth Forum, organized jointly with UNESCO in collaboration with the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) and the Latin American Youth Forum (FLAJ), and with sponsorship from the United Nations Youth Fund and UNFPA (Santiago, Chile, 1 to 3 June 1998).

Meeting under project DOM/98/003 “National human development report”, organized jointly with the UNDP representation in Santo Domingo (Santo Domingo, 22 to 23 July 1998).

Workshop on “The municipality and drugs” organized under ELAC/Interior Ministry project CHI/98/S33 (Santiago, Chile, 24 July 1998).

Presentation of the research “University-trained nurses in public hospitals and private clinics: perception of job situation” and the study “Towards new rules of the game: management commitments in the health sector in Costa Rica from a comparative viewpoint” in the seminar “Sectoral reforms, labour market and human resource management in the health sector”, organized in conjunction with the Ministry of Public Health of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 27 August 1998).

Conference on “Structural reforms and female labour market activity in Brazil: realities and prospects”, as part of the labour market module of the project “Institutional requirements for market-led structures in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase II)” (Santiago, Chile, 3 September 1998).

Presentation on the magnitudes, trends and characteristics of social spending in the 1990s, in the third meeting of the regional project “Social spending and the 20/20 Initiative” (RLA/97/019 “Equity and macroeconomic policies”), organized jointly with UNDP and UNICEF (Santiago, Chile, 9 to 11 September 1998).

Presentations on “High-school drop-out and its impact on labour-market participation and the achievement of welfare” and “Evaluation of nutrition programmes: lessons from experience” in the international seminar on “School drop-out and retention: progress and proposals”, organized by the National

Student Assistance and Scholarship Board (JUNAEB) and jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Public Education (MINEDUC) of Chile, ECLAC and UNESCO (Santiago, Chile 29 and 30 October 1998).

Workshop on “Vulnerability, assets and social exclusion”, organized jointly by the ECLAC office in Montevideo, the ILO regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Ford Foundation (Montevideo, 19 and 20 November 1998).

Meeting entitled “Mercosur social”. Discussion of the project proposal “Human development in Mercosur: a social observatory” (Santiago, Chile, 30 November 1998).

Seminar-workshop on “Labour market and human resource management in nursing: the case of the Metropolitan Region of Santiago”, organized jointly by the Ministry Public Health of Chile, the Department of Sociology of the Catholic University of Chile, and WHO/PAHO (Santiago, Chile, 6 January 1999).

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Workshop on “Latin America: on the threshold of a new crisis?”, organized jointly with UNDP, IDB and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) (Santiago, Chile, 30 March 1999).

Presentation of Social Panorama of Latin America. 1998 Edition, in the seminar on “The development of Latin America and the Caribbean from the ECLAC viewpoint” for economics editors from the main communications media present in Latin America the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 3 May 1999).

Workshop to set up the national observatory of human resources in health in Chile, organized jointly with the Human Resource Department of the Ministry of Public Health, and WHO (Santiago, Chile, 13 and 14 May 1999).

Interministerial meeting to discuss and disseminate the final report of the joint ECLAC/Interior Ministry project CHI/98/S33 (Santiago, Chile, 19 May 1999).

Workshop on “Reform, modernization and foreign trade in health services” organized jointly with PAHO/WHO (Santiago, Chile, 3 August 1999).

Meeting on the theme “Towards development with citizenship”, organized jointly with the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (ASONG) (Santiago, Chile, 23 to 24 September 1999).

Round table to analyse the current situation of social-sector reforms, organized in the fourth International Congress of the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD) on State and Public Administration Reform, co-sponsored by ECLAC, the National Government Service Institute of Mexico (IANP), the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI), IDB, the World Bank, the Andean Development Corporation (CAF), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and PAHO/WHO (Mexico City, 19 to 22 October 1999).

Meeting on best practices for youth projects in the Southern Cone (Santiago, Chile, 8 to 11 November 1999).

Seminar on “Crisis in the economic reforms in Latin America”, organized jointly with IDB, the University of Pittsburgh and Inter-American Dialog (Washington D.C., 18 to 19 November 1999).

International meeting on “Prevention of drug consumption: normative concepts and proposals for best practices” (Santiago, Chile, 25 and 26 November 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Thirty-sixth session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development. Lecture given on social capital, and a presentation on the contribution of the ECLAC Social Development Division to the streamlining of social policies in Latin America and the Caribbean (New York, 11 February 1998).

First Colloquium of the Americas, organized by the Institute of Economics (IICE) of the University of Costa Rica and the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL/IDB). Lecture on “Adjustment policies and regional integration: impact on social equity” (San José, 10 to 12 March 1998).

Presentation on “Identity in the global village: between mass media and mass mixture”, at the international conference “On the threshold of the millennium”, organized jointly by UNESCO and the International Psychoanalytic Association (Lima, 15 to 18 April 1998).

Twenty-first International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Coordination of panel discussion on democracy and sovereignty in the session on “Labour and social policy in 1990s: new models of state intervention”; chair of the session on “Empowerment, peasant organizations and movements” (Chicago, Illinois, United States, 24 to 26 September 1998).

Presentation on indicators of the equity and external efficiency of educational systems in the countries of the region, in a seminar on educational statistics in the countries of the Andrés Bello Agreement, organized by the Executive Secretariat of the Andrés Bello Agreement and the UNESCO Regional Office for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (OREALC) (Cartagena, 28 September to 2 October 1998).

Seminar on “Social investment funds: decentralization and coordination between State, private sector and organized civil society”, organized by the Social Investment Fund (FONVIS) and the Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL) of Mexico, the latter in its capacity as president of the Coordinator Committee of Social Network of Latin America and the Caribbean. Lecture given on the socioeconomic panorama of Latin America (Caracas, 8 and 9 October 1998).

Presentation of research on “Social action in five Latin American countries”, in the third International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform, organized by the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD), with sponsorship from IDB, the World Bank, the United Nations (DESA and WHO), the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI), the Andean Development Corporation (CAF) and the Ministry of Public Administration of Spain (Madrid, 14 to 17 October 1998).

Presentations on social investment funds in the light of the world crisis and future challenges, and on the integrated system for formulating evaluating and monitoring social projects at the Fifth Annual Conference of Social Network of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (Kingston, 5 and 6 November 1998).

Lecture on “Occupational health: a legislative agenda to initiate the new millennium”, at the thirteenth Meeting of the Health Commission of the Latin American Parliament (São Paulo, 27 and 28 November 1998).

Presentation on the employment situation in Latin America, and participation in debates on social policies, in the seminar “Globalization and welfare policies”, organized by Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) (Brasilia, 20 to 22 January 1999).

Participation in the interagency meeting on youth, organized by the United Nations Youth Unit in its capacity as regional focal point on youth of the United Nations system, to follow up Youth Summits (New York, 3 to 9 February 1999).

Presentation entitled “Políticas sociales: reorganización y coordinación” (LC/R.1920) at the Ibero-American seminar on governmental organization and working procedures, organized by the Government of Portugal and with collaboration from the National Administration Institute (INA) (Oeiras, Lisbon, 18 to 28 May 1999).

First subregional seminar prior to the EFA (Education for All) evaluation, organized by the Regional Technical Consultative Group on Education (RTAG). Presentation of Social Panorama of Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 17 June 1999).

Presentation on “Transversal gender policies: difficulties and opportunities”, in the seminar “Rural women and the sustainability of social and productive projects”, organized by National Social Compensation and Development Fund (FONCODES) of Peru, as a member of Social Network of Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, 23 to 25 June 1999).

Presentation on social policies and decentralization, in the Ibero-American seminar on cooperation on decentralization and social policies, organized by Network of Ministries of Ibero-American Presidencies and their Equivalents (Mexico City, and 2 and 3 August 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental organizations

With PAHO/WHO and ILO in the framework of the joint project on “Observatory of human resources in sectoral reforms”, to fine-tune the action plan of the project and define strategies for linkages and cooperation with the countries; this included scheduling a meeting to launch the project.

With UNDP in Argentina to discuss two new projects: “Human development report of the Mercosur countries”, and “Establishment of a system for appraising and monitoring social projects”.

With UNDP in Guatemala, to follow-up research on social capital in rural development in Chiquimula.

With UNICEF to assess progress made by countries on year-2000 infancy targets, and to analyse the trend of social spending on basic services.

With UNESCO and the Andrés Bello Agreement, on educational indicators.

With the OAS Social Network of Latin America and the Caribbean, on social investment funds and integrated systems for formulating, appraising and monitoring programmes.

With the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD), on the reform of the State and public administration.

With the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) to include the international advisory committee in preparing the report “Progress of the World’s Women”.

With OECD, Paris, to develop contacts with staff involved in quantitative socioeconomic analysis.

With the UNDP regional office for Europe and the Community of Independent States, in the city of Bratislava, to hold technical meetings and coordinate future consultancy activities.

With the Conference of Ministers of Ibero-American Presidencies, through UNDP acting as technical Secretariat, to participate in a meeting preparatory to producing a document on setting up a School of Government and Public Policies.

Argentina

With the Programme of Support for Productive Restructuring (PARP) of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, in project FRG/97/S19, to supervise and advise on research activities in this project.

With the Programme of Support for Youth Productivity and Employability (PAPEJ) of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, in follow-up activities in the project ARG/99/002 “Agreement for the design and implementation of an integrated system for project formulation, appraisal and oversight (SIFEM)”.

With the Provincial Institute of Statistics and Censuses of San Luis, to provide consultancy services to the technical team of the Institute in the design and analytical interpretation of socioeconomic indicators produced from household surveys.

With the project SIEMPRO “System of Information, Monitoring and Appraisal of Social Programmes” of the Ministry of Social Development of Argentina, by participating in the launch of the book “De igual a igual: el desafío del Estado ante los nuevos problemas sociales”, and a lecture on “In favour of renewed links between citizens and the State in facing social policy challenges”.

Brazil

With the DST/IDA programme of the Health Ministry, in project FRG/97/S19.

Chile

With the National Drug Control Council (CONACE), on the diagnosis, appraisal and projection of its work, in the implementation of national policy and a plan for the prevention and control of drugs (Phase II of the project CHI/98/S33).

With the Microenterprise Support Programme of the Social Investment and Solidarity Fund (FOSIS) of Chile, in project FRG/97/S19, on the organizational structure and use of instruments to improve data collection and analysis of field research.

With the National Institute for Agricultural Development (INDAP) and the National Training and Employment Service (SENCE), to prepare studies for youth and rural labour training in the joint UNESCO-International Institute for Educational Planning project on “Education and training strategies for underprivileged children and youth”, and the ECLAC/IIEP agreement.

With the National Women’s Service (SERNAM) and the Commission of External Experts on the Family, to provide consultancy services on family policies.

Colombia

With the Secretariat for Social Welfare of the municipality of Medellín, in project FRG/97/S19, on the use of instruments to improve data collection and analysis of field research on the management of social programmes.

Costa Rica

With the Costa Rican Social Security Fund (CCSS), to carry out interviews and collect documentation on CCSS management commitments, to make a comparative analysis with the Chilean experience.

With the Ministry of Health, to gather documentation on health care management commitments in Costa Rica.

Guatemala

With the Governments of Guatemala and Holland and the free University of Amsterdam, on the question of peasant participation in regional rural development, in the project PROZACHI 2, Zacapa and Chiquimula.

Honduras

With the Government’s Family Allowance Programme (PRAF), through UNDP, to define strategic guidelines in the framework of project HON/96/002.

With the Government and the UNDP to provide consultancy services on setting up a database on social expenditure and an analysis of social spending on education in project HON/96/002.

With the Ministry of Education and UNDP to prepare and present a conceptual document on community participation in education to serve as a basis for the Honduran Community Education Programme (PROHECO).

Paraguay

With the Social Action Secretariat of the Office of the President, through the Social Investment Programme (PROPAIS/BID), to supervise and advise on field research activities and improve data collection tools in the project FRG/97/S19.

With the Social Action Secretariat to advise on the design and implementation of an integrated formulation, appraisal and monitoring system (SIFEM) in the Social Investment Fund.

With the Paraguayan Centre for Sociological Studies (CPES) and with the University Institute of Social Development, to discuss teaching in social policy and the main research areas to develop in response to Paraguayan needs. Also, to participate in the launch of the book “Inequidad y política social” prepared by ECLAC in conjunction with these two institutions.

Dominican Republic

With the Government and UNDP in the project DOM/98/003, to specify terms of reference for national consultants and discuss the content of the National Human Development Report, 1998.

Uruguay

With the Office of Planning and the Budget (OPP) and the National Public Education Administration (ANEP), to study the feasibility of implementing the second-stage appraisal of the school food programme.

With the Ministry of Education and Culture, in the project URU/96/S50 “Agreement between ECLAC and the Uruguayan Ministry of Education and Culture (INJU)”, on a study of the behaviour and attitudes of young people during the transition to adulthood.

With the Government in project URU/97/017 “Support for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Social Development Summit”, in carrying out activities culminating in publication of the book “Activos y estructuras de oportunidades”. This contains nearly all the studies carried out in the project.

With the Government, through the Ministry of Public Health in the project URU/96/006 “Institutional strengthening of the health sector”, to prepare studies and surveys on the lifestyles and health of older adults.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Presentation of research on peasant social capital, in a workshop on this topic organized by the Autonomous Metropolitan University (UAM) (Mexico City, 1 to 3 April 1998).

Lectures on “Poverty in Latin America, gender and generations” and “Social policy paradigm in Latin America”, in the Masters programme on Social Policies and Local Management, of the University of Art and Social Sciences (ARCIS) (Santiago, Chile, 17 and 18 April 1998).

Lecture on “Social integration and disintegration in Latin America: an end-of-century lecture”, in the Sessions on social integration or disintegration in the world of the 21st century, organized by the Social Work Directorate of the University of Lanús (Buenos Aires, 21 to 23 April 1998).

Lecture on “Contextual antecedents, public-policy management and development of the health-care promotion strategy” in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 27 April 1998).

Lecture on social capital, organized by the Postgraduate Programme in Economics of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (Mexico City, 6 June 1998).

Collaboration with the course on “Conflict negotiation in the social area”, on topics relating to health system reform and citizen safety. The course was organized in the framework of the Masters Programme in Latin American Social Studies and Policies at the Alberto Hurtado University (Santiago, Chile, 23 June to 15 September 1998) (13 sessions).

Lectures on “Welfare opportunities and social mobility in Latin America: perceptions and realities” and “Economic reforms and social equity in Latin America”, in the summer course on “Latin America at the threshold of the twenty-first century”, organized by Centro de Estudios Ramón Carande, University of Granada and Fundación Unicaja (Ronda, Spain, 29 June to 3 July 1998).

Classes in the course “Young leaders of political parties”; module I: trends and future scenarios of reality: political impacts; and module II: performance and functioning of political institutions; organized by the Development of Political Leaders programme of UNDP/Chile, the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH), ECLAC and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)/Chile, for representatives of political parties with major parliamentary representation, from the countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 20 to 29 July 1998).

Lecture on sectoral reforms, the labour market and human resource management in Chile, in the seminar “Development, management and work in the health sector: emerging challenges”, organized by the Masters programme in Family Health at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 5 August 1998).

Lecture on the “The older adult: sociodemographic impact and major trends in Latin America” in the Interdisciplinary Session on “The older adult: family and society”, organized by the Social Science Faculty of the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 10 and 11 August 1998).

Lecture on globalization and culture, for students and academics at the National University of Cuyo (Mendoza, Argentina, 31 August 1998).

Presentation on “Management reforms as an imperative for raising the productivity of social policy”, in the international conference “Central American social policy in the new historical context”, organized by the Central American Masters programme in Sociology of the University of Costa Rica and the Central American-Caribbean-European Social Studies Network (San José, 8 to 10 September 1998).

Lecture on globalization and culture at the National University of Colombia and the Andrés Bello Agreement, in the context of the International Meeting on Cultural Studies in Latin America (Bogotá, 14 to 18 September 1998).

Lectures on “International actors and the continuing crises with Cuba” and “Market reforms, the labour market and women’s participation/exclusion”, for students and academics of University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States, 21 and 22 September 1998).

Lecture on globalization and culture at the Bío-Bío University, in the season “Culture and thought in Chile today” (Concepción, Chile, 28 to 29 September 1998).

Lecture on globalization and its repercussions on economic and social development in Latin America, in the training course for Guatemalan youth, “Dispute resolution and consensus building for democratic consolidation”, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO-Chile) in conjunction with FLACSO-Guatemala and Leiden University, Holland (Santiago, Chile, 30 November to 14 December 1998).

A course on “Formulation, monitoring and appraisal of social programmes and projects”, at the Under-Secretariat for Public Investment and Social Spending, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Argentina (Buenos Aires, 9 to 19 December 1998).

One component of the course on “Gender and development”, in the Diploma programme “Gender and development” of the Inter-American Centre for Integrated Social Development (CIDES) (La Paz, 5 to 10 April 1999).

Lecture on “Childhood and adolescence: from the regional context to the family and health perspective”, in the seminar “Childhood, adolescence and family; reality, contexts and emerging challenges in health and family medicine”, organized by the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Concepción, and the main health institutions in Region VIII (Concepción, Chile, 19 to 21 April 1999).

Classes and leadership of workshop in the course on appraising social programmes and projects, at Caja de Compensación Familiar de Antioquía (CONFAMA) for 30 participants (Medellín, Colombia, 11 to 23 May 1999).

Course on the formulation, appraisal and monitoring of programmes and projects for infrastructure investment, for the Education and Social Plan of the Ministry of Culture and Education of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 12 to 30 July 1999).

Classes in the course “Formulation, monitoring and appraisal of social projects”, organized by the Institute for Health, the Environment, the Economy and Society (ISALUD), for 30 participants (Buenos Aires, 12 to 16 and 26 to 30 July 1999).

Lectures on “Overview of citizen safety in Latin America and the Caribbean” and “Drug consumption and citizen safety”, in the third international course on policy design and project appraisal for citizen safety, organized by ECLAC and ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 6 August to 3 September 1999).

Lecture on “Macro-social family trends in Latin America”, in the third Commemorative Conference of Latin American Social Work “The family in the third millennium” organized by the Social Service Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 23 to 25 August 1999).

Participation in the panel discussion on “Rethinking work in Latin America”, at the international seminar “Brazil at 500: challenges for the next millennium”, organized by the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (São Paulo, Brazil, 23 to 26 August 1999).

Presentation on “Human resources and employment: what to do after the Special Period?”, at the international symposium “The Cuban economy: problems, policies and prospects”, organized by Carleton University of Canada, the University of Havana and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (Ottawa, 28 to 30 September 1999).

INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The activities carried out by the Women And Development Unit in the 1998-1999 biennium followed four major lines of action. Firstly, activities were carried out to follow up the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Santiago Consensus. Secondly, and pursuant to the mandates of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, a process was promoted to institutionalize the gender perspective in the substantive work of ECLAC. Thirdly, progress was made in developing a system of gender indicators emphasizing the strategic areas of the Regional Programme of Action and the Platform for Action, with a view to helping Governments in the region to formulate public policies from a gender perspective, and evaluate international commitments and agreements adopted. In the fourth place, substantive and operational preparations were made for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Lima, Peru in February 2000.

One outstanding event in the period under review was the approval by ECLAC member countries during the twenty-seventh session (Aruba, 11 to 16 May 1998), to include in the programme of work for the biennium 2000-2001 a new subprogramme entitled "Mainstreaming the gender perspective into the regional development process".

In the period under review, four meetings were held of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. In the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers (Santiago, Chile, 13 and 14 July 1998), activities were agreed upon in fulfilment of the Regional Plan of Action, the Santiago Consensus on the Platform for Action, basically with a view to the five-year review of compliance with agreements reached at the Fourth World Conference and the upcoming session of the Regional Conference. This orientation remained as the main thrust of the work of both the twenty-seventh meeting (San Salvador, El Salvador, 2 to 4 December 1998) and the twenty-eighth meeting (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 3 and 4 June 1999), which also began specific tasks in preparation for the eighth session of the Regional Conference. At the twenty-ninth meeting (Santiago, Chile, 11 and 12 November 1999), the Presiding Officers approved reference documents prepared by the Secretariat for presentation at the Regional Conference and established its working agenda.

Technical support was also provided for two subregional meetings held preparatory to the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The third Caribbean Ministerial Conference on Women: Review and Appraisal of the Fourth World Conference on Women Platform for Action (Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 5 to 7 October 1999), which was held to assess progress achieved in applying the Platform for Action and deciding on future orientations, culminated with the adoption of the Port-of-Spain Consensus. Meanwhile, the Central American meeting in preparation for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (San Salvador, El Salvador, 11 and 12 October 1999) afforded country representatives a broader vision of the steps taken by Governments to comply with the Platform for Action and the Regional Programme of Action. Participants also formulated a 19-point Central American proposal for the Regional Conference which will be presented as a contribution from the subregion to the tasks to be carried out in the future.

Three other meetings of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were held on future activities to promote the integration of women in the development of Latin America the Caribbean. At the sixth meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Organizations of the United Nations system on the Advancement of Women in Latin America the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile,

15 July 1998), there was discussion of the possibilities for exchange and coordination in following up the Platform for Action and the Regional Programme of Action, and of the support such bodies could provide to the preparation and dissemination of indicators to assess the degree of compliance with these agreements. This topic was also dealt with in the seventh meeting of the organizations (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 2 June 1999), which mainly highlighted the commitment of those present to collaborate with preparations for the eighth session of the Regional Conference. Apart from moving ahead with these preparations, organizations participating in the eighth session (Santiago, Chile, 9 and 10 November 1999) prepared a chart of their activities relating to the advancement of women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to enhance coordination within the United Nations system. In this connection, they made commitments to collaborate around two main projects: one relating to the need for an integrated system of gender indicators, and the other on the mainstreaming of the gender perspective in public policies.

With a view to strengthening and consolidating an institutional modality for mainstreaming the gender perspective in the substantive activities of ECLAC, and intensifying the work already begun during the previous period, efforts of the divisions and other organizational units of the institution were channelled towards mainstreaming the gender perspective in all their programmes and projects. Activities included providing technical cooperation services to an intergovernmental agency for mainstreaming the gender perspective, a study of linkages between the macroeconomy and gender inequality, and collaboration with all ECLAC divisions to ensure that, for every technical cooperation project, a prior assessment is carried out of the contribution of women to the project and of its effects on men and women. Lastly, in mid-1999 the project FRG/00/S64 began, with activities focused on the development cooperation that ECLAC provides to sectoral ministries in selected countries.

In response to the mandates of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference, two initiatives were undertaken aimed at developing a system of gender statistics in order to monitor the evolution of the situation of women compared to that of men. In compliance with agreements reached at the twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers, and in collaboration with the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), indicators were established for assessing the current situation of women in terms of sociopolitical participation and leadership, and data were collected on this topic in all countries of the region. Progress reports were presented to the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh meetings of the Presiding Officers, and a final document is to be distributed at the eighth session of the Regional Conference. Similarly, the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers asked the ECLAC Secretariat to draw up a proposal for gender indicators that would be useful as data on the situation of women in comparison to men. This would facilitate the monitoring of compliance with agreements reached in the Platform for Action and the Regional Programme of Action for Women in Latin America the Caribbean, 1995-2001, with a view to the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Lima, Peru in February 2000, and the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on "Women in the year 2000: development and peace for the twenty-first century", to be held in New York in June 2000. The document "Indicadores de género para el seguimiento y la evaluación del Programa de Acción Regional para las Mujeres de América Latina y el Caribe, 1995-2001, y la Plataforma de Acción de Beijing" (LC/L.1186) was presented at the twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers and distributed to all countries of the region, several of which have already successfully applied it to update their gender analysis at the national level. In this connection, an expert meeting was held on "Gender Indicators and Public Policies in Latin America" (Santiago, Chile, 21 and 22 October 1999), which identified a set of challenges and made proposals ranging from intensifying conceptual and methodological aspects to the dissemination of statistical data, including the production of relevant information for decision-taking.

(i) (a) Documents

Report of the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2016(CRM.7/7))/Informe de la séptima Conferencia Regional para la Integración de la Mujer en el Desarrollo Económico y Social de América Latina y el Caribe (LC/G.2016(CRM.7/7))

Reflections on the use of labour market indicators in designing policies with a gender-based approach, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 19 (LC/L.1016)/Reflexiones sobre los indicadores del mercado de trabajo para el diseño de políticas con un enfoque basado en el género, serie *Mujer y desarrollo*, N° 19 (LC/L.1016).

Directory of national organizations dealing with programmes and policies on women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1065/Rev.1)/Directorio de organismos nacionales a cargo de las políticas y programas para las mujeres de América Latina y el Caribe (LC/L.1065/Rev.1).

Report of the fifth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and other Bodies of the United Nations System on Future Activities to Promote the Integration of Women into Latin American and Caribbean Development (Santiago, Chile, 18-21 November 1997) (LC/L.1100)/Informe de la quinta Reunión de los Organismos Especializados y otras Organizaciones del Sistema de las Naciones Unidas sobre las Actividades Futuras para Promover la Integración de la Mujer en el Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe (Santiago de Chile, 18 al 21 de noviembre de 1997) (LC/L.1100)

The education of women: from marginality to coeducation. Proposals for a methodology to achieve educational change, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 19 (LC/L.1120)/La educación de las mujeres: de la marginalidad a la coeducación. Propuestas para una metodología de cambio educativo, serie *Mujer y desarrollo*, N° 22 (LC/L.1120).

Report of the twenty-fifth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 17 November 1997) (LC/L.1122(MDM.25/2))/Informe de la vigésimo quinta Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Conferencia Regional sobre la Integración de la Mujer en el Desarrollo Económico y Social de América Latina y el Caribe (Santiago de Chile, 17 de noviembre de 1997) (LC/L.1122(MDM.25/2)).

Violence within couples: legal treatment; review of progress and results, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 23 (LC/L.1123)/Violencia en la pareja: tratamiento legal; evolución y balance, serie *Mujer y desarrollo*, N° 23 (LC/L.1123).

Towards equality for women: progress in legislation since the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 24 (LC/L.1126)/Hacia la igualdad de la mujer: avances legales desde la aprobación de la Convención sobre la eliminación de todas las formas de discriminación contra la mujer, serie *Mujer y desarrollo*, N° 24 (LC/L.1126).

Report of the twenty-sixth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 13-14 July 1998) (LC/L.1133(MDM.26/3)/Rev.1)/Informe de la vigesimosexta Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la

Conferencia Regional sobre la Integración de la Mujer en el Desarrollo Económico y Social de América Latina y el Caribe (Santiago de Chile, 13 y 14 de julio de 1998) (LC/L.1133(MDM.26/3)/Rev.1).

Report of the Sixth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and other Bodies of the United Nations System on Future Activities to Promote the Integration of Women into Latin American and Caribbean Development (Santiago, Chile, 15 July 1998) (LC/L.1134)/Informe de la sexta Reunión de los Organismos Especializados y otras Organizaciones del Sistema de las Naciones Unidas sobre Actividades Futuras para Promover la Integración de la Mujer en el Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe (Santiago de Chile, 15 de julio de 1998 (LC/L.1134).

Gender, the Environment and the Sustainability of Development, Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 25 (LC/L.1144)/Género, medio ambiente y sustentabilidad del desarrollo, serie Mujer y desarrollo, N° 25 (LC/L.1144).

The institutionality of gender equity in the State: a diagnosis for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1150)/Institucionalidad de la equidad de género en el Estado: un diagnóstico para América Latina y el Caribe (LC/L.1150).

Activities of the ECLAC Secretariat with respect to the integration of women into the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean (from 1 September 1997 to 30 September 1998) (LC/L.1151(MDM.27/3))/Actividades de la Secretaría de la CEPAL con relación a la integración de la mujer en el desarrollo económico y social de América Latina y el Caribe (1° de septiembre de 1997 a 30 de septiembre de 1998) (LC/L.1151(MDM.27/3)).

Gender indicators for follow-up and evaluation of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 and the Beijing Platform for Action (LC/L.1186)/Indicadores de género para el seguimiento y la evaluación del Programa de Acción Regional para las Mujeres de América Latina y el Caribe, 1995-2001 y la Plataforma de Acción de Beijing (LC/L.1186) .

Report of the twenty-seventh Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (San Salvador, 2-4 December 1998) (LC/L.1188(MDM.27/4))/Informe de la vigesimoséptima Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Conferencia Regional sobre la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe (San Salvador, El Salvador, 2 al 4 de diciembre de 1998) (LC/L.1188(MDM.27/4)).

Report of the twenty-eighth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 3-4 June 1999) (LC/L.1235 (MDM.28/3))/Informe de la vigesimoctava Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Conferencia Regional sobre la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe (Curazao, Antillas Neerlandesas, 3 y 4 de junio de 1999) (LC/L.1235(MDM.28/3)).

Report of the seventh Meeting of Specialized Agencies and other Bodies of the United Nations System on Future Activities to Promote the Integration of Women into Latin American and Caribbean Development (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 2 June 1999) (LC/L.1236)/Informe de la séptima Reunión de los organismos especializados y otras organizaciones del sistema de las Naciones Unidas sobre las actividades futuras para promover la integración de la mujer en el desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe (Curazao, Antillas Neerlandesas, 2 de junio de 1999) (LC/L.1236).

Activities of the ECLAC Secretariat relating to the integration of women into the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean from 1 September 1997 to 30 August 1999 (LC/L.1261(CRM.8/5))/Actividades de la Secretaría de la CEPAL relacionadas con la integración de la mujer en el desarrollo económico y social de América Latina y el Caribe (1° de septiembre de 1997 al 30 de agosto de 1999) (LC/L.1261(CRM.8/5)).

Consultancy study for the development of a strategy for institutionalizing the gender perspective in the substantive work of ECLAC (LC/R.1813)/Estudio-consulta para el desarrollo de una estrategia de institucionalización del enfoque de género en el trabajo sustantivo de la CEPAL (LC/R.1813).

La situación de la mujer en zonas rurales en Chile: un diagnóstico sobre campesinas y asalariadas agrícolas en situación económica precaria (LC/R.1821).

Incorporación de la perspectiva de género en proyectos productivos de la CEPAL (LC/R.1851).

Democratic theory and women's participation in politics: the Chilean case (LC/R.1859).

Women in water-related processes in Latin America: current situation and research and policy proposals (LC/R.1864)/Las mujeres en los procesos asociados al agua en América Latina: estado de situación, propuestas de investigación y de políticas (LC/R.1864).

Participation and leadership in Latin America and the Caribbean: gender indicators (LC/L.1302)/Participación y liderazgo en América Latina y el Caribe: indicadores de género (LC/L.1302).

Report of the Meeting of experts on gender indicators and public policies in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 21-22 October 1999) (LC/L.1285)/Informe de la reunión de expertas sobre indicadores de género y políticas públicas en América Latina (Santiago de Chile, 21 y 22 de octubre de 1999) (LC/L.1285).

Report of the twenty-ninth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 November 1999) (LC/L.1298(MDM.29/3))/Informe de la vigesimonovena Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Conferencia Regional sobre la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe (Santiago de Chile, 11 y 12 de noviembre de 1999) (LC/L.1298(MDM.29/3)).

Report of the eighth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 November 1999) (LC/L.1313)/Informe de la octava reunión de los organismos especializados y otras organizaciones del sistema de las Naciones Unidas sobre el adelanto de las mujeres en América Latina y el Caribe (Santiago de Chile, 9 y 10 de noviembre de 1999) (LC/L.1313).

Part-time work in Chile, Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 26 (LC/L.1301-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.II.G.9/El trabajo a tiempo parcial en Chile, serie Mujer y desarrollo, N° 26 (LC/L.1301-P). Publicación de las Naciones Unidas, N° de venta: S.00.II.G.9.

The challenge of gender equity and human rights on the threshold of the twenty-first century (LC/L.1295(CRM.8/3))/El desafío de la equidad de género y de los derechos humanos en los albores del siglo XXI (LC/L.1295(CRM.8/3)).

(b) Articles in outside publications

“Women in water-related processes in Latin America: current situation and research and policy proposals”, Water Resources Development, vol. 14, No. 4, Nieves Rico, 1998.

“Tiempos y espacios de mujeres”, Género y pobreza: nuevas dimensiones, Irma Arriagada and Carmen Torres (eds.), Isis Internacional, Ediciones de las Mujeres, No. 26, Santiago, Chile, July 1998.

“Institucionalización del enfoque de género en la CEPAL”, Macroeconomía, género y estado, Bogotá, National Planning Department, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation (BMZ)/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)/TM Editores, October 1998.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferencesOrganized by the Women and Development Unit

Seminar on “Democratic theory and the participation of women in politics: the case of Chile” (Santiago, Chile, 21 January 1998).

Seminar on “Men and their stories: restructuring and masculinity in Mexico”, organized jointly with ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 11 March 1998).

Twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (see section 1 which describes the activities of auxiliary agencies and special committees) (Santiago, Chile, 13 and 14 July 1998).

Sixth meeting of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system on future activities to promote the integration of women in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 15 July 1998).

Expert group meeting on national mechanisms for gender equity and the advancement of women, organized by the Women and Development Unit together with the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women. A document was presented entitled “Institucionalidad de la equidad de género en el Estado: un diagnóstico para América Latina y el Caribe” (LC/R.1837) (Santiago, Chile, 31 August to 4 September 1998).

Twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (see section 1 which describes the activities of subsidiary bodies and special committees) (San Salvador, El Salvador, 2 to 4 December 1998).

Seminar on “Women, the legal system and equality, guidelines for monitoring” (Santiago, Chile, 25 January 1999).

Seminar on gender indicators for follow-up and appraisal of the Regional Programme of Action for Women in Latin America the Caribbean, 1995-2001, and the Beijing Platform for Action (Santiago, Chile, 28 January 1999).

Seminar on “Work, gender and development: ILO looking to the year 2000. Policies and strategies for gender mainstreaming”, organized jointly with ILO (Santiago, Chile, 29 April 1999).

Second meeting of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system on future activities to promote the integration of women in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 2 June 1999).

Twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (see section 1 which describes the activities of subsidiary bodies and special committees) (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 3 and 4 June 1999).

Seminar on participation and agenda equity in Latin America and the Caribbean: follow-up indicators (Santiago, Chile, 19 July 1999).

Expert meeting on gender indicators and public policies in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 21 and 22 October 1999).

Eighth meeting of specialized agencies and other bodies of United Nations system on the advancement of women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 9 and 10 November 1999).

Twenty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America the Caribbean (see section 1 which describes the activities of subsidiary bodies and special committees) (Santiago, Chile, 11 and 12 November 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Inauguration of the worldwide campaign on “Violence against women in violation of human rights”, led at the regional level by UNIFEM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, FAO, ILO, the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and ECLAC. The Women and Development Unit participated in the press conference held to inaugurate this campaign in Chile and made a presentation on “Violence against women: regional overview” (Santiago, Chile, 20 March 1998).

Twenty-first session of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW). ECLAC participated as an ex-officio member and in representation of all the regional commissions, in the deliberations of the Board of Trustees of INSTRAW (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, April 1998).

Seminar on “The contribution of women in the planning and management of water resources”, organized by the International Association of Water Resources (IWRA), the Global Water Partnership (GWP), the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (Mexico City, 21 and 22 May 1998).

Presentation on “Mainstreaming the gender perspective in ECLAC. Sectoral experiences”, at the international seminar on “Macroeconomics, gender and State”, organized by the National Planning Department of Columbia in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation (BMZ) and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) (Cartagena, Colombia, 3 to 5 June 1998).

Regional conference on “Gender equity in Latin America and the Caribbean: challenges from masculine identities”, organized by UNFPA, FLACSO and the Ford Foundation. The Women and Development Unit participated actively in the working groups on masculinity and violence, and masculinity and cultural change (Santiago, Chile, 8 to 10 June 1998)

First workshop in preparation for the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development 1999, organized by the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women. Participation by ECLAC was based on studies carried out in its different divisions on the situation of women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Geneva, 1 to 3 July 1998).

Eighth Water Symposium, organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute. Presentation on “Women in water-related processes in Latin America: state of situation, research and policy proposals” (LC/R.1864) (Stockholm, 10 to 14 August 1998).

Participation as rapporteur in the panel discussion on “ Whither technological innovation? Bridges between entrepreneurs and researchers”, and in working groups to draft the final report of the UNESCO Regional Forum “Women, science and technology in Latin America: analyses and strategies” (Bariloche, Argentina, 21 to 23 October 1998).

Presentation of a report on activities undertaken by the Women and Development Unit, in response to the request by Heads of State in the Plan of Action of the Second Summit of the Americas, during the first and second ordinary sessions of the OAS Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) for the 1998-2000 period (Washington, D.C., 10 and 11 February 1999; 30 June 2 to July 1999 respectively).

Comments on the presentation on “Gender pacts and family inter-subjectivity in Bolivia” at the international workshop to present the interim results of the Human Development Report of Bolivia-2000 “Transitando al siglo XXI”, organized by the UNDP office in Bolivia (La Paz, 22 and 23 July 1999).

Presentation on “Equitable social practices and men’s personal history: a study in Santiago, Chile”, at the third workshop in the seminar series on “Men, masculinity and gender relations in development”, “Productive lives, men and development”, organized by the School of Development Studies of the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England (Norwich, England, 8 and 9 September 1999).

Presentation on “Transformations in the public sector and integration of the gender perspective”, in the analysis forum “Reflections for a new society”, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 20 September 1999).

Presentation on “The Bolivian experience”, at the expert meeting “North-South research partnership, issues and challenges” organized by the Netherlands Development Assistance Research Council (RAWOO) (Trinivandrum, India, 27 September to 1 October 1999).

Presentation on the “Change processes in the masculine view of family responsibilities”, in the round table on “Paternity and family responsibilities” in the first meeting on masculinity studies, organized by FLACSO (Santiago, Chile, 18 November 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental organizations

With OLADE and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), on strategies for mainstreaming the gender perspective in development cooperation and its potential for the energy sector.

Chile

With the National Women's Service (SERNAM) of Chile, under ECLAC/SERNAM agreement CHI/99/S68 "The situation of women in Chile 1990-1998", to carry out a study on "Comparative analysis of the situation of women in Chile 1990-1998", with the aim of generating up-to-date data on the situation of women in various spheres and strengthening policy tools to promote equal opportunities.

With the University of Chile, in the context of the Interdisciplinary Gender Studies programme offered by the University, to coordinate the "Gender planning" module in the course on "Gender at a distance", for staff at municipalities, ministries and provincial universities in Chile.

Ecuador

With the National Women's Council (CONAMU) in the project entitled "Infoplan del Programa Nacional de Modernización (PRONAM) del Ecuador", to design gender indicators for the Simujer database, using nationally available information sources. This work was carried out in conjunction with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division.

Mexico

With the International Women's Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, to organize a training workshop on the gender perspective for ministry staff.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Classes on gender and development in the course "Paradigms of social change and development" in the Masters programme in Social Anthropology and Development of the University of Chile, for 12 students from Chile, Ecuador and Bolivia (Santiago, Chile, June 1998).

First police training course on family affairs, organized by Carabineros de Chile. Presentation in the discussion panel "Violence in the family: a trans-border phenomenon", to 100 Chilean police cadets (Santiago, Chile, 17 June 1998).

Classes on gender and health, in the postgraduate course on Gender and Public Policies given by the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Chile, for 25 students from Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Holland (Santiago, Chile, 15 to 22 September 1998).

Class on negotiation and advocacy in the field of health and reproductive rights, in the Chilean national workshop in the regional project "Beyond Cairo and Beijing, strengthening the capacities of NGOs in Latin America and the Caribbean" (Santiago, Chile, 26 March 1999).

SUBPROGRAMME 6: ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

During the biennium 1998-1999, the Latin American and Caribbean Institute of Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), which is responsible for this subprogramme, worked to satisfy the concerns and priorities expressed by member Governments on the central issue of strategic management and reform of the State. This was in response to guidelines provided by the intergovernmental forums that orient the work of ILPES, and to the permanent contacts it maintains with planning authorities in the countries of the region. The activities described in this report were intended to respond, firstly, to the needs raised by Governments and, secondly, to those identified by the Institute as a result of its work in monitoring the economic, social and political processes taking place in the region.

The most noteworthy events included the tenth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the eleventh meeting of the Regional Council for Planning (CRP) (Santiago, Chile, 26 and 27 November 1998). The substantive theme of the conference consisted of an assessment of the functioning of the market economy and its prospects in each of the countries of the region. The Institute prepared a document in this connection, which was subsequently published as a book entitled “Reflexiones sobre el desarrollo y la responsabilidad del Estado” (LC/IP/L.154). At the eleventh meeting of the Regional Council, government representatives reviewed the activities carried out by the Institute during the period June 1997-July 1998 and expressed opinions on the programme of work for 1999, and on its financing.

Apart from this, ILPES organized a high-level seminar on basic planning functions (Santiago, Chile, 7 and 8 October 1999) with participation by experts in the theory and practice of economic and social planning, whose analyses and debates suggested basic orientations and strategic guidelines for the future work of ILPES and its interaction with Governments in the region.

On the question of training, ILPES organized 11 international, four subregional and three national courses, with a total duration of 2,300 teaching hours and involving nearly 500 participants from different countries of the region. Apart from this, the first international distance education course supported by Internet was held on the topic of “Local management of solid household waste and environmental impact”. In addition, a cycle of conferences was held on knowledge, globalization and territory in Argentina, and, a cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) of Chile (CHI/95/S89) “Programme for making institutional improvements in the national investment system”, included 28 courses on project preparation and appraisal, providing training for nearly 800 staff. As usual, the Institute also provided support for other teaching activities at a variety of academic centres.

Also worth mentioning is the approval in mid-1999 of a second phase of the CAF/ILPES-ECLAC project agreement on “Regulatory framework, privatization and State modernization, in energy, telecommunications, water and sanitation and land transport infrastructure” (CAF/99/S) financed by the Andean Development Corporation (CAF).

ILPES staff participated in over 30 seminars, workshops or conferences, both international and national, making presentations in many of them.

In the technical cooperation field, the Institute also provided consultancy services on a number of issues to several countries of the region, in particular to the Office of the Vice-President of the Government of El Salvador and to the National Council on Sustainable Development.

Among its activities in the different technical areas during the period under review, ILPES produced more than 40 documents. These included two books, “Reflexiones sobre el desarrollo y la responsabilidad del Estado” (LC/IP/L.154) which has already been mentioned, and “Diseño estratégico e infraestructura básica” (LC/IP/L.165); Cuadernos del ILPES No. 44, “Perfeccionamiento de la gestión regulatoria” and No. 45, “El uso de reglas e indicadores en el diseño y la conducción de las políticas económicas”; Bulletins Nos. 4, 5 and 6 and the consolidated versions in English of Bulletins 3 and 4.

(i) (a) Documents

Perfeccionamiento de la gestión regulatoria. Lecciones de la experiencia chilena, Cuaderno del ILPES series, No. 44 (LC/IP/G.116-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.99.III.F.1.

Post-scriptum sobre desarrollo territorial: modelos reales y modelos mentales, serie Ensayos-ILPES, N° 45 (LC/IP/G.117).

Theories and metaphors on territorial development (LC/IP/G.118).

Boletín del Instituto, N° 4 (LC/IP/G.119).

Aterrizando una cometa: indicadores territoriales de sustentabilidad, Investigación series-ILPES, No. 18 (LC/IP/G.120).

ILPES Bulletin N° 3 & 4 (LC/IP/G.121).

Boletín del Instituto, N° 5 (LC/IP/G.122).

El uso de reglas e indicadores en el diseño y la conducción de las políticas económicas, Cuaderno del ILPES series, No. 45 (LC/IP/G.123-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.00.III.F.1.

Boletín del Instituto, No. 6 (LC/IP/G.124).

Informe final: Seminario de Alto Nivel sobre Funciones Básicas de la Planificación (LC/IP/G.125).

Guía para la identificación, preparación y evaluación de programas sociales (LC/IP/L.143).

Licitación de proyectos de infraestructura: pautas metodológicas (LC/IP/L.144).

Más allá de la tasa de rendimiento: un nuevo enfoque en la evaluación de proyectos/¿Nuevas fronteras en la evaluación de proyectos?/Análisis económico de proyectos de salud (LC/IP/L.145).

Catálogo de publicaciones/Publications catalogue 1988-1998 (LC/IP/L.146).

Guía para la preparación, formulación y evaluación de proyectos de electrificación rural (LC/IP/L.147).

Guías para la evaluación del impacto ambiental de proyectos de desarrollo local; segunda versión ampliada (LC/IP/L.148).

Guía para la identificación, preparación y evaluación de proyectos de seguridad ciudadana: con énfasis en vigilancia policial; versión preliminar (LC/IP/L.149).

El modelo italiano: la especialización flexible y los distritos industriales (LC/IP/L.150).

La reforma del sector público en Nueva Zelandia y su interés para los países en desarrollo (LC/IP/L.151).

El municipio en América Latina y el Caribe: estructura, funcionamiento y estadísticas básicas (LC/IP/L.152).

Guía para la preparación, evaluación y gestión de proyectos de residuos sólidos domiciliarios (LC/IP/L.153).

Manual de desarrollo local (LC/IP/L.155).

Sistemas integrados de administración financiera pública en América Latina, Políticas presupuestarias y tributarias series, No. 1 (LC/IP/L.156).

La experiencia chilena en el combate a la evasión, Políticas presupuestarias y tributarias series, No. 2 (LC/IP/L.157).

Estructuras participativas y descentralización: el caso de los consejos regionales en Chile (LC/IP/L.158).

Las corporaciones de desarrollo en Chile (LC/IP/L.159).

El papel de los estabilizadores automáticos en la política fiscal en América Latina (LC/IP/L.160).

El control de la evasión tributaria en Francia, Políticas presupuestarias y tributarias series, No. 3 (LC/IP/L.161).

El proceso de licitaciones en Bolivia (LC/IP/L.162).

Manual de identificación, formulación y evaluación de proyectos de desarrollo local, Manuales series, No. 2 (LC/IP/L.163).

Manual sobre control de gestión y evaluación de resultados de la gerencia pública: metaevaluación-mesoevaluación, Manuales series, No. 3 (LC/IP/L.164).

Metodología de evaluación de proyectos de viviendas sociales, Manuales series, No. 4 (LC/IP/L.166).

Política fiscal y entorno macroeconómico; el modelo MAPPA, un instrumento para la toma de decisiones, Manuales series, No. 5 (LC/IP/L.168).

Elementos para impulsar una nueva gestión municipal (LC/IP/R.202).

Informe del Curso-taller sobre gobierno municipal y desarrollo local (LC/IP/R.203).

Elementos para definir un perfil de agencia de desarrollo local (LC/IP/R.204).

Lineamientos metodológicos para la formulación de planes comunales o municipales: recomendaciones prácticas para la planeación del desarrollo local (LC/IP/R.205).

Descentralización del Estado y participación ciudadana en América Latina: un enfoque crítico (LC/IP/R.206).

Elementos para una reorientación de las políticas de descentralización de la gestión pública en América Latina (LC/IP/R.207).

El asociativismo municipal: un instrumento para el fortalecimiento institucional (LC/IP/R.209).

Proceso de concertación público-privado: una oportunidad para el desarrollo económico local. Estudios de casos de Bolivia, Chile y Perú (LC/IP/R.210).

Proceso de actualización de la estrategia de desarrollo regional metropolitana: evaluación del impacto de los planes de desarrollo comunal en la gestión municipal. Informe final del taller (LC/IP/R.211).

(b) Documents published as books

Reflexiones sobre el desarrollo y la responsabilidad del Estado (LC/IP/L.154).

Diseño estratégico e infraestructura básica (LC/IP/L.165).

Instituciones y actores del desarrollo territorial en el marco de la globalización (LC/IP/L.167).

(c) Computer programs

Aggregate multi-year programming model (MAPPA) version 2.0 for Excel 97.

Investment Fund Management: policy simulation and roleplay, version 2.0 for Excel 97.

CD-ROM of lecture cycle on knowledge, globalization and territory. Contains 50 minutes of video, 900 pages of ILPES documents and the computer programs TAREA and ELITE (technical analysis of regional development actors and institutions).

(d) Articles in outside publications

“Descentralización en América Latina: ¿Cómo conciliar eficiencia con equidad?”, Reforma y democracia, No. 10, Caracas, Latin American Centre for Development Administration, February 1998.

“A situação da mulher no mercado de trabalho latinoamericano”, Ação sindical e as relações de gênero, Textos para debate internacional series, Amalgamated Workers’ Union/Confederação Francesa de los Trabajadores (CFDT), São Paulo, April 1998.

“Género y trabajo en las decisiones empresariales”, Revista Latinoamericana de Estudios del Trabajo, year 4, No. 7, São Paulo, Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología del Trabajo (ALAST), June 1998.

“Descentralización del Estado y participación en América Latina”, Revista Umbrales, No. 5, Caracas, Inter-American Centre for Integrated Social Development, June 1999.

“Elementos para una reorientación de las políticas de descentralización y participación en América Latina”, Reforma y democracia, No. 15, Caracas, Latin American Centre for Development Administration, October 1999.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on national systems of public investment and project banks, organized jointly with the Central Office for Coordination and Planning (CORDIPLAN) of Venezuela, with participation by 35 local officials (Caracas, 13 and 14 May 1998).

Eleventh meeting of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning (see section 1 which describes the activities of subsidiary bodies and special committees) (Santiago, Chile, 26 November 1998).

Tenth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean. Presentation of the book entitled “Reflexiones sobre el desarrollo y la responsabilidad del Estado” (LC/IP/L.154) (see section 1 which describes the activities of subsidiary bodies and special committees) (Santiago, Chile, 26 and 27 November 1998).

High-level seminar on basic planning functions. Three issues were analysed: the appraisal of strategies, plans, programmes and projects; the coordination of sectoral and territorial policies; and long-term outlook and strategic management. A technical document was presented in each case (Santiago, Chile, 7 and 8 October 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

International seminar on institutions and actors in territorial development in a context of globalization, organized by the Bío-Bío University (Concepción, Chile, 14 and 15 January 1998).

Presentations on the importance of citizen participation in the public procurement process in order to reduce corruption, in the seminar on efficiency and transparency in public-sector procurement, organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 24 to 28 February 1998).

Presentation on “Women and the informal sector in Latin America”, in the first international seminar in the Mercosur project on “Informal work in the countries of Mercosur: analysis and actions from the union perspective”, organized by International Trade Secretariats, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), the Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (CIOSL/ORIT) and the Southern Cone Trade Union Congress (CCSCS) (Asunción, 2 and 3 April 1998).

Presentation on “Diffusion of qualifications and systemic competitiveness: gender equity”, in the seminar on “Professional qualifications and training: keys to efficient and equitable productive restructuring” organized by ECLAC/ILPES, GTZ, the Brazilian Centre for Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP), the Inter-Union Department of Statistics and Socioeconomic Research (DIEESE), and the National Industrial Apprenticeship Service (SENAI) (São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 27-28 and 29 May 1998, respectively).

Presentation on governance and the market economy, at the international seminar on governance organized by the Latin American Institute for Social Research (ILDIS) and the South American Peace Commission (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 26 and 27 June 1998).

Twenty-fifth International Seminar and Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Public Budget Association (ASIP). Activities were undertaken to coordinate working groups (San Juan, Puerto Rico, 3 to 7 August 1998).

Presentation on assessing the environmental impact of public investment projects, in the Assembly of the Latin American Network of Environmental Organizations, organized by Universidad de la Sabana (Bogotá, 5 to 9 August 1998).

Presentation on the coordination of territorial actors, in the seminar on innovations in municipal management, sponsored by the National University of Rosario and the Municipality of Rosario (Rosario, Argentina, 3 and 4 September 1998).

Presentation on regional management, in the seminar on “Territorial development: the challenge for the twenty-first century”, organized by the Office of the President of the Republic of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 7 to 11 September 1998).

Coordination of the round table on prospects and decentralization, and presentation on “Elements for reorienting public management decentralization policies in Latin America”, at the third International Congress on State and Public Administration Reform, organized by the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD) (Madrid, 14 to 17 October 1998).

Presentations on “Reconsidering and redefining regional development: the Latin American view”, and “Theories and metaphors on territorial development in the Global Forum on Regional Development”, organized by the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) (Nagoya, Japan, 20 November to 4 December 1998).

Presentation on decentralization of the State and democratic governance, at the expert meeting on governance and health care management, organized by PAHO (Washington, D.C., 8 and 9 December 1998).

Lectures on economic reforms and strategic public management, in the Diploma programme in Strategic Planning of the Institute of Political Science, University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, April-December 1999).

Leadership of a panel discussion on programme budgeting, and presentation of the cooperation programme with the International Public Budget Association (ASIP) and the Argentine Public Budget and Financial Administration Association (ASAP), at the twenty-sixth International Public Budget Seminar and the annual meeting of ASIP (Panama City, 12 to 16 July 1999).

Presentation on decentralization, equity and territorial development, in the fourth International Congress of the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD), on reform of the State and public administration (Mexico City, 19 to 22 October 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental organizations

With the Pan-American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS)/PAHO/IDB/World Bank, by participating in the programming and negotiation of the agreement between these bodies and ILPES, on the regional training project in the preparation and appraisal of projects for dealing with environmental problems.

With the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), FAO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (FIDA), IDB and the World Bank, in the project “Regional unit of technical assistance (RUTA)”. Collaboration with these organizations in formulating the Darien sustainable development programme, in identifying productive actors and preparing operational rules for the Darien sustainable development fund (FONDARIEN).

Argentina

With the National University of Córdoba, to define and review documentation for the regional distance education course on “Solid household waste and environmental impact”.

Bolivia

With the National Department of Popular Participation to draw up cooperation programmes on decentralization, popular participation and local management.

With the Centre for Development Research of Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, in the design of a Masters course on decentralization and local management.

Chile

With the government of the Maule Region and the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development of the Ministry of the Interior (SUBDERE) to promote public-sector coordination and links with the business sector.

With the government of Region IX, to discuss the proposal for a local development agency and in submitting a final document containing reflections and analysis of a rural development potential proposal for three communities living in the Andean foothills in the Araucanía Region, under an agreement between the government of Region IX/peasant development and the Rural and Mapuche Development Association (SODECAM)/ILPES.

With the Municipality of Rancagua, to develop geo-referenced information methodologies for local management decision-making.

With the Municipality of the Southern Zone of Santiago, to promote endogenous local development plans.

With the National Institute for Agricultural Development (INDAP), to evaluate management modernization in this institution during the period 1994-1999.

Colombia

With the Ministries of the Interior, and Finance and Public Credit, and with the National Planning Department, in sessions to reflect on the conduct of State reform, organized with sponsorship from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and UNDP, with ILPES collaborating on appraising the performance of public bodies.

With the distance University (UNISUR), in coordinating the distance training programme.

With the University of Antioquía, with a view to putting into practice the agreement to provide teaching support to this University.

El Salvador

With the Office of the Vice-President of the Republic and the National Council for Sustainable Development, in preparing the National System for Sustainable Development (SINADES); in producing an article on key reforms for institutional strengthening for sustainable development; and in the area of water resources and the institutional framework for river basin management.

With the Government on issues relating to micro-and small enterprise.

With the University of El Salvador, in coordination with the Ministry of Education, and as part of the reform of higher education, in drawing up a project for restructuring this university, seen as a pilot project to be applied to the Central American region through the Central American University Council.

Venezuela

With the Government of the State of Mérida, to draw up and implement a cooperation programme on regional development and decentralization.

(iv) Training and fellowships

International courses

Course-seminar on “Public policies: transparency in their management”, organized jointly with Ecole Nationale d’Administration (ENA) of France, for 26 participants from 12 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 18 to 29 May 1998).

Second international course on the design of policies and evaluation of citizen safety projects, organized with technical, statistical and professional collaboration from Carabineros de Chile, for 19 participants from seven countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 7 August to 4 September 1998).

Fifth international course on the preparation and appraisal of local development projects, for 20 participants from 11 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 25 September to 30 October 1998).

Sixth international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized jointly with the International Institute for Public Administration (IIAP) of the Government of France, with technical collaboration from the ECLAC Secretariat and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance of the Government of Spain, and sponsorship from the International Public Budget Association (ASIP), for 23 participants from 13 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 30 October to 4 December 1998).

First international course on strategic management in local development, for 19 participants from six countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 30 October to 4 December 1998).

Third international course on policy design and project appraisal for citizen safety, organized with technical, statistical and professional collaboration from Carabineros de Chile for 25 participants from six countries of region (Santiago, Chile, 6 August to 3 September 1999).

Course-seminar on the provision and regulation of infrastructure services, organized with collaboration from the ECLAC Natural Resources and Infrastructure Division, for 36 participants from 12 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 23 August to 3 September 1999).

Second course-seminar on transparency in public policy management, organized jointly with the Argentine Public Budget and Financial Administration Association (ASAP), with sponsorship from the International Public Budget Association (ASIP), for 36 participants from 12 countries of region (Buenos Aires, 20 September to 1 October 1999).

Sixth international course on the preparation and appraisal of local development projects, for 19 participants from nine countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 1 October to 12 November 1999).

Second international course on the strategic management of local development, for 34 participants from 11 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 22 October to 26 November 1999).

Seventh international course on economic reforms and strategic State management, organized with collaboration from the Executive Secretariat of ECLAC, the International Institute for Public Administration (IIAP) of the Government of France and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance of the Government of Spain, with sponsorship from the International Public Budget Association (ASIP), for 24 participants from 10 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 5 November to 10 December 1999).

Subregional courses

Course on the preparation and appraisal of local development projects for the Andean subregion, organized with financial support from the Ibero-American Cooperation Institute (ICI) of Spain and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI), for 32 participants from four countries (Cartagena, Colombia, 24 August to 4 September 1998).

Courses on the preparation and appraisal of local development projects, organized in conjunction with the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI), through the Ibero-American Training Centre. The first was attended by 25 participants from several countries of the region (Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 21 June to 2 July 1999); the second with 27 participants from five countries of the region (Cartagena, Colombia, 30 August to 10 September 1999); and the last, with 20 participants from seven countries of region (Antigua, Guatemala, 29 November to 10 December 1999).

National courses

National course on “Integrated Laboratory on the Design of Regional Strategies - LIDER Tolima 1998”, attended by 24 participants (Ibagué, Tolima, Colombia, 4 May to 5 June 1998).

Course on the strategic management of local development, under the technical cooperation agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Manizales Chamber of Commerce (COL/99/S116), attended by 48 participants (Manizales, Colombia, 28 June to 16 July 1999).

Course on the strategic management of local development, organized in conjunction with Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, the National Coordinator of Networks and the Municipality of Sucre, attended by 30 participants (Sucre, Bolivia, 20 September to 8 October 1999).

Courses in specific fields

Under the agreement signed with the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) of Chile, on the programme for making institutional improvements in the national investment system (CHI/95/S89), 16 courses were held on project preparation and appraisal in different regions of the country during 1998, with a total of attendance of 446 participants. In addition, three other macro-regional courses on the administration and control of projects were held for 83 participants, and a training course was held for 15 professional staff from MIDEPLAN. In 1999, 12 courses were held on project preparation and appraisal for 315 participants, and three courses on the administration and control of projects for 64 participants. Lastly, during the same year, two courses were held on project identification and formulation for 34 participants, and seven workshops were organized on sectoral methodologies for 91 participants from MIDEPLAN and the Regional Secretariat for Planning and Coordination .

Lecture cycle on knowledge, globalization and territory, held jointly with the Buenos Aires Research Centre (CEB), for 30 participants from the Argentine provinces (La Plata, Argentina, 27 to 31 July 1998).

Seminar “Regional analysis laboratory: information and knowledge for management”, held jointly with CEB, for 30 participants from the Argentine provinces (La Plata, Argentina, 6 to 10 September 1999).

First international distance education course supported by Internet on the “Local management of solid household waste and environmental impact”, organized jointly with the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Faculty of Engineering, Continuing Education Division), the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS), the Catholic University of the North (Chile), the Catholic University of Valparaíso (Chile), Universidad de la Sabana (Colombia), the National Open and Distance University (Colombia), the State Distance Learning University (Costa Rica), the National University of Córdoba (Argentina) and the National Bank for Public Works and Services (Mexico) (29 March to 30 November 1999).

Ten courses on project management in several countries of the region (including Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Panama and Uruguay), held in the framework of agreement BID/99/S52 “Course on project administration and management” 1999.

Support for local university programmes and teaching collaboration with other institutions

Classes on the appraisal of local and regional development projects in the postgraduate course on the management of regional development, at the Social Sciences Faculty of the University of the Republic of Uruguay at Salto (Salto, Uruguay, 11 to 17 May 1998).

Lecture for PROANTIOQUIA and a group of invited guests from the public and private sectors, to present the document “Del desarrollo en el espacio macroeconómico abstracto al desarrollo en el espacio de las personas” (Medellín, Colombia, 8 June 1998).

Classes on regional management in the training programme run by “Taller para fundación social de Colombia” (Bogotá, Colombia, 8 and 9 June 1998).

Lead rapporteur for the course on regional planning, organized by the government of the Maule Region (Talca, Chile, 9 July 1998).

Collaboration in the specialist course on decentralization and public management, in the postgraduate programme in Development Sciences of Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (La Paz, 28 July to 10 August 1998).

Classes on economic policies in the Masters in Management and Public Policies, run by the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, August 1998, July 1999).

Classes on local development in the course on “Economic development and local management”, organized by Prefeitura Municipal de Santo André (São Paulo, Brazil, 10 to 20 August 1998).

Classes on quantitative methods and models of analysis (II) in the Masters in Economics and Regional Management of the Austral University of Chile (Valdivia, Chile, 30 August to 4 September 1998).

Classes on regional development in the Masters in Urban and Local Development offered by Ciudad 2000 (Córdoba, Argentina, 3 September 1998).

Course on regional management in the Masters in Economics and Regional Management of the Austral University of Chile (Valdivia, Chile, 1 to 7 November and 22 to 25 November 1998).

Classes on project preparation and appraisal in the Diploma in Public Management of the Institute of Political Science at the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 28 November 1998).

Classes on project preparation and appraisal in local development in the Masters in Development Studies at the Centre for Higher University Studies (CESU) of Universidad Mayor de San Simón (Sucre and Cochabamba, Bolivia, 16 to 27 March 1999).

Course on “Regional development” in the postgraduate programme on Regional Development Management at the Social Sciences Faculty of the University of the Republic of Uruguay (Montevideo, 22 to 25 April 1999).

Course on “Fundamental criteria for carrying out a decentralization process”, in the framework of the theoretical-practical course on decentralization of local governments with emphasis on citizen participation, offered by the Social Science Faculty of the Pontifical Javerian University (Bogotá, 23 to 26 June 1999).

Courses on “Democracy and decentralization” and “Fundamental criteria for carrying out a decentralization process”, in the theoretical-practical course on decentralization and local governments with emphasis on citizen participation, organized by OAS, and the University of El Salvador for the countries of Mercosur (Buenos Aires, 9 to 13 August 1999).

Classes on local development and investment programming in the public management training course of the Municipality of Rafaela (Córdoba, Argentina, 10 and 11 September 1999).

SUBPROGRAMME 7: ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY

In the first year of the biennium covered by the present report, this subprogramme was the responsibility of the Environment and Development Division. In early 1999, however, following restructuring of that Division into two smaller, more specialized divisions, execution of the subprogramme was transferred to the Environment and Human Settlements Division or the Division of Natural Resources and Infrastructure, depending on the issues under consideration. Nevertheless, for practical purposes, the activities carried out in the biennium are listed together.

The following are some of the main activities carried out under this subprogramme during the 1998-1999 biennium:

(i) With respect to public policy and institutional issues relating to the performance and environmental sustainability of countries, various studies were prepared, in particular, two papers entitled “Policies and Institutions for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean” and “Atterrizando un cometa: indicadores territoriales de sustentabilidad”, respectively. ECLAC/UNDP project, RLA/98/015, examined the challenges and various proposals for implementation of economic instruments in environmental management in Latin America and the Caribbean. Civil society’s perception of environmental problems—an important element for triggering public policy and social participation—was analysed under the project entitled “Enhancement of citizens’ awareness in the formulation of pollution control policies in the metropolitan areas of Mexico City, São Paulo and Santiago”, financed by the Government of Japan, following publication of the document, entitled: “The role of environmental awareness in achieving sustainable development” (LC/R.1962).

(ii) The drive towards trade liberalization and integration of the economies in the region and their impact on the environment and on sustainable development has also been the focus of attention in the biennium. An analysis of nine countries in the region (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru), undertaken under Project HOL/96/S34, entitled “Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s” was published in a volume entitled, “Impactos ambientales de los cambios en las estructura exportador en nueve países de América Latina y el Caribe: 1980-1995” (LC/L.1241-P) and in five national sectoral studies. The effects of reforms on the regulatory frameworks and environmental institutions were also analysed for the same nine countries. In addition, follow-up activities to the decisions of the chapter of Agenda 21 dealing with sustainable development and international trade and environmental impact assessments were carried out to determine the effects of integration, especially in the context of Mercosur, and trade liberalization under the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

(iii) In the area of human settlements, support services were provided for the Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI) with a view to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Regional Plan of Action for Human Settlements. To this end, various documents were produced on land-use planning, social participation and the mitigation and prevention of natural disasters, including papers entitled “Desarrollo sustentable de los asentamientos humanos: logros y desafíos de la spolíticas habitacionales y urbanas de América Latina y el Caribe” and “Consensos urbanos: aportes del Plan de Acción Regional de América Latina y el Caribe sobre Asentamientos Humanos”. A number of other activities related to the project “Urban Management in Selected Medium-sized Cities of Latin America and the Caribbean”, under which major research was done and technical assistance was provided in the area of policy-making and instruments and techniques for urban management to six medium-sized cities

in the region: Córdoba (Argentina), Cuzco (Peru), Manizales (Colombia), Port-of-Spain (Trinidad and Tobago), Ouro Preto (Brazil) and Valdivia (Chile). In this connection, 10 studies were carried out during the biennium on these cities and a book was published entitled “Ciudades intermedias de América Latina y el Caribe: propuesta para la gestión urbana”, (LC/L.1117). The second half of 1999 saw the start of activities under project ITA/99/S18, entitled “Urban Management Strategies and tools for sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean” which provides for further support for urban management in countries of the region, with emphasis on poverty alleviation and the pursuit of social equity, efficiency of public services and urban renewal.

(iv) As part of the activities undertaken in follow up to multilateral agreements relating to the environment and Agenda 21, efforts were focused on an analysis, from a regional perspective of some of the legal, institutional and economic issues identified in the Convention on Biological Diversity. In this regard, an expert meeting was held on policy, law and management of biotechnological safety (biosafety) in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, which culminated in the definition of priority actions for national institution-building.

(v) In response to emergencies caused by various natural disasters in countries of the region, ECLAC teams collaborated in the assessment of damage caused by hurricane Mitch in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, hurricane George in the Dominican Republic and by the earthquake that hit Armenia, Colombia. In addition to those assessments, the issue of natural disasters in the region was addressed in the documents: “Panorama del impacto ambiental de los recientes desastres naturales en América Latina y el Caribe” (LC/L.1333-P) and “Fenómenos climáticos y vulnerabilidad: la ecuación determinante de los desastres. El caso de los pequeños estados insulares en desarrollo”(LC/R.1935); at the same time activities were initiated under project HOL/99/S117 entitled “Improve damage assessment methodology to promote natural disaster mitigation and risk reduction awareness and preparedness in Latin America and the Caribbean”.

(vi) With respect to natural resources, activities were centred on the preparation of studies and the provision of technical assistance, training and support to Governments and international organizations, essentially as regards the management of such resources, formulation of policies for increasing energy efficiency, improving water legislation and management of multiple uses of water and river basins, support in the formulation of regulatory frameworks and analysis of options for the participation of private entities in water- and energy-related public utilities, promoting the development of mining, management of coastal margins and issues relating to oceans and fisheries.

With respect to water legislation and water-related policies, various studies were prepared; the third Workshop for of the Senate of Argentina, with support from ECLAC and the regional delegation for the Southern Cone Managers in Latin America and the Caribbean was organized jointly with the Water Resources Commission and the Ecology and Human Development Commission of the Senate of the Republic of Argentina, with support from the Regional Delegation for the Southern Cone of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France; the first Latin American Parliamentary Session on Water Policy was organized with the Senate and the Federal Investment Council of Argentina, under the auspices of the Latin American Parliament and the Department of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development of Argentina. In the area of regulation and analysis of private participation in water-related and sanitation public-service companies, the second workshop on private participation by drinking water and sanitation institutions of the Americas was organized jointly with the American Society of Civil Engineers (United States). With respect to water policy and equity, the Division organized a workshop to define an international research agenda on water in the Altiplano, in conjunction with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Members of the Division also participated in a number of

meetings at the State or provincial level in various countries of the region and, in particular, made a presentation on the issue of river basin management in Latin America at the workshop on *Gestão de Bacias Hidrográficas no Brasil – Reflexões e Propostas*, organized by the Consorcio Piracicaba-Capivari and the Rede Brasil de Organizações de Bacia Hidrográfica, with support from the French Embassy to Brazil and the Agência Técnica do Paraíba do Sul.

(vii) Energy-related activities were centred on efficient energy use. The Division continued to support the work of the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) in its implementation of OLADE/ECLAC/GTZ project on energy and sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean and in organizing the twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions of the Meeting of Ministers of OLADE. Under the European Union-funded project CEC/98/S08, entitled “Promotion of energy efficiency in Latin America”, various studies were prepared and the Division participated in the Regional forum on Latin America and the Caribbean: energy prospects on the eve of the twenty-first century, organized by the Venezuelan chapter of the World Energy Council with support from the Ministry of Energy and Mines of Venezuela. Other activities included participation in project CEC/98/S17 entitled “Development of geothermal resources in Latin America and the Caribbean”.

These activities generated a wealth of information and experience relating to energy regulation and energy efficiency in countries of the region and the findings were presented at the second and third sessions of the Interparliamentary Conference on Mining and Energy for Latin America, organized respectively by the Senate of Colombia (CIME 98) and the Senate of Argentina (CIME 99). Those conferences were the opportunity not only for Latin American parliamentarians to develop ties with each other but also with the European parliament. In this connection, two documents were produced, entitled “El estado del debate parlamentario sobre regulación y uso eficiente de la energía en América Latina” and “Guía para la elaboración de marcos regulatorios” (LC/L.1142), which were presented at the first European-Latin American Dialogue on Promotion of Energy Efficiency, organized by the European Community.

(viii) Several documents were prepared on mining issues, including “Panorama minero de América Latina a fines de los noventa”, “El desarrollo de la minería del cobre en la segunda mitad del siglo XX” and “Panorama minero de América Latina: la inversión en la década de los noventa”. The last of these three was presented at the third Conference of Ministers of Mining of the Americas and at the Congreso Mundial de Geología.

(ix) In the area of technical cooperation and advice, numerous activities were conducted during the biennium. In addition to those referred to above, substantive support was given to the Meeting of the Inter-Agency Technical Committee of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, of which ECLAC is a member; technical advice was provided to various countries on mining legislation, on the efficient use of energy and water, and with respect to the last, such advice extended to countries outside of the region, including Namibia, China and Yemen.

Technical cooperation and training were also provided to entities, such as the Office of the Under-Secretary for Mining in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Public Works and Services of Argentina, the Colombian Oceanographic Commission, the Cundinamarca Regional Autonomous Corporation (Colombia), the Costa Rican Electricity Institute, the National University of Barranquilla, the Government of El Salvador, the National Council for Water Resources of Ecuador, the National Water and Wastewater Service of Honduras, the National Water Commission of Mexico and the National Development Institute of Peru.

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(b) Chapters of books

“The role of civil society in twenty-first century diplomacy”, Multilateral Diplomacy and the United Nations Today, J.P. Muldoon and J. Fagot Aviel (eds.), Westview Press, 1999.

“Desafíos de la cooperación internacional en el marco del desarrollo sustentable”, Primer Seminario sobre política exterior y medio ambiente, Santiago, Chile, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Chile, 1999.

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Launch of the book “Ciudades intermedias de América Latina y el Caribe: propuesta para la gestión urbana” (LC/L.1117), in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy under project ITA/95/S71, entitled “Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America” (Rome, 25 June 1998).

Third workshop of river basin managers of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Argentine Senate Committee on Water Resources and the Argentine Senate Committee on Ecology and Human Development, with support from ECLAC and the regional delegation for the Southern Cone of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France (Buenos Aires, 16-18 November 1998).

First Latin American parliamentary meeting on water policies, organized jointly by the Senate and the Federal Investment Council of Argentina, under the auspices of the Latin American Parliament and the Department of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 18-19 November 1998).

Regional Meeting on the Contribution of Oceans to Sustainable Development of the Region, organized under the auspices of the Office of the Under-Secretary of the Navy of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 30 November to 3 December 1998).

Second Meeting of the Inter-Agency Technical Committee of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 7-8 April 1999).

Workshop for the identification of an international agenda for research into water resources in the Altiplano, organized jointly with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Arica, Chile, 26-28 May 1999).

Seminar on the concession of public services and the protection and promotion of foreign investments, organized jointly with the Argentine Council for International Relations (Buenos Aires, 1-2 July 1999).

Seminar on innovative cases of local management for the protection of the air and climate in Latin America, organized jointly with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 4-6 November 1999).

Expert workshop on policy, law and administration of biosafety in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly with UNEP, in response to the decision by the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 29-30 November 1999).

First regional seminar on project ITA/99/S118 entitled “Urban management strategies and tools for sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean”, organized jointly with the cooperation of the Government of Italy (Santiago, Chile, 6-7 December 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert groups and conferences

Presentation of a paper on ECLAC/European Union project CEC/98/S08, entitled “Promotion of energy efficiency in Latin America” and participation in the panel on the issue “Prospects for economic growth in Latin America”, organized by the World Energy Council, under the auspices of the Ministry of Energy and Mines of Venezuela (Caracas, 9-11 February 1998).

Presentation of the following papers: “El sector minero de América Latina en el contexto internacional; Experiencias de regulación de la eficiencia energética en los países de la Unión Europea, Japón y los Estados Unidos” and the CEPAL/European Commission study entitled “Resultados del proyecto CEC/98/S17 sobre el fortalecimiento de la gestión de los recursos geotérmicos”, presented to the second Interparliamentary Conference on Mining and Energy in Latin America (CIME 98), organized by the Senate of Colombia. In addition, the Division provided technical secretariat services for the conference (Cartagena, Colombia, 18-21 May 1998).

Presentation of the document “An institutional capacity building approach to urban environmental governance in medium-sized cities in Latin America and the Caribbean”, at the World Conference on International Cooperation of Cities and Citizens for Cultivating an Eco-Society, organized by the Government of Metropolitan Tokyo and the United Nations (Tokyo, 26-29 May 1998).

Presentation of a paper on river basin management in Latin America and participation in a round table discussion on international and national cooperation in river basin management, in the Taller de Gestão de Bacias Hidrográficas no Brasil – Reflexões e Propostas, organized by the Consorcio Piracicaba-Capivari and Rede Brasil de Organizações de Bacia Hidrográfica, with support from the Embassy of France in Brazil, Agencia Técnica do Paraíba do Sul (Piracicaba, Brasil, 29 June-1 July 1998).

Exhibition on marine parks in international strategies for conservation of biodiversity at the Workshop on marine parks: a tool for conservation of biodiversity, organized by the National Fisheries Service (Santiago, Chile, 6-7 August 1998).

Exhibition on introduction to the economies of Latin America from the perspective of trade and the environment at the International workshop on trade and the environment, with representatives of Governments of Latin America and civil society bodies, organized by Corporación Participa (Santiago, Chile, 2-4 September 1998).

Exhibition on privatization of public services at the Regional Meeting for the Southern Cone and Brazil of the Ibero-American and Caribbean Forum on Best Practices: human settlements for a more sustainable future, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), with support from the Ministry of Economic Development of Spain and the Brazilian Institute of Municipal Administration (Florianópolis, Brazil, 23-26 September 1998).

Papers on the status of parliamentary debate on the regulation of energy efficiency in Latin America and a guide entitled, *Guía para elaboración de marcos regulatorios*”, presented at the first European-Latin American Dialogue on Promotion of Energy Efficiency, organized by the European Community (Brussels, 24-30 October 1998).

Presentation of the document “Panorama minero de América Latina: la inversión en la década de los noventa”(LC/L.1148), at the third Conference of Ministers of Mining of the Americas and at the Congreso Mundial de Geología (Buenos Aires, 8-11 November 1998).

Paper on land-use planning as an option for urban and regional policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, presented at the seventh Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santo Domingo, 9-11 December 1998).

Presentation on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes in regional strategies in the context of sustainable development and considerations on the contribution of the customs services, submitted to the Regional meeting (for Latin America and the Caribbean) on control of transboundary movements and disposal of hazardous wastes subject to the Basel Convention, organized by the Regional Coordinating Center for the Basel Convention for Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 22-27 March 1999).

Exhibition on decentralization and the environment at the seminar “Decentralization and accountability of the public sector”, organized by the World Bank and the Ministry of Finance of Chile (Valdivia, Chile, 20-22 June 1999).

Presentation of the document entitled “Estado actual de las negociaciones en torno al Protocolo de Bioseguridad en el marco de la Convención de Diversidad Biológica” (present status of negotiations on a protocol on Biosafety) at the thirteenth meeting of the Commission on the Environment of the Latin American Parliament (Mexico City, 12-14 September 1999).

Exhibition on the theme: “What are the next steps?” at the seminar “Apertura, sustentabilidad y el ALCA” (Openness, sustainability and the Free Trade Area of the Americas”), organized by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) (Ottawa, Canada, 4-5 October 1999).

Fourth meeting of the Forum for Consultation and Coordination among the Ministers and High-Level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI) and eighth Regional MINURVI Meeting, providing support to its technical secretariat in the form of a document entitled “Ordenamiento territorial, desarrollo del hábitat y desastres naturales” (La Habana, 10-17 October 1999).

Exhibition “Institutional cooperation on trade and the environment” at the Hemispheric Dialogue of Technical Specialists and Policy Experts on Environmentally Sound Trade Expansion in the Americas, organized by the North-South Center of the University of Miami and OAS (Miami, United States, 28-29 October 1999).

Presentation of the document “Cambio climático: estado actual de las negociaciones en torno al Protocolo de Kioto” at the Seminar on climate change and the oil industry, organized by Petróleos Mexicanos, UNDP and the Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries of Mexico (Mexico City, 6-7 December 1999).

Participation in the International workshop on indicators of sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations (DESA) (Barbados, 7-9 December 1999)

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental organizations

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

With the USAID regional office for disaster assistance, to provide support for the consolidation of an integrated hemispheric information system on the El Niño phenomenon and sustainable development.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

With IDB, on legal aspects of water resource management and in the organization of a seminar on ground water regulation.

World Bank

With the World Bank, in the area of mining and sustainable development and legal issues relating to water markets and in the preparation of a study on the advantages of integration in Central America in terms of reducing vulnerability to natural disasters and sustainable development.

Inter-American Center for Development and Environmental and Territorial Research

With the Inter-American Center for Development and Environmental and Territorial Research, on legal and institutional aspects of water resource management.

United States

With the Colorado School of Mines, on the regulation of mining concessions in Latin America and the organization of a seminar on the regulation of mining operations.

European Commission

With the European Commission, on the regulation of energy efficiency and project evaluation for the programme entitled "Latin America for Rational Energy Use" (ALURE).

Inter-Agency Technical Committee of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean

With the Inter-agency Technical Committee of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (composed of UNEP, UNDP, ECLAC, IDB and the World Bank), in the preparation of the Report to the Inter-Agency Technical Committee on Bioregional Planning. The Division also collaborated with this body with respect to the meeting of government experts on climate change, held in Brazil from 11 to 12 October 1999.

International Hydraulics Institute (IHE)

With the International Hydraulics Institute (IHE), Netherlands, on legal and institutional aspects of water resource management and the preparation of a methodological report for the assessment of water legislation.

Global Water Partnership (GWP)

With the Global Water Partnership (GWP), on legal and institutional aspects of integrated management of water resources and related public services and in the area of privatization of water-based public services in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as in Sri Lanka, India and China.

Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE)

With OLADE, on issues relating to OLADE/ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/98/S20 on energy and sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean and on the organization of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth Meetings of Ministers of OLADE.

Latin American Mining Organization (OLAMI)

With OLAMI, on mining legislation.

LEAD International Programme -Rockefeller Foundation

With the LEAD International Programme, on the preparation of documents on “Modernidad, medio ambiente y ética” and “Biodiversidad e integración regional”, presented at the International seminar on leadership for sustainable development: the case for biodiversity, held in Embú, São Paulo, Brazil, from 14 to 16 August 1999.

Argentina

With the Deputy Minister for Mining in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Public Works and Services, on the organization of the Meeting of Ministers of Mining of the Americas, and with the Deputy Minister for Energy in the same Ministry, on the regulation of energy efficiency.

With the Argentine Senate Committee on Energy and Mining, on the review of a bill on energy efficiency, on regulation of public services and on the organization of the third Interparliamentary Conference on Mining and Energy for Latin America (CIME 99).

With the Centre for Water Resource and Environment Economics, Legislation and Management and with the National Council of Scientific and Technical Research on legal issues relating to the management of water resources and privatization of public services.

With the University of Aconcagua, the Argentine Centre for International Relations, the Argentine Congress and the National Council of Scientific and Technical Research on the regulation of water-based public services.

With the Government of Mendoza and with the Water Resources Commission of the Argentine Senate, on legal issues relating to water resource planning.

With the University of Buenos Aires (Centre for Advanced Studies), on research into environmentally sustainable development.

With the Department of Justice in the Province of Tierra del Fuego, on an environmental impact assessment of the Río Grande project.

With the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Ministry of the Environment, in implementing the National Programme of Action for the Integrated Management of Chemicals.

Bolivia

With the Service for Water Channelling and Regulation of the Pirai River (SEARPI), on questions relating to guidelines for the creation and operation of a river basin authority. With the Senate of Bolivia in the provision of relevant information for the formulation of water policies and laws.

With the Deputy Minister for Land-Use Planning, on the preparation of a diagnostic analysis and proposals for the economic development of the Caranavi region, to make the most of competitive land conditions.

With the Ministry for Sustainable Development and the Environment, in conjunction with UNESCO, on the preparation of a draft water bill.

Brazil

With the Ministry of Water Resources, on water legislation and the delivery of a lecture on water policies.

With the Government of the State of Ceará on legal aspects of water transfer between river basins. With the Brazilian Association for Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (ABES) on the regulation of public utilities.

With the University of São Paulo (USP), on the examination of activities held in the context of the Rockefeller Foundation programme to foster leadership in sustainable development and to set new guidelines for inter-agency cooperation.

Chile

With the National Environment Commission on recycling, rate-setting and the formulation of policies for the environmentally sound management of solid urban and industrial wastes.

With the Chamber of Deputies National Mining and Energy Committee, on the regulation of energy efficiency.

With the Congress, on legal issues relating to the management and sustainable use of water resources.

With the Municipality of Antofagasta, on issues relating to the management of the coastal zone with a view to setting up a permanent consultative body on the environment.

With the Ministry of National Assets on deepening equity with respect to access to public assets and the recovery of community areas.

With the Governor's Office in Huasco and with the Office of the Regional Director of the Production Development Corporation (CORFO) on issues relating to guidelines for a document with proposals for the development of rural tourism in the Alto del Carmen Valley.

With the Regional Office of National Assets of Region III and with the Governor's Office of the Province of Huasco, in the design of possible approaches to management of the coastal zone, with emphasis on the conservation and sustainable use of protected ecosystems of the Pan de Azúcar and Llanos Chaille parks; the preparation of proposals for Canadian-funded cooperation projects relating to local environmental management and in drafting a report on the Humedal Declaration on the mouth of the Copiapó river as a site to be protected under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (adopted at Ramsar).

With the Arturo Prat University in Iquique, on issues relating to the development of geothermal resources.

With the University of Chile, Centre for Public Policy Analysis, Programme for Sustainable Development, on the preparation of the fifth Biennial Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics.

With the University of Atacama, on the issue of local strategies for the implementation of the Programme of Action of Washington on marine pollution from land-based sources and strategies for sustainable development and the application of environmental agreements.

Colombia

With the Colombian Oceanographic Commission (Area for International Affairs and the Environment), on guidelines for oceans and coastal areas in the plan for implementation and follow up to Agenda 21.

With the Regional Autonomous Corporation of Cundinamarca (CAR) and with the National Association of Residential Utilities and Support Activities of Colombia (ANDESCO) on legal and institutional issues relating to water resource management.

With the Government, in the socio-economic assessment of the effects of the earthquake in the city of Armenia.

With the Senate, on the organization of the second Interparliamentary Conference on Mining and Energy (CIME 98).

With the Fifth Committee of the Senate of Colombia and with the congressional Energy Committee on the revision of a bill on energy efficiency and with the Universidad del Externado on the regulation of oil and gas operations and energy efficiency.

With the Ministry of Mining and Energy, on the regulation of energy efficiency and the formulation of a regulatory and institutional framework on geothermal energy; preparation of a bill for

amending mining legislation; comparative mining legislation; and the development of geothermal resources.

With the Ministry of the Environment, on the preparation of a strategy relating to the Biosafety Protocol within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

With the Universidad del Valle, Cali, on integrated management of water resources and regulation of public utilities.

With the National University of Barranquilla on the preparation of proposals for a programme on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Costa Rica

With the Government, on water rights and public utilities.

With the Costa Rican Electricity Institute, on the promotion, design, institution-building and drafting of regulations for the development of geothermal resources.

Dominica

With the Government, on the development of geothermal resources.

Ecuador

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines, on mining legislation, preparation of a plan for mining development and regulation and development of geothermal resources.

With the Congress, on the review of draft amendments to the mining code.

With the National Council for Water Resources, on the review of the draft bill on water legislation in Ecuador.

With the Ministry of the Environment, on the preparation of a national environmental strategy for sustainable development.

With the Government, in conjunction with ILPES on a research mission for sustainable development in the Guayas river basin.

El Salvador

With the Government, on legal issues relating to the management of water resources, in particular the review of the bill for the establishment of water authorities.

Guatemala

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines, in energy economics.

Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic

With the Governments of these countries on the assessment of the damage caused by hurricane George.

Honduras

With the National Water and Wastewater Service (SANAA), on legal issues relating to the provision of drinking water and sanitation services.

With the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, on the review of a water bill.

With the national energy body, on the identification and elaboration of geothermal projects. With the Congressional Committee on Energy and Fuels, on the formulation of a regulatory framework for renewable sources of energy.

With the Government, in the promotion, design, strengthening and drafting of regulations on the development of geothermal resources.

Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua

With the Governments of these countries, on the assessment of damage caused by hurricane Mitch.

Mexico

With the Office of the Director for Mining Promotion, in the Ministry of Commerce and Industrial Development (SECOFI), on the promotion of small-scale mining.

With the Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries, on the formulation of environmental strategies and the provision of inputs for the preparation of a national strategy on climate change, with special reference to the oil sector.

Namibia

With the Government, in conjunction with FAO, on water rights and regulation of public utilities.

Nicaragua

With the Government, on water resource legislation.

With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the preparation of a proposal for sustainable development of Nicaragua's coastal and marine areas.

Paraguay

With the National Programme of Action for the integrated management of chemicals being implemented by the Ministries of Health and Social Welfare of Argentina.

Peru

With the Centre for Energy and Environmental Conservation (CENERGIA), on the regulation of energy efficiency and environmentally sound energy policies

With the Congressional Committee on Energy, on the review of the energy efficiency bill.

With the National Development Institute, on the formulation of the Programme for Environmental Management of the Rímac River Basin.

With the National Resource Institute in the Ministry of Agriculture, on management of the Santa river basin.

Saint Lucia

With the Ministry of Finance and Planning, on the development of geothermal resources.

Uruguay

With the Ministry of Housing, Land Management and the Environment, on the organization of the joint regional meeting of the Basel Convention authorities and customs authorities for the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes, including preparation of documentation for the meeting.

With the Office of the Municipal Intendant of Montevideo, on issues relating to the establishment of protected natural areas in the establishment of the Environmental Charter of Montevideo.

With the Regional Coordinating Center for the Basel Convention, in implementing various international instruments of the Convention in Latin America and the Caribbean.

With the National Department of the Environment, on the application of the Convention on Biological Diversity in coastal and marine areas.

Venezuela

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines, on the regulation of energy efficiency.

With the Andean Development Corporation (ADC), on issues relating to renewable energy sources.

With Compañía Anónima Hidrología Venezolana (HIDROVEN), in the privatization and regulation of water-based public utilities.

With the Legislative Assembly drafting committee of the State of Zulia, in drafting a bill on river basin management for the State of Zulia and with HIDROCARACAS, on legal issues relating to water resource management and the regulation of public utilities.

With the Government, on regulations for water resource management and, in particular, with the Department of Energy Planning in the Ministry of Energy and Mines on issues relating to regulations for energy efficiency and the review of the draft legislation on mining and electricity.

With the Ministry of the Environment and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Production Associations (FEDECÁMARAS) in preparing a document entitled “Propuesta para una iniciativa nacional de producción limpia”.

(iv) Training and scholarships

Workshop on strategic planning for urban environmental management, conducted with support from the Municipality of Cuzco and attended by 26 representatives of the provincial municipality, local municipalities and water (SEDA) and sanitation (ILMPUQ) companies of Cuzco (Cuzco, Peru, March to August 1998).

Classes in management of river basins and coastal areas for the Master's programme in Urban Development and Human Settlements and the Environment at the Architecture and Fine Arts School, Catholic University of Chile, for participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, and Nicaragua (Santiago, Chile, April to December 1998).

Presentation of a lecture on public policy in environmental management for the course in Scientific Research on Sustainable Development, organized as part of the doctoral programme in environmental sciences at the University of Concepción, for participants from Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru (Concepción, Chile, 12 August 1998).

Classes on the environment and development in Latin America for the master's programme in Social and Political Studies on Latin America, organized by the Alberto Hurtado University and attended by 15 professionals from Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Peru (Santiago, Chile, 24-28 August 1998).

Classes in the regional course on integrated management of water resources at the river basin level, organized by the Inter-American Center for Development and Environmental and Territorial Research (CIDIAT), a Venezuelan/German technical cooperation project designed for 42 officials and experts on water issues and river basins in Venezuela (Mérida, Venezuela, 28 September to 1 October 1998).

Organization of a seminar on sustainable development and local public management for the master's in Administration and Local Government, organized by the Fundación Ciudad 2000 and the Ibero-American Union of Municipalities, and attended by some 30 architects, sociologists, biologists, doctors, administrators and economists from Argentina (Córdoba, Argentina, 21-23 October 1998).

Classes on river basin management policies in the Master's programme in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Irrigation and Drainage, of the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering of the University of Concepción, for participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia and Peru (Chillán, Chile, 22-23 October 1998).

Classes on management procedures and decision-making in land-use planning at the seminar, “Ordenamiento territorial. La incorporación de criterios y prioridades ambientales”, organized by the Institute for Urban Studies of the Catholic University of Chile, for participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Peru (Santiago, Chile, 30 October 1998).

Classes on concepts in environmental management in river basin management at the second International workshop on environmental river basin management, organized by the Italian-Latin

American Institute (ILAI), Associazione Italiana di Idronomia (AIDI) and the Tropical Agricultural Research and Training Centre, attended by participants from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panamá (Turrialba, Costa Rica, 9-13 November 1998).

Classes on sustainable development, public policy and the environment; and the status, policy and information in crisis situations in the Master's programme in Ecological Economics and Social Communication, organized by the Centre for Higher University Studies (CESU) of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón (Bolivia), and attended by 20 participants from Bolivia, Brazil and Costa Rica (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 9-14 November 1998).

Organization of a seminar on legal and environmental institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean: recent changes and future trends, as part of the master's programme in environmental Engineering at the National Technological University (Argentina), Regional Faculty of Córdoba, for 24 participants in the central region of the Argentine Republic (Córdoba, Argentina, 25-27 November 1998).

Classes on institutional changes in the Chilean electricity sector and deregulation of the petroleum industry in Latin America for the twenty-sixth Latin American Course on Energy Economics and Planning, organized by the Energy Economics Institute, Bariloche Foundation, for participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bariloche, Argentina, 9-10 December 1998).

Workshop on river basin management in the master's programme in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics, offered by the University of Concepción, for participants from Chile, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and Peru (Concepción, Chile, 28-29 December 1998).

Presentation of papers on Metodología de la CEPAL para la evaluación de desastres", "La planificación estratégica y los grandes proyectos urbanos" and "Presentación del Plan de gestión de Cartagena de Indias" to the Venice University Institute of Architecture, School for Specialization in Urban and Regional Planning Applied to Developing Countries (Venice, Italy, 25-29 January 1999).

Classes in public policy for sustainable development, as part of the Doctoral Studies Programme of the Latin American Societies, organized by the University of Art and Social Sciences (ARCIS), for 15 participants (Santiago, Chile, 26 March too 6 August 1999).

Teaching staff for the course in water resource management and river basin management, organized by the Department of Hydraulics, National University of San Juan, for 35 professionals from Argentina, mainly local and provincial government officials (San Juan, Argentina, 11-13 May 1999).

Teaching staff for the ILPES course in strategic management for local development (Manizales, Colombia, 28 June – 16 July 1999).

Teaching staff for the ILPES course on the provision and regulation of infrastructure services in the area of principles of public regulation, energy efficiency and electrical systems (Santiago, Chile, 23 August – 3 September 1999).

Collaboration on the organization of a distance teaching course on water management and control prepared by ECLAC, ILPES and the Pan-American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS) (Lima, 7-10 September 1999).

Classes on concepts and policies relating to sustainable development and integration in the programme for leadership training for sustainable development (PROLIDES) of the Universidad Bolivariana and the Pro Humana programme (Santiago, Chile, 25-30 October 1999).

Teaching staff provided for the course on sustainable local development, in the master's programme in human settlements and the environment, offered by the Catholic University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 9-18 November 1999).

Teaching staff provided for the second ILPES international course in strategic management of local development (Santiago, Chile, November 1999).

Teaching staff provided for the course on the international environmental law regime and its effects on the formulation of public policy in countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, as part of the master's programme in Environmental Engineering, National Technological University (Córdoba, Argentina, 1-3 December 1999).

Participation in the distance teaching course entitled "Land Degradation and Sustainability" offered by Wye College, University of London (London, January to October 1999).

SUBPROGRAMME 8: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Activities under this subprogramme were carried out in line with plans for fully integrating the Latin American Demographic Centre into the organizational structure of ECLAC. Thus, at the beginning of the biennium, the Centre became the Population Division – Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE).

During the 1998-1999 biennium, the Population Division – CELADE assigned high priority to monitoring demographic trends, particularly those relating to fertility, mortality and international migration in the countries of the region. To this end, it cooperated actively with national statistical offices and related institutions, with a view to producing new estimates and projections at the national level. The results of this work were published in issues 61, 62, 63 and 64 of the Demographic Bulletin. In addition, the database on spatial distribution of the population and urbanization was updated and improved; this is a useful tool for monitoring trends and supporting the work of a number of national agencies. The databank of the project on Investigation of International Migration in Latin America (IMILA) was also updated and upgraded. This databank, which shows the country of birth of Latin Americans who have been counted in censuses in other countries, both within and outside the region, provided valuable information for several of the studies carried out during the biennium.

In the field of regional cooperation, the Division provided support to the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development by helping to assess the progress achieved by the countries of the region and the obstacles they face as they strive to meet the commitments they assumed at the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994.

In regard to preparations for the 2000 census round, the Population Division - CELADE, with financial support from UNFPA, organized two meetings of governmental experts for the purpose of exchanging views and sharing their experience with new methodological tools and techniques. The first meeting, which focused on the Latin American countries, was held in Santiago, Chile, from 13 to 16 October 1998. The second, organized jointly with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and focusing on the Caribbean countries, was held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, in November 1998.

During the biennium, work continued on updating the RADATAM-Plus software (retrieval of data for small areas by microcomputer). New versions were developed for Windows in order to facilitate the management of large amounts of data from different sources in combination with geographical data systems (REDATAM/SIG) and other related tools.

The Division's research activities were designed to provide a better understanding of the complex relationship between population and development in the countries of the region. Issues addressed included trends in ageing of the population, the relationship between reproductive health and poverty, international migration, and linkages between population and youth.

In regard to ageing trends, several analytical studies were made of the socio-economic situation of older persons in some countries of the region, with special emphasis on social vulnerability. These studies were presented and discussed at the Latin American and Caribbean Symposium on Older Persons, held in September 1999 in the context of the International Year of Older Persons (1999). A report on the relationship between reproductive health and poverty was prepared (LC/G.2015) and submitted to the ECLAC sessional Ad-Hoc Committee on Population and Development, for consideration at its second meeting, held in May 1998. This report includes empirical evidence of a demographic pattern that is clearly associated with

poverty, thus accentuating the obstacles that prevent the poor from rising above their poverty. Bearing in mind that there is consensus in the region with regard to respect for reproductive rights, the report concludes that reproductive health should be included in any strategy for improving living conditions, upgrading human resources, and reducing economic and social inequalities.

On the matter of international migration, special importance was attached to supporting the activities of the Regional Advisory Group on Migration (the Puebla Group), an intergovernmental mechanism for consultation and collaboration between sending, receiving, and transit countries in North and Central America. The Population Division – CELADE worked with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in providing support to the Andean Community countries in connection with the design and application of an integrated information system on international migration. Also, in the context of projects for the reconstruction and development of the areas devastated by hurricane Mitch, a report was prepared on the use of remittances from migrants to their place of origin, including a proposal for setting up an integrated information system on international migration. Finally, in connection with the study of linkages between youth and population, a report was prepared on the relationship between population policies, youth and development. This report will be submitted to the ECLAC sessional Ad-Hoc Committee on Population and Development, for consideration at the meeting to be held in April 2000 in Mexico.

In the context of IDB/CELADE project BID/98S28, Regional support programme in the use of demographic data in the preparation, implementation and assessment of social projects, technical cooperation activities were carried out in Bolivia, Peru, Nicaragua and Suriname, in areas relating to health, poverty and information systems.

With respect to training, the twenty-first and twenty-second intensive regional courses on demographic analysis for development were conducted at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile. The twenty-first course (with 18 participants) was held between August and December 1998, and the twenty-second (with 10 participants), during the same months in 1999. The participants were professionals from different countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa. In addition, work has continued under the agreement with the University of Chile, which provides for substantive and bibliographic assistance to be given to the Faculty of Social Sciences in connection with the eighth and ninth international graduate courses on population and sustainable development, sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

During the biennium 1998-1999, 17 training workshops were conducted on the use of REDATAM-Plus software and related tools, and assistance was provided to several national institutions, including universities, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations engaged in training in the field of population and development.

(i) (a) Documents

Second follow-up report of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development. Note by the Secretariat (LC/G.2005/(SES.27/19))/Segundo informe de seguimiento del Plan de Acción Regional Latinoamericano y del Caribe sobre Población y Desarrollo. Nota de la Secretaría (LC/G.2005/(SES.27/19)).

Population, reproductive health and poverty (LC/G.2015/(SES.27/20))/Población, salud reproductiva y pobreza (LC/G.2015/(SES.27/20)).

Notas de población, Nos. 67-68 (LC/G.2048) (LC/DEM/G.186), January-December 1998.

Latin America: Urban and rural population projections 1970-2025. Demographic bulletin No. 63/América Latina: proyecciones de población urbana y rural 1970-2025. Boletín demográfico, N° 63 (LC/G.2052/Corr.1) (LC/DEM/G.183/Corr.1).

1999, International Year of Older Persons. Ageing: Four dimensions of a society for all ages (LC/DEM/G.174)/1999, Año Internacional de las Personas de Edad. Envejecimiento: cuatro facetas de una sociedad para todas las edades (LC/DEM/G.174).

Latin America: life tables, 1950-2025. Demographic bulletin No. 61 (LC/DEM/G.175)/América Latina: tablas de mortalidad, 1950-2025. Boletín demográfico, N° 61 (LC/DEM/G.175).

XVI Censo Nacional de Población 1992. Población mapuche. Tabulaciones especiales. Total país, Región Metropolitana, Región de la Araucanía (LC/DEM/G.178). Published jointly with the Instituto de Estudios Indígenas (Universidad de la Frontera), the National Institute of Statistics and the Corporación Nacional de Desarrollo Indígena.

Latin America: Population projections, 1970-2050. Demographic bulletin No. 62 (LC/DEM/G.180)/América Latina: proyecciones de población, 1970-2050. Boletín demográfico, N° 62 (LC/DEM/G.180).

Latin America and the Caribbean: Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. Open-Ended Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, 14-15 December 1998) (LC/DEM/G.184)/América Latina y el Caribe: examen y evaluación de la ejecución del Programa de Acción de la Conferencia Internacional sobre la Población y el Desarrollo. Reunión de la Mesa Directiva Ampliada del Comité Especial sobre Población y Desarrollo de la CEPAL (Santiago de Chile, 14 y 15 de diciembre de 1998) (LC/DEM/G.184).

Report on the Open-Ended Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC Sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, 14-15 December 1998) (LC/DEM/G.185)/Informe de la Reunión de la Mesa Directiva Ampliada del Comité Especial sobre Población y Desarrollo del período de sesiones de la CEPAL (Santiago de Chile, 14 y 15 de diciembre de 1998) (LC/DEM/G.185).

Un examen de la migración internacional en la Comunidad Andina. Proyecto Sistema de Información sobre Migración Internacional en los países de la Comunidad Andina (SIMICA) (LC/G.2058-P) (LC/DEM/G.187). Publicación de las Naciones Unidas, N° de venta: S.99.II.G.28.

Latin America: Economically active population 1980-2025. Demographic bulletin, N° 64 (LC/DEM/G.188)/América Latina: población económicamente activa, 1980-2025.

Notas de población, No. 69 (LC/G.2062) (LC/DEM/G.189), June 1999.

América Latina: aspectos conceptuales de los censos del 2000, Manuales series, No. 1 (LC/L.1204-P). United Nations publication, Sales No.: S.99.II.G.9.

Migración y desarrollo en América del Norte y Centroamérica: una visión sintética, Población y desarrollo series, No. 1 (LC/L.1231-P). United Nations publication, Sales No.: S.99.II.G.22.

Envejecimiento de la población: bibliografía seleccionada (LC/L.1238).

América Latina y el Caribe: crecimiento económico sostenido, población y desarrollo, Población y desarrollo series, No. 2 (LC/L.1240-P). United Nations publication, Sales No.: S.99.II.G.30.

Dos artículos peregrinos sobre migración internacional (LC/DEM/R.282).

Población y gestión urbana: tres ciudades intermedias de América Latina (LC/DEM/R.284).

América Latina: la transición demográfica en los países rezagados (LC/DEM/R.286).

Uruguay: estimaciones y proyecciones de la población por sexo y edad. Total del país 1950-2050 (LC/DEM/R.287), published jointly with the National Institute of Statistics of Uruguay.

Perú: un examen de la migración internacional en la comunidad andina usando datos censales (LC/DEM/R.288).

Bolivia: un examen de la migración internacional en la comunidad andina usando datos censales (LC/DEM/R.290).

Venezuela: un examen de la migración internacional en la comunidad andina usando datos censales (LC/DEM/R.291).

Colombia: un examen de la migración internacional en la comunidad andina usando datos censales (LC/DEM/R.292).

Ecuador: un examen de la migración internacional en la comunidad andina usando datos censales (LC/DEM/R.293).

Migración internacional en América Latina y el Caribe: algunos antecedentes empíricos (LC/DEM/R.296).

Cinco años después de El Cairo. América Latina y el Caribe: logros y desafíos en la ejecución del Programa de Acción de la Conferencia Internacional sobre la Población y el Desarrollo (LC/DEM/R.297).

Vulnerabilidad social en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/DEM/R.298).

Vulnerabilidad demográfica y desventajas sociales: el caso de Chile (LC/DEM/R.299).

Identificación de poblaciones objetivo en el análisis de la salud reproductiva: el caso de Bolivia (LC/DEM/R.300).

La migración interna y sus efectos en dieciséis ciudades de Chile (LC/DEM/R.302).

Demografía I, Carlos Welti (ed.), Latin American Programme of Population Activities, book published jointly with the Institute of Social Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, 1997.

Demografía II, Carlos Welti (ed.), Latin American Programme of Population Activities, book published jointly with the Institute of Social Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, 1998.

(b) Computer programs

REDATAM for Windows (WinR+), including an urban planning application (ZonPlan). Version 1.1. Languages: Spanish and English.

REDATAM for Windows (WinR+), including a beta version for database management. Version 1.2. Language: Spanish.

Two-volume CD-ROM, Bancos bibliográficos latinoamericanos y del Caribe IV, produced jointly by DOCPAL (Latin American Population Documentation System), the National CD-ROM Publishing Centre (CENEDIC) of the University of Colima, and UNESCO. Language: Spanish.

(c) Articles in outside publications

“Los temas demográficos en los censos de América Latina”, Juan Chackiel, Seminario Internacional sobre Censo de Población y Vivienda del Año 2000 (revised and expanded edition), published by the National Bureau of Statistics and UNFPA, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, January 1998.

“Los temas demográficos en los censos de América Latina”, Juan Chackiel, O Censo 2000 no Mercosul. Segundo Seminario de Trabajo, published by UNFPA and the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute, Rio de Janeiro, December 1998.

“Población y ambiente”, Prospectiva y población, Jorge Rodríguez, Santiago, Chile, Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, 1998.

“Población y educación”, Prospectiva y población, Susana Schkolnik and Marcela Gajardo, Santiago de Chile, Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, 1998.

“Concepciones teóricas acerca de las interrelaciones de población y desarrollo: el debate diacrónico de Malthus y Marx”, Miguel Villa, apuntes de clases, Serie docente del Programa de Postítulo en Población y Desarrollo Sustentable, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Chile, April 1999.

“Población, empleo y previsión social”, Jorge Rodríguez, apuntes de clases, Serie docente del Programa de Postítulo en Población y Desarrollo Sustentable, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Chile, June 1999.

“Fiscal implications of ageing societies regarding public and private pension systems”, Jorge Bravo, Population Ageing. Challenges for Policies and Programmes in Developed and Developing Countries, Robert Cliquet and Mohammed Nizamuddin (eds.), UNFPA and Population and Family Study Centre, Brussels, September 1999.

“Envejecimiento de la población chilena en el contexto de América Latina”, Miguel Villa, Chile y los adultos mayores: impacto en la sociedad del 2000, National Committee on Older Persons/National Institute of Statistics Chile, December 1999.

“América Latina 2000: la oportunidad demográfica?”, Juan Chackiel, Revista DEMOS, Carta demográfica sobre México, No. 12, 1999.

“Mortality in Latin America”, Juan Chackiel, Health and mortality issues of global concern, J. Chamie and Robert Cliquet (eds.), United Nations and Population and Family Study Centre, Brussels, 1999.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on population and housing in squatter settlements, organized jointly with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile, and attended by 35 Chilean professionals (Book No. 299, co-published with the Technical Division for Housing Research and Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile) (Santiago, Chile, 8 October 1998).

Seminar-workshop on the 2000 census round for statistical institutes in Latin America. This seminar was organized by the Population Division – CELADE to bring together the majority of executives of statistical institutes to discuss substantive and technical alternatives for the coming census round. It was attended by 29 professionals from Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, France, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela (Santiago, Chile, 13-16 October 1998).

Open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development. The meeting was attended by 60 professionals, including 46 representatives of Governments that are members of the Committee (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Chile, Panama, Mexico, Brazil, Guatemala, Peru, Venezuela, Paraguay, Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Dominican Republic). Presentation of the report on Latin America and the Caribbean: Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (LC/DEM/G.184) (Santiago, Chile, 14-15 December 1998).

Latin American and Caribbean Symposium on Older Persons, organized jointly with UNFPA and PAHO (Santiago, Chile, 8-10 September 1999).

Latin American and Caribbean seminar on civil society: contributions to the development of older persons, organized jointly with the network of programmes for older persons (Santiago, Chile, 8-10 September 1999).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Presentation of the paper entitled Los temas demográficos en los censos de América Latina and of WinR+ and ZonPlan software at the seminar on the 2000 population and housing censuses organized by the National Bureau of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia, with the participation of 45 professionals from the region (Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 26-31 January 1998).

Report on the relevance of the activities of the Regional Advisory Group on Migration in the North American and Central American countries to the work of ECLAC in the area of economic and social development. Third conference of the Group at the deputy minister level (Ottawa, Canada, 23-27 February 1998).

Presentation of the document entitled Migración y desarrollo en América del Norte y Centroamérica: una visión sintética (LC/L.1231-P), as the main paper at the seminar on international migration and development in North and Central America, organized by the Regional Advisory Group on Migration established in Puebla in 1996 (Mexico City, 21-22 May 1998).

Technical seminar on international migration and development, organized by the United Nations Population Division, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The Division participated as an expositor at the meeting on factors that generate international migration (The Hague, 29 June-3 July 1998).

Fourth discussion workshop on the year 2000 population and housing census in Mercosur countries (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 13-17 July 1998).

Presentation of paper entitled Población pobre y salud reproductiva: propuesta para una herramienta de apoyo para la planificación en salud reproductiva, published in the report of the third workshop on social research on reproductive health and sexuality, organized by the Argentine Association of Population Studies (AEPA), the Centre for Studies on the State and Society (CEDES), and the Centre for Population Studies (CENEP) (Buenos Aires, 12-14 August 1998).

Regional conference on migration (a meeting of the Regional Advisory Group on Migration set up in Puebla, which covers the Central American countries, Mexico, the United States and Canada) (Ganacoque, Canada, 6-8 October 1998).

Eleventh national symposium on population studies, organized by the Brazilian Association for Population Studies (ABEP) and the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE). The Population Division – CELADE reported on the results of its seminar-workshop on the 2000 census round for statistical institutes in Latin America, held in Santiago, Chile, from 13 to 16 October 1998 (Caxambú, Brazil, 18-24 October 1998).

Subregional meeting for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. The Population Division – CELADE played an active role in this meeting, the results of which are recorded in the report submitted to the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, held in Santiago in mid-December 1998 (Port-of-Spain, 15-20 November 1998).

Presentation of paper entitled Diseño conceptual y temas a investigar en los censos del 2000 en América Latina, at the fifth discussion workshop on the 2000 population and housing census organized by the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses of Paraguay (DGEEC), in the context of preparations for the 2000 census round in the Mercosur countries (Asunción, 2-4 December 1998).

Meeting at the deputy minister level of the fourth Regional Conference on Migration and technical meeting of the Regional Advisory Group on Migration of the North and Central American countries. The Population Division – CELADE participated in order to identify opportunities for technical assistance to the Regional Advisory Group on Migration (San Salvador, 25-29 January 1999 and 27-29 October 1999).

Presentation of the regional report on implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, entitled *Latin America and the Caribbean: Review*

and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development” (LC/DEM/C.184), at the Hague Forum (The Hague, 8-12 February 1999).

Technical advisory services to the Chairperson of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development in connection with the presentation of the report on the position of the countries of the region at the thirty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development organized by the Population Division of the United Nations, as a contribution to the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (New York, 22-30 March 1999).

Report on the activities of the Population Division – CELADE and on progress made in processing data from the 1990 census round on international migration in the Andean Community countries, at the seminar on the Information System on International Migration in Countries of the Andean Community (SIMICA) organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) (Quito, 29-30 March 1999).

General Assembly Preparatory Committee on ICPD+5 (New York, 22-29 June 1999) and special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (New York, 30 June-2 July 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental agencies

The Population Division – CELADE collaborated with UNFPA in the following activities: (a) implementation of project RLA/96/P17, CELADE/UNFPA Regional Programme, 1996-1999; (b) preparations for the regional review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, including preparation of a draft report based on the report of the Caribbean countries which was discussed at the December 1998 meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development. On the basis of the conclusions and observations of this meeting, regional reports were drawn up which served as the basis for the reports submitted to the General Assembly Preparatory Committee on ICPD+5 (New York, 22-29 June 1999) and the special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (New York, 30 June-2 July 1999); (c) implementation of project INT/96/P21, Support to Global Programme of Training in Population and Sustainable Development, by providing teaching staff for the graduate program on population and sustainable development at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile during 1998 and 1999; (d) two seminars on the 2000 census round; (e) two parallel seminars on older persons; (f) preparation of a report on youth, for submission to the ECLAC session Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development in April 2000; and (g) workshop on the use and management of WinR+/SIG for Caribbean professionals, held in Saint Lucia from 23 to 31 July 1998, as a contribution to the activities of projects CAR/97/P07, Support to population research advocacy, database development, and training activities, and CAR/94/P02, Integration of population into development planning in the Caribbean subregion.

With the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), in connection with IDB/CELADE project BID/98/S28, Regional support programme on the use of demographic data in the preparation, implementation and assessment of social projects (Phase II); and in promoting a project on the region's population and housing censuses in the context of the 2000 round.

Argentina

With the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC), in defining conceptual and operational aspects of the population and housing census.

Bolivia

With the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, in the preparation of a programme of reform of the health sector and in providing advisory services to the programme on the system of social indicators (SISAPS), in the context of the IDB/CELADE project.

With the National Institute of Statistics (INE), in the preparation of a timetable for the national population and housing census.

Brazil

With the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE), in the creation of a database using REDATAM (Retrieval of data for small areas by microcomputer) for the agricultural census in Rio de Janeiro.

Costa Rica

With the Central American Population Programme of the University of Costa Rica, in establishing guidelines for two workshops on dissemination of population information on the Web (San José, 13-16 February 1999).

Haiti

With the Government, on census issues, in the context of IDB/CELADE project BID/98/S28, Regional support programme in the use of demographic data in the preparation, implementation, and assessment of social projects (Phase II).

Nicaragua

With the Fund for Emergency Social Investment (FISE) and other social investment projects in León and Chinandega, in the context of the IDB/CELADE project.

With FISE and the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses, in generating a database with REDATAM for Windows (WinR+) and related cartographic software.

Peru

With the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI), in conjunction with UNFPA and IDB, in regard to the following: (a) implementation of the programme for the improvement of surveys and the measurement of living conditions in Latin America and the Caribbean (MECOVI), in conducting socio-demographic research based on the data obtained from the national household survey

(ENAH0); (b) development and application of methodologies for obtaining geographically disaggregated indicators; (c) study of adolescent fertility; (d) workshop on socio-demographic estimates for small areas; and (e) follow up to preparatory activities relating to the 2000 census round.

Suriname

With the community development fund, in preparing data and indicators to be used in generating a poverty map, in the context of the IDB/CELADE project.

With the Government, in providing technical assistance for the 2000 census and assessing preparatory activities, in the context of the IDB/CELADE project.

(iv) Training and fellowships

(a) Graduate courses and regional courses

During 1998 and 1999 the Population Division – CELADE provided, teaching staff for the eighth and ninth graduate programmes in population and sustainable development of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile. The Division participated in the programme's academic committee, selection of participants, teaching of several courses, and advisory services to working groups. The 1998 course was attended by 22 professionals from Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Equatorial Guinea, and Sao Tomé. The 1999 course was attended by 21 professionals from Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, and Mozambique.

Twenty-first and twenty-second intensive regional courses on demographic analysis for development (Santiago, 17 August-17 December 1998 and 1999). In 1998, 18 professionals from Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, and Venezuela attended. Ten professionals from Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Venezuela attended in 1999.

(b) Workshops on REDATAM for Windows (WinR+)

Workshop on the use of REDATAM for Windows (WinR+) and ZonPlan, for the following institutions:

- 8 Chilean municipalities and public and private organizations, with the participation of 16 professionals (Santiago, Chile, 25-29 May 1998).
- Central Statistics and Informatics Office (OCEI), with the participation of 16 Venezuelan professionals (Caracas, 29 June-10 July, 1998).
- 12 Chilean municipalities and public and private organizations, with the participation of 14 Chilean professionals (Santiago, Chile, 3-7 August 1998).

Workshops on the use of REDATAM for Windows (WinR+), for the following institutions:

- Association of regional municipalities, with the participation of 22 Chilean professionals (Chillán, Chile, 22-29 June 1998).

- Municipality of Providencia in the Metropolitan Region of Chile, with the participation of 14 Chilean professionals (Santiago, Chile, 13-17 October 1998).
- 14 Chilean municipalities and public and private organizations, with the participation of 15 professionals from Chile and 1 from Bolivia (Santiago, Chile, 9-13 November 1998).
- National Institute of Statistics and Censuses, with the participation of 27 Nicaraguan professionals (Managua, 17-21 May 1999).
- Public and private universities and organizations, with the participation of 13 professionals (9 from local governments in Chile and 4 from Argentina, Ecuador, Brazil, and Mexico) (Santiago, Chile, 7-11 June 1999).
- Francisco de Aguirre University, with the participation of 12 professionals from the public sector in the Fourth Region of Chile (La Serena, Chile, 9 August 1999).

Workshop on the use of WinR+ as a tool for social policy design, with the participation of 25 professionals from Saint Lucia, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Guyana, Saint Kitts, Suriname, Bahamas, Grenada, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua (Castries, Saint Lucia, 23-31 July 1998).

Basic workshops on the use of WinR+ as a decision-making tool, with the participation of (a) 12 professionals (11 from local governments in Chile and one from Brazil) (Santiago, Chile, 19-23 April 1999); (b) 14 professionals (11 from Chile and one each from Argentina, Ecuador, and Peru) (Santiago, Chile, 4-8 October 1999; and (c) 24 officials of municipalities in the First Region of Chile (Iquique, Chile, 19-22 October 1999).

Advanced workshop on the use of WinR+ to generate databases and process socio-demographic indicators, with the participation of: (a) 13 professionals (9 from local governments in Chile and 4 from Brazil, Ecuador, Uruguay, and Venezuela) (Santiago, Chile, 5-12 May 1999); and (b) 9 professionals from Bolivia, Chile, Peru, and Venezuela (Santiago, Chile, 7-14 July 1999).

Course on the establishment of criteria for creating social indicators with REDATAM software, with the participation of 12 Brazilian professionals (Brazil, 28 June-3 July 1999).

(c) Training courses and workshops in specific areas

Course on appraisal and estimation of demographic data, Programme of Specialization in Demographic Analysis (ESPANDEM), at Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, with the participation of 12 professionals (Lima, 23 February-1 March 1998).

Series of lectures on population and health; sources of demographic data; mortality, fertility and reproductive health, and population and the environment, at the School of Public Health of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 3 April-15 May 1998).

Module on population, development, and gender, with special reference to the case of Chile, as part of the Inter-disciplinary Programme on Gender Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, May-June 1998).

Workshop on analysis of international migration with the use of census information (an activity envisaged in the agreement with the International Organization for Migration (IOM)), with the participation of 5 professionals from universities, statistical offices, and the public sector of Bolivia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia (Santiago, Chile, 20 April-15 May 1998).

Practical workshop on targeting, follow-up, and evaluation of micro-social projects, at the Centre for Population Studies (CEP) of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón, with the participation of 36 Bolivian professionals (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 25-31 October 1998).

Workshop on population, poverty, and reproductive health, with the participation of 20 professionals from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Chile, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela. WinR+ was used for processing data (Santiago, Chile, 16-20 November 1998).

Subregional workshop on dissemination of information on the Internet, with the participation of 12 professionals from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela (Santiago, Chile, 30 November-4 December 1998).

Workshops on population information on the Internet, organized by the Population Division – CELADE and the Central American Population Programme, with funding from the United Nations Population Information Network (POPIN), with the participation of: (a) 11 professionals, 3 from Costa Rica, 2 from Nicaragua, and 6 from Panama (San José, Costa Rica, 14-16 February 1999); and (b) 11 professionals, 2 from Dominican Republic, 2 from Guatemala, 2 from Honduras, and 5 from Mexico (San José, Costa Rica, 18-23 February 1999).

Collaboration with the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information (INEGI) of Mexico, in conducting the regional training workshop on geographical databases, with the participation of 15 Mexican professionals (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 19 May 1999).

Teaching of two modules in the training workshop for trainers on civil registration and vital statistics systems, organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (Bangkok, 13-24 September 1999).

Course on assessment and adjustment of data in the master's degree programme of the Centre for Advanced Studies of the National University of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina, 9-13 November 1999).

(d) Support for programmes of national universities and collaboration in teaching at other institutions

The Population Division – CELADE collaborated with the following institutions in Argentina: (a) Centre for Advanced Studies of the National University of Córdoba, in preparing a study on Bolivian immigration in the city of Córdoba; (b) University of Catamarca, on the use of the LRPM model and PRODEM (demographic projections) software; (c) authorities of Buenos Aires province, in the design of a project for institutionalizing the incorporation of population factors in long-term development programming; (d) the Office of the Under-Secretary for Population of the Ministry of the Interior, in preparing a programme of work on population and migration; and (e) the National University of Córdoba, in the creation of a WinR+ database using the Comuna Río Primero 1998 database.

Collaboration with the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in digitalizing cartographic data for Brazil, at the state level, with the Atlas GIS-BNA format, for use with WinR+.

Collaboration with the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) of Brazil, in providing population data on five Latin American countries for 1940 and 1945.

Collaboration with the Sociology Department of the University of Western Ontario, Canada, in preparing a study of internal migration in Latin America.

Collaboration with the following Chilean institutions: (a) Division of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education, in conducting a study on availability and employability of professionals in Chile; (b) Institute for Indigenous Studies, Universidad de la Frontera, National Statistical Institute and National Corporation for Indigenous Development, on the publication entitled XVI Censo Nacional de Población 1992. Población Mapuche. Tabulaciones especiales, Total país, Región Metropolitana, Región de la Araucanía (LC/DEM/G.178); (c) University of Concepción, Chile, in the design of methodologies and tools for a study on international migration of Chileans; (d) Interdisciplinary Gender Studies Programme of the University of Chile, in conducting a study of women in the work force in the region of Antofagasta; (e) Regional Ministerial Office of Housing and Urban Planning, Sixth Region, in preparing a methodology for allocating resources by districts in the housing sector; (f) District Secretariat for Planning and Coordination, Independencia municipality, Metropolitan Region, in preparing projections of school population; (g) Tiempo non-governmental organization, in preparing the agenda for the NGO meeting parallel to the Latin American and Caribbean Symposium on Older Persons; (h) Regional Secretariat for Planning and Coordination (SERPLAC), Fourth Region, in revising and editing REDATAM statistical software for Windows (WinR+) for the identification of unmet basic needs; (i) Ministry of Public Works providing training on demographic data and digital cartography systems, and Universidad Austral de Chile, Valdivia, in connection with a study of decentralization and equity in the Los Lagos region; (j) Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN), in conducting a study on demographic projections for Chilean cities (SEPLAC); (k) municipality of Trehuaco, in setting up and troubleshooting WinR+ software; (l) municipality of Talcahuano, in creating a database in WinR+ format; (m) University of Concepción, in processing census data on poverty in the district of the Bío Bío region; (n) National Committee for Older Persons of the Office of the President of the Republic, on inclusion of socio-demographic inputs in substantive components of the regular programme of work; (o) National Statistical Institute, in creating a WinR+ database and processing data from the 1995 and 1996 national survey of industries; and (p) the National Congress, by giving lectures on population and development issues.

Collaboration with the University of California and the Fulbright Foundation, United States of America, by providing advisory services on the preparation of a study on social welfare reforms in Chile.

Collaboration with the Centre for Studies on Population and Social Development (CEPAR) in Ecuador, in digitalizing cartographic data for Ecuador, at the municipal and provincial levels, in Atlas GIS-BNA format, for use with WinR+.

Collaboration with the Master's programme in geography at the University of Paris, I-Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, in processing and analysing Chilean census data for a study on international migration.

Collaboration with the University of Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, in designing activities and preparing classes on population and development.

Collaboration with the University of the Republic of Uruguay, in preparing a study on international migration, based on data from the Investigation of International Migration in Latin America (IMILA).

Collaboration with the SIGEL project (information systems for local management) of the Central Statistics and Informatics Office (OCEI) of Venezuela, in the use of WinR+.

SUBPROGRAMME 9: ECONOMIC STATISTICS AND PROJECTIONS

During the biennium 1998-1999 the Economic Statistics and Projections Division carried out activities in the following areas: (i) expanding the regional framework of statistical information; (ii) development and dissemination of statistical information; (iii) regional cooperation on statistical matters; and (iv) forward-looking studies on development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the region's participation in the world arena.

With respect to the first of these areas, the activities of the Division have included the following: continued expansion and strengthening of the regional structure of statistical information, as a result of the consolidation, amplification and dynamic operation of the Regional Short-term Indicators Database (BADECOY), and by setting up a short-term financial database and another containing quarterly gross domestic product figures; the definitive incorporation of the latest international statistical classifications based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) for international trade data; the creation of an External Debt Database for the countries of the region; the incorporation of new surveys in the Household Survey Data Bank (BADEHOG), together with systemization and documentation of the contents of the data bank and definition of expeditious user access mechanisms; and implementation of a gradual migration to an Excel 95/97 computer platform for the databases of the tables contained in the Statistical Year Book of Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, the adaptation of the balance of payments data bank to the new concepts and methods for compiling the regional national accounts series, in relation to the new base year 1995, is in full swing.

As regards the development and dissemination of statistical information, support continued for the regional implementation of a new revision of the System of National Accounts (SNA 1993). To facilitate this adaptation, the Division took part in the Spanish translation and the creation of a glossary of national accounts terminology widely used in the region; the translation was adapted and officially published by the United Nations. Actions have also been initiated to standardize the calculation of consumer price indices in the countries of the region, and progress has been made in disseminating information via electronic media (diskettes, CD-ROM and online access via Internet and Intranet) which affords direct use to users. A workshop was held on the technology of electronic commerce in statistical data via Internet (Santiago, Chile, 24 to 28 May 1999). In the household survey area, special mention should be made of the Division's extensive participation in the activities of the MECOVI programme to improve surveys on living conditions in Latin America and the Caribbean, co-sponsored by ECLAC, IDB and the World Bank and aimed at improving living conditions in the region. This participation includes providing technical assistance to countries to improve their surveys, training local technical staff, holding regional workshops for discussion and analysis, and the formation of databases.

Apart from this, improvements have been made to methods for estimating income distribution and poverty, and in calculating new indices of unit value for international trade. Special attention continued to be given to the development of computer systems to allow access to users, without third party support, to the annual and short-term statistical databases of ECLAC and to technical documents. In this connection, a system has been put into practice for the retrieval and analysis of data from the External Trade Data Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean (BADECEL), from the Balance-of-Payments Data Bank (BADEPAG) and from the Regional Short-term Indicators Database (BADECOY).

As regards regional cooperation on statistical matters, a meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas was held in Santiago, Chile, from 24 to 26 March 1999. This meeting gave approval to the "Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1999-2000", and to the

establishment of a new institutional framework involving the creation of the Statistical Conference of the Americas as an ECLAC subsidiary body. This will be submitted for approval by member countries at the twenty-eighth session of ECLAC, to be held in Mexico City in April 2000. Apart from this, several projects are going on in relation to the formation of statistical databases, household surveys, improvements to national accounts, the production of basic statistics and social programmes and policies. In this sphere, special mention should be made of progress made in the following areas of work: the adaptation, enhancement and production of basic statistics in the framework of a regional strategy for implementing SNA 1993; environmental statistics and indicators; poverty statistics and indicators; and statistics on services. In the training area, a regional seminar on national accounts, dealing with the preparation of accounts for institutional sectors, was held in Rio de Janeiro between 23 and 27 November 1998 in conjunction with the United Nations Statistics Division and the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE). In addition, a technical seminar on consumer price indices was held in Santiago, Chile, from 21 to 23 April 1999.

Four regional workshops were held in the framework of the MECOVI programme. The first of these, on planning and undertaking household surveys to measure living conditions, was held in Aguascalientes, Mexico, from 1 to 3 April 1998. The second, on the measurement of income in household surveys was held in Buenos Aires from 10 to 13 November 1998. The third, on the measurement of expenditure in household surveys was held in Aguascalientes, Mexico from 20 to 28 May 1999; and the fourth and final regional workshop dealt with the poverty-line method for measuring poverty and was held in Buenos Aires from 16 to 19 November 1999. Apart from these, two other meetings were held: one consisted of an international workshop on poverty organized in conjunction with the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information (INEGI) of Mexico (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 24 August to 4 September 1998), and the second was the Rio Group meeting on poverty statistics, organized in conjunction with the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) and the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Portugal (Lisbon, 22 to 24 November 1999).

Lastly, in forward-looking studies on development and the region's participation in the world arena, the focus was on reviewing external elements that influence economic trends and medium-term prospects in Latin America the Caribbean; and secondly, on analysing their linkages with the world economy, with a view to anticipating possible economic growth trends for each country and the region as a whole. In this connection, national macroeconomic projections were updated and the regional economy was monitored in the framework of Project Link, which coordinates world economic projections under the leadership of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

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América Latina y el Caribe: series estadísticas sobre comercio de servicios 1980-1997, Cuadernos estadísticos series, No. 26 (LC/G.2023-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.98.II.G.8.

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Informe final. Seminario regional de cuentas nacionales sobre la elaboración de cuentas para sectores institucionales (Rio de Janeiro, 23-27 November 1998) (LC/L.1168).

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Primer Taller regional “Planificación y desarrollo de encuestas de hogares para la medición de las condiciones de vida” (Aguascalientes, México, 1-3 April 1998) (LC/R.1826)

Pobreza y desigualdad de género. Una propuesta para el diseño de indicadores (LC/R.1828)

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales. Segundo trimestre de 1998 (LC/R.1829).

Base de coyuntura financiera. Información disponible a septiembre de 1998 (LC/R.1850).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales. Tercer trimestre de 1998 (LC/R.1863).

Proyecciones latinoamericanas 1998-1999 (LC/R.1866).

Banco de coyuntura. Series trimestrales y mensuales del Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) (LC/R.1867).

Base de coyuntura financiera. Información disponible a diciembre de 1998 (LC/R.1871).

Directorio de expertos en cuentas nacionales de los países de América Latina y el Caribe, 1998 (LC/R.1874).

Países industrializados: resumen de las proyecciones 1998-1999 (LC/R.1875).

Base de coyuntura financiera. Información disponible a enero de 1999 (LC/R.1877).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales. Cuarto trimestre de 1998 (LC/R.1878).

Segundo Taller regional “Medición del ingreso en las encuestas de hogares” (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 10-13 November 1998) (LC/R.1886).

Base de coyuntura financiera. Información disponible a marzo de 1999 (LC/R.1887).

Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1999-2000 (LC/R.1888(Sem.88/2))/Programa de trabajo estadístico internacional para América Latina y el Caribe, 1999-2000 (LC/R.1888(Sem.88/2)).

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An integrated regional training programme: Needs and feasibility (LC/R.1890(Sem.88/4))/Un programa de capacitación integrado y regional: necesidad y factibilidad (LC/R.1890(Sem.88/4)).

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Activities of the Statistical Commission of the United Nations (LC/R.1892(Sem.88/6))/Actividades de la Comisión de Estadística de las Naciones Unidas (LC/R.1892(Sem.88/6)).

Proposal for the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (LC/R.1893(Sem.88/7))/Propuesta para el establecimiento de la conferencia estadística de las Américas (LC/R.1893(Sem.88/7)).

Report of activities related to the Programme of International Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1997-1998 (LC/R.1894(Sem.88/8))/Informe de actividades relacionadas con el Programa de trabajo estadístico internacional para América Latina y el Caribe, 1997-1998. Presentado por la CEPAL en la tercera reunión conjunta OEA/CEPAL en materia de estadística. (LC/R.1894(Sem.88/8)).

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Base de coyuntura financiera. Información disponible a abril de 1999 (LC/R.1903).

Banco de coyuntura. Series trimestrales y mensuales del Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) (I-1999) (LC/R.1908).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales. Primer trimestre de 1999 (LC/R.1909).

Base de coyuntura financiera. Información disponible a mayo de 1999 (LC/R.1913).

América Latina: índices de precios al consumidor 1970-1998 (LC/R.1915).

Base de coyuntura financiera. Información disponible a junio de 1999 (LC/R.1919).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales. Tercer trimestre de 1999 (LC/R.1937).

Banco de coyuntura. Series trimestrales y mensuales del Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) (III-1999) (LC/R.1939).

Base de coyuntura financiera. Información disponible a octubre de 1999 (LC/R.1941).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

First Regional workshop on the planning and conduct of household surveys to assess living conditions, organized jointly with IDB and the World Bank, sponsored by the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information (INEGI) of Mexico, in the framework of the programme to improve surveys on living conditions in Latin America and the Caribbean (MECOVI) (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 1 to 3 April 1998).

Workshop on integrated environmental and economic accounting (Santiago, Chile, 20 to 24 April 1998).

Expert group meeting on poverty statistics, sponsored by the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) (Rio de Janeiro, 13 to 15 May 1998).

Meeting to analyse the results of the programme of international price comparison in Latin America, organized jointly with the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 11 and 12 June 1998).

Regional workshops on poverty, organized jointly with INEGI of Mexico (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 24 August to 4 September 1998).

Second regional workshop in the MECOVI programme on measuring income in household surveys, organized in conjunction with the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 10 to 13 November 1998).

Workshop on developing environmental land/soil indicators, organized jointly with the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information (INEGI) of Mexico (Santiago, Chile, 11 to 13 November 1998).

Regional national accounts seminar, organized jointly with the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) and the United Nations Statistics Division (Rio de Janeiro, 23 to 27 November 1998).

Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas (Santiago, Chile, 24 to 26 March 1999).

Second technical seminar on consumer price indices, organized jointly with the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 21 to 23 April 1999).

Third regional workshop in the MECOVI programme on measuring expenditure in household surveys, organized in collaboration with INEGI of Mexico (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 20 to 28 May 1999).

Workshop on the technology of electronic commerce in statistical information via Internet, organized by ECLAC and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) (Santiago, Chile, 24 to 28 May 1999).

Fourth regional MECOVI workshop on “Measuring poverty: the poverty-line method”, organized jointly with the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) (Buenos Aires, 16 to 19 November 1999).

Meeting of the Rio group on poverty statistics, organized jointly with the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) and the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Portugal (Lisbon, 22 to 24 November 1999).

Participation in other meetings, expert group and conferences

Presentation on “Expectations of economic growth” in the round table on the region’s economic growth prospects, in the framework of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Forum organized by the Venezuelan National Committee of the World Energy Council (Caracas, 11 and 12 February 1998).

Meetings in the Link Project, organized by the United Nations (New York, 13 to 19 March 1998; 2 to 8 May 1999).

Presentation on “The economy from the gender viewpoint”, in the Week of the Economist, organized by the Paraguayan Association of Economics Graduates, the Department of Women’s Affairs and the Office of the President of the Republic (Paraguay, 21 to 24 May 1998).

Annual meeting of the project “Installation and permanent updating of the Internet server for Mercosur and associate countries (Bolivia and Chile)”, organized by the National Institute for the Improvement of Science Teaching (INEC) of Argentina and ECLAC (Buenos Aires, 31 May to 3 June 1998).

Meetings on redesigning the permanent household survey of Argentina and for the launch in Buenos Aires of Social Panorama of Latin America. 1997 Edition, organized by the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina and ECLAC (Buenos Aires, 2 to 5 June 1998).

Presentation on the informal sector in Latin America, in the Latin American seminar on the measurement of informal sector statistics, organized by the National Bureau of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia (Cartegena, Colombia, 8 to 12 June 1998).

Conference in the Project Link organized by the United Nations (Rio de Janeiro, 14 to 18 September 1998).

Presentation on comments made by ECLAC on the ILO proposal for measuring income from commerce at the sixteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians, organized by ILO (Geneva, 4 to 16 October 1998).

Tenth international seminar of the Department of Rural Economics, at the Federal University of Viçosa. Presentation on the impact of the Asian crisis in Latin America (Viçosa, Brazil, 29 to 31 October 1998).

Meeting to discuss changes in consumer price indices in the countries of Mercosur, organized by the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) (Rio de Janeiro, 8 to 12 December 1998).

Tripartite meeting between ECLAC, UNDP and the Bureau of Statistics and Censuses (DGEC) of Panama, in the project PAN/93/002 "Improving the national accounting system and the compilation of basic statistics" (Panama City, 23 to 27 February 1999).

Thirtieth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (New York, 28 February to 6 March 1999).

Meeting of the Canberra group on measuring household income (Ottawa, 5 to 10 June 1999).

Presentation on the External Trade Data Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean (BADECEL) and problems in estimating trade indices, in the international seminar "Trade statistics meeting", organized by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (Paris, 8 and 9 June 1999).

First technical coordination workshop for the member countries of the MECOVI programme, organized by IDB, the World Bank and ECLAC (Lima, 15 to 19 June 1999).

Ninth international workshop on poverty, organized by INEGI. Support provided in organizing the workshop, with classes given on the conceptualization, measurement and analysis of poverty (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 18 to 29 July 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental organizations

IDB and World Bank

With IDB and World Bank, consultancy services provided to the MECOVI programme, as recommended by the programme's coordination committee for the improvement of surveys and measurement of living conditions in Latin America and Caribbean.

Argentina

With the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC), in the re-formulation of the permanent household survey; on the measurement of income in household surveys; and in the administration and periodic updating of the Internet server for Mercosur and associate countries (Bolivia and Chile).

With the Government, to hold working meetings with directors and technical staff at the National Accounts Office the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Public Works and Services, to evaluate the change in the national accounts base year.

With the Under-Secretariat for Macroeconomic Programming of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Public Works and Services, in revising the methodologies for calculating historical national accounts series and for adjusting industrial output figures.

Bolivia

With the Government, together with IDB and the World Bank, to assess the possible admission of Bolivia to the MECOVI programme.

Brazil

With the Government, through the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) and the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE), on measuring poverty in Brazil.

Costa Rica

With the Bureau of Statistics and Censuses (DGEC) to redesign the household surveys programme.

Ecuador

With the Central Bank to review the preparation of balance of payment statistics in Ecuador, in accordance with the fifth edition of the IMF Balance of Payment Manual.

With the Government, National Women's Council (CONAMU), on gender statistics.

Mexico

With the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information (INEGI), on the measurement of poverty.

Nicaragua

With the Ministry of Labour to review the employment survey.

Panama

With the Statistics and Census Office on the topic of household surveys.

Paraguay

With the Department of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses, for the periodic updating of short-term databases, and in the area of household surveys.

Uruguay

With the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries, to design a household survey for the rural area.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Lecture on “Distributional mobility in Latin America: evidence and indications for public policy” at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Washington D.C., 13 to 17 October 1998).

Lecture on “Reflections on the development and accountability of the State”, in the programme of collaboration with the Institute of Industrial Economy at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro, 24 to 28 January 1999).

Lecture on “Information management for socioeconomic development in the digital era-state-of-the-art and foreseeable future”, at the in-service training centre of the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the National University of Asunción (Asunción, 6 to 8 May 1999).

SUBPROGRAMME 10: SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

During the 1998-1999 biennium, ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico expanded its studies on a number of issues, including regional and hemisphere-wide integration, macroeconomic policies and growth, sustainable technological development in agricultural production, industrial competitiveness, new modalities of participation on the international market, policies on social development and equity, and integration in the field of energy.

Technical cooperation activities received special attention, and were carried out in a number of areas with the collaboration of governmental and regional agencies. At the request of the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA) and the drinking water and sanitation authorities of the Central American countries, studies were conducted on developments in the drinking water sector in the subregion. A proposal for institutional re-engineering of the Regional Coordination Committee of Drinking Water and Sanitation Institutions of Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic (CAPRE) was drawn up. In the context of technical cooperation, the subregional headquarters also collaborated with the Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA), offering support to Guatemala in connection with the analysis of economic and financial issues and with the registry of urban and rural properties.

The subregional headquarters played a special role in the coordination of ECLAC activities in response to the emergency situations caused by natural disasters that affected several countries of the region during the biennium. In this regard, a number of studies were carried out, both at the national level and for the subregion as a whole, in order to assess the damage caused by hurricane Mitch in the Central American economies and to identify rehabilitation and reconstruction measures that were needed. Studies were also conducted to assess the damage caused by hurricane Georges in the Dominican Republic with a view to making a quantitative estimate of the repercussions of this disaster on the country's development and preparing project profiles for reconstruction efforts. Studies were also made of the impact of the "El Niño" phenomenon on the Central American and Andean economies, in connection with which technical cooperation was provided to Costa Rica and Ecuador, and on the socio-economic impact of the earthquake that hit Quindío and Risaralda departments in the coffee-growing region of Colombia.

In the area of saving, investment and economic growth, the focus was on a review of macroeconomic policies and the coordination of fiscal and monetary policies designed to encourage saving. The economic development section prepared a study and organized a meeting of experts on the impact of tax incentives on savings and investment in Central America, as well as a seminar at which the fiscal situation and the possibilities for a fiscal covenant were considered from the subregional perspective. In addition, regular activities were continued, including the annual study of economic trends in the ten countries of the subregion and the publication of the report on the economic situation of Mexico. A study was conducted on structural reform and the performance of the Cuban economy during the 1990s, and another one dealt with social policy, the macroeconomy and the productive base in Honduras.

A number of activities were undertaken in regard to industrial competitiveness and agricultural modernization. These included a number of studies, as well as expert meetings on institutional change and organizational development of small rural production units in Central America, promotion and modernization of the agroexport sector in the Central American isthmus, and analysis of land markets in El Salvador and Guatemala. In connection with the industrial sector, studies were made of the maquila industry and of the relationship between industry and the environment, both referring to the subregion. An

expert meeting was organized on industry, trade and the environment and their relation to sustainable development, and the annual study on trends in the industrial sector in Central America was prepared. In addition, technical cooperation and training activities were carried out in connection with the application of the Module for the Analysis of Growth of International Commerce (MAGIC).

Activities in regard to labour markets, gender and equity focused on two major themes. On the one hand, in the context of project HOL/97/S76, Remittances and family economy, studies were conducted on the socio-economic impact, in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, of family remittances from abroad. National meetings were held in the individual countries and a regional expert meeting for the Central American area was organized. Two studies were conducted, one on technology and poverty in the Central American isthmus, and the other one on the social impact of globalization on the peasant economy, and an expert meeting was held on these subjects. In addition, the subregional headquarters organized the Central American Preparatory Meeting for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Work in the areas of international trade and regional economic integration and cooperation was centred on the analysis of trade policies in the Central American isthmus, trends in Central American integration, trade liberalization and environmental prospects for Central America, and institutional and commercial aspects of the establishment of the Free Trade Area of the Americas. In this connection, several studies were conducted, and two expert meetings were organized, one to analyse the consequences of trade liberalization and economic complementation agreements in relation to the convergence of integration processes and open regionalism, and the other one on problems of adjustment and transition costs arising from the introduction of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), and measures proposed to mitigate such costs. In addition, the subregional headquarters continued supporting the work of the FTAA Consultative Group on Smaller Economies. In the context of project HOL/97/S86, regional programme to promote trade in services in Central America, several studies were conducted, and an expert meeting was held on tourism in the Central American isthmus and the Dominican Republic.

Finally, in the energy sector, a pre-feasibility study was made on the gas pipeline for Mexico and the Central American isthmus and a study was prepared on reform processes in the electricity industry in the subregion and its short- and medium-term prospects. Statistical yearbooks were published on hydrocarbons and electricity, and technical cooperation was provided, mainly to the secretariat of the Central American Committee for Cooperation on Hydrocarbons and to the Central American Electrification Council.

SAVING, INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

(i) Documents

Nicaragua: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.349).

Panamá: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.350).

Honduras: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.351).

Cuba: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.352).

Costa Rica: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.353).

Guatemala: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.354).

República Dominicana: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.355).

Centroamérica: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.356).

El Salvador: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.357).

Haití: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.358)

México: evolución económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.361).

Honduras: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.381).

Panamá: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.383).

Nicaragua: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.385).

República Dominicana: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.386).

El Salvador: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.388).

Costa Rica: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.389).

Haití: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.390).

México: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.391).

Cuba: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.392)

Guatemala: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.393).

Centroamérica: evolución económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.398).

Incentivos tributarios, ahorro e inversión en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/L.407).

Incentivos tributarios, ahorro e inversión en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.669/Add.1). Anexo estadístico (LC/MEX/L.407/Add.1).

Libro - Propuesta de reingeniería del CAPRE, tendencias y desafíos del sector de agua potable y saneamiento (LC/MEX/L.408).

México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Cuatro trimestre de 1997 (LC/MEX/R.640).

El fenómeno “El Niño”: su naturaleza y los riesgos asociados a su presencia recurrente (LC/MEX/R.641).

Honduras: políticas sociales, macroeconomía y base productiva. Estudio especial de las Naciones Unidas (LC/MEX/R.649/Rev.1).

Honduras: indicadores seleccionados sobre políticas sociales, macroeconomía y base productiva (LC/MEX/R.659).

México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Primer semestre de 1998 (LC/MEX/R.660).

México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Tercer trimestre de 1998 (LC/MEX/R.667).

Incentivos tributarios, ahorro e inversión en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.669(SEM. 89/1)).

Incentivos tributarios, ahorro e inversión en Centroamérica. Anexo estadístico (LC/MEX/R.669/Add.1).

México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Primer trimestre de 1999 (LC/MEX/R.702).

Guatemala: evolución de la Agenda de los 100 días para la rehabilitación de los daños ocasionados por el Huracán Mitch (LC/MEX/R.723).

El arrendamiento: un mecanismo para financiar el desarrollo económico (LC/MEX/R.726).

México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Tercer trimestre de 1999 (LC/MEX/R.741).

La economía cubana: reformas estructurales y desempeño en los noventa. Segunda edición, 1999 (LC/MEX/R.746).

La economía cubana: reformas estructurales y desempeño en los noventa. Segunda edición, 1999. Anexo estadístico (LC/MEX/R.746/Add.1).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Expert meeting on tax, saving and investment incentives in Central America (Mexico City, 12-13 November 1998).

Subregional seminar on “The Fiscal Covenant” (Guatemala City, 22 January, 1999).

Guatemalan national seminar on “The Fiscal Covenant” (Guatemala City, 12 January 1999).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Presentation of the book “La economía cubana: reformas estructurales y desempeño en los noventa” (Project SWE/96/S74, Detailed survey of the recent evolution of the Cuban economy), at the seminar on “Cuba Today”, organized by the Interamerican Dialogue and Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts, 13 March 1998).

Presentation on food security and integration, on the panel on macro trends in the economy and society of Central America and their impact on nutritional food safety, held at a meeting held by the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP) (Guatemala City, 15-16 June 1998).

Presentation on myths and realities of financial modernization in Central America, at the International Symposium of economists on globalization and the problems of development (Havana, 18-22 January 1999).

Preparatory meetings organized by the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA) (San Salvador, 13 April 1999 and 26-27 April 1999) for the second Meeting of the Consultative Group for the Reconstruction and Transformation of Central America (Stockholm, 23-29 May 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

With the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA), El Salvador, on institutional reform and on technical cooperation projects.

With the General Secretariat of SICA, on the preliminary report to the Regional Coordination Committee of Drinking Water and Sanitation Institutions of Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic (CAPRE).

With the deputy directors of CAPRE in Honduras, and with the member countries of CAPRE (Central America, Panama and Dominican Republic), on re-engineering of this institution.

With the General Secretariat of SICA and other Central American integration agencies, on regional strategies for dealing with natural disasters (hurricane Mitch).

With the Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA), on economic and financial issues pertaining to Guatemala.

With the Center for US-Mexican Studies, University of California at San Diego, presentation of a paper on investment in Mexico after the reforms, at the conference on Confronting Development, Assessing Mexico’s Economic and Social Policy Challenges.

Cuba

With the Government, on matters relating to the external economy.

With the Government, presentation and delivery of the book “La economía cubana: reformas estructurales y desempeño en los noventa”, at the ninth Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held in Havana, on 15 and 16 November 1999.

Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador

With the Government, through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on assessment of the damage caused by hurricane Mitch, including macroeconomic, social, population, agricultural, energy, housing, environmental, production and transport aspects, and preparation of the relevant reconstruction projects.

Guatemala

With the Government, in support of the work of the Comisión Preparatoria del Pacto Fiscal (preparatory commission on the fiscal covenant).

Nicaragua

With the Government, through the coordination unit of the Programa de Reforma y Modernización del Sector Público (UCRESEP) (programme for the reform and modernization of the public sector), on the subject of modernization and restructuring of the State.

Dominican Republic

With the Government, to identify the subjects, content and scope of a technical cooperation project on economic, social and productive development.

INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS AND AGRICULTURAL MODERNIZATION

(i) (a) Documents

Información básica del sector agropecuario, subregión norte de América Latina y el Caribe, 1980-1996 (LC/MEX/L.344).

Calidad de la inserción internacional de productos agropecuarios de Centroamérica (LC/MEX/L.345).

Centroamérica, México y República Dominicana: maquila y transformación productiva (LC/MEX/L.359).

Información básica del sector agropecuario, subregión norte de América Latina y el Caribe, 1980-1997 (LC/MEX/L.364).

Module to analyse the growth of international commerce/Sistema para analizar el crecimiento del comercio internacional (MAGIC) (LC/MEX/L.384).

Las industrias farmacéutica y farmoquímica en México y el Distrito Federal (LC/MEX/L.400).

Centroamérica: cambio institucional y desarrollo organizativo de las pequeñas unidades de producción rural (LC/MEX/L.406).

Industria y medio ambiente en México y Centroamérica. Un reto de supervivencia (LC/MEX/L.409).

Información básica del sector agropecuario, subregión norte de América Latina y el Caribe, 1980-1998 (LC/MEX/L.412).

Centroamérica: evolución del sector industrial durante 1997 (LC/MEX/R.665).

Fortalecimiento de las cadenas productivas en Centroamérica: perspectivas para la coinversión y la cooperación regional en el sector forestal (LC/MEX/R.679/Rev.1).

Centroamérica: cambio institucional y desarrollo organizativo de las pequeñas unidades de producción rural (LC/MEX/R.698).

Centroamérica: evolución del sector industrial durante 1998 (LC/MEX/R.732).

El estudio de mercado de tierras. El caso de Guatemala (LC/MEX/R.743).

Istmo Centroamericano: fomento y modernización del sector agroexportador (LC/MEX/R.745).

El mercado de tierra en El Salvador (LC/MEX/R.748).

(b) Articles in outside publications

El Salvador: trayectoria de la reforma agraria. 1980-1998, Revista Mexicana de Sociología, vol. 60, No. 4, Mexico City, Institute of Social Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, October-December 1998.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferencesOrganized by the subprogramme

Expert meeting on globalization and productivity in the peasant economies of Central America; institutional and organizational implications (Mexico City, 9 April 1999).

Expert group meeting on industry, trade and environment in relation to sustainable development in Mexico and Central America: policy implications (Mexico City, 27-28 September 1999).

Expert meeting on promotion and modernization of the agro-export sector in the Central American isthmus (Mexico City, 26-27 November 1999).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Presentation on elements of competitiveness at the seminar on industrial and hazardous waste in Mexico: policies, investment and infrastructure, organized by the Centro de Estudios Privados para el Desarrollo Sustentable (CESPEDES), the Asociación Mexicana de Control de Residuos Peligrosos (AMCRESPEC), the Confederación de Cámaras Industriales (CONCAMIN) and the Centro de Investigación de Ciencias Marítimas (CICM) (Mexico City, 28 April 1998).

Presentation of the document on Maquiladora Industries and Technical Change, at the twenty-first International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Chicago, Illinois, 24-26 September 1998).

Presentation of the document *Industria y medio ambiente en México y Centroamérica. Un reto de supervivencia* (LC/MEX/L.409), at the seminar on competitiveness, innovation and the environment, organized by the Centro Internacional de Política Económica para el Desarrollo Sostenible (CINPE) of the National University of Costa Rica (San José, 22-23 February 1999).

International workshop on transitions in land tenancy and social change; institutions, organizations and innovations in natural productive resources: land, water and forests, organized by the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS) of Mexico and the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) of France (Mexico City, 9-11 March 1999).

Presentation on policies to promote the production and export of non-traditional products in the new international economic context, at the second convention and international show of export products (Managua, 30 September-2 October 1999).

Paper on new challenges in agriculture and the new institutionality, at the thirteenth national congress of economists (Puebla, Mexico, 1 October 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperationIntergovernmental and regional agencies

With the Central American Institute of Business Administration (INCAE), on the subject of competitiveness and installation of software for the Module for the Analysis of Growth of International Commerce (MAGIC) and Competitive Analysis of Nations (CAN).

Costa Rica

With the Government, on an assessment of the impact on agriculture of the El Niño phenomenon during 1997-1998, as part of an overall assessment conducted by ECLAC.

Guatemala

With the Government, on an assessment of the 100-day agenda relating to hurricane Mitch.

With the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA), on a review of the text of preliminary drafts of the urban and rural land registry and on the creation of the Fondo de Tierras (land fund).

(iv) Training and fellowships

Organization of the course on macroeconomic statistical systems, offered by the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA) (Mexico City, 12-16 January 1998).

Training course on MAGIC software: (i) at the Institute of Economics Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), with 2 participants (Mexico City, 15 January 1998); (ii) at the Central Bank of Dominican Republic, with 15 participants (Santo Domingo, 3-7 February 1998); and (iii) at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), with 8 participants (Mexico City, 23 February 1998).

LABOUR MARKETS, GENDER AND EQUITY

(i) (a) Documents

Los sistemas informales de seguridad social: experiencias en México y el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/L.346).

Tecnología y pobreza en el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/L.376).

Efectos sociales de la globalización sobre la economía campesina: reflexiones a partir de experiencias en México, Honduras y Nicaragua (LC/MEX/L.382).

Indicadores sociales básicos de la subregión norte de América Latina y el Caribe. Edición del bienio 1998-1999 (LC/MEX/L.387).

Impacto socioeconómico de las remesas: perspectiva global para una orientación productiva de las remesas en Honduras (LC/MEX/L.403).

Análisis costo-efectividad en la mitigación de daños de desastres naturales sobre la infraestructura social (LC/MEX/R.643).

Uso productivo de las remesas en El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras y Nicaragua (LC/MEX/R.662).

Impacto socioeconómico de las remesas: perspectiva global para una orientación productiva de las remesas en Honduras (versión preliminar) (LC/MEX/R.705(SEM.95/2)).

El Salvador: uso productivo de las remesas (versión preliminar) (LC/MEX/R.707).

Nicaragua: uso productivo de las remesas familiares (LC/MEX/R.718(SEM.97/2)).

Remesas colectivas en Guatemala. Vínculos de solidaridad entre emigrantes y comunidades de origen (LC/MEX/R.720(SEM.98/2)).

Nota de la Secretaría de la Reunión Centroamericana Preparatoria para la VIII Conferencia Regional sobre la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe (LC/MEX/R.731(SEM.100/2)).

Uso productivo de las remesas familiares y comunitarias en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.740(SEM.101/2)).

Integración y convergencias de políticas sociales en el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/R.747).

(b) Articles in outside publications

“Los sistemas informales de seguridad social: experiencias en México y el Istmo Centroamericano”, Investigación Económica de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Pablo Serrano, 22 January 1998.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferencesOrganized by the subprogramme

Expert meeting on globalization in the peasant economies of Central America; social implications and technology (Mexico City, 8 April 1998).

Expert meetings on the productive use of remittances in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua (Tegucigalpa, 8 June 1999; San Salvador, 11 June 1999; Managua, 5-6 July 1999; Guatemala City, 7-10 July 1999).

Central American Preparatory Meeting for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (San Salvador, 11-12 October 1999).

Regional expert meeting on the productive use of remittances in Central America (Mexico City, 5 November 1999).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Presentation of the main characteristics of project HOL/97/S76, Remittances and family economy (Phase II), at the seminar on international migration and development in North and Central America, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of the Interior (Mexico City, 21-22 May 1998).

Paper on reforms in social security systems in Central America and informal systems, at the social security certification programme of the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS) (Mexico City, 25 May 1999).

Presentation on opening of markets and fiscal reform, during a series of conferences on economic prospects for Mexico and its northern boundary on the threshold of the third millennium (Tijuana, Mexico, 13-16 September 1999).

Presentation of informative note "Las remesas de los emigrantes: experiencias de la CEPAL en Centroamérica", at the meeting of the Regional Advisory Group on Migration (San Salvador, 27-28 October 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperationColombia

With the Government, on an assessment of the damage caused by the earthquake of 25 January 1999 in the coffee-growing region.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

(i) Documents

Honduras: Assessment of the damage caused by hurricane Mitch, 1998: Implications for economic and social development and for the environment (LC/MEX/L.367)/Honduras: evaluación de los daños ocasionados por el Huracán Mitch, 1998: sus implicaciones para el desarrollo económico y social y el medio ambiente (LC/MEX/L.367).

Guatemala: Assessment of the damage caused by hurricane Mitch, 1998: Implications for economic and social development and for the environment (LC/MEX/L.370)/Guatemala: evaluación de los daños ocasionados por el Huracán Mitch, 1998: sus implicaciones para el desarrollo económico y social y el medio ambiente (LC/MEX/L.370).

El Salvador: Assessment of the damage caused by hurricane Mitch, 1998: Implications for economic and social development and for the environment (LC/MEX/L.371)/El Salvador: evaluación de los daños ocasionados por el Huracán Mitch, 1998: sus implicaciones para el desarrollo económico y social y el medio ambiente (LC/MEX/L.371).

Nicaragua: Assessment of the damage caused by hurricane Mitch, 1998: Implications for economic and social development and for the environment (LC/MEX/L.372)/Nicaragua: evaluación de los daños ocasionados por el Huracán Mitch, 1998: sus implicaciones para el desarrollo económico y social y el medio ambiente (LC/MEX/L.372).

Costa Rica: Assessment of the damage caused by hurricane Mitch, 1998: Implications for economic and social development and for the environment (LC/MEX/L.373)/Costa Rica: evaluación de los daños ocasionados por el Huracán Mitch, 1998: sus implicaciones para el desarrollo económico y social y el medio ambiente (LC/MEX/L.373).

Central America: Assessment of the damage caused by hurricane Mitch, 1998: Implications for economic and social development and for the environment (LC/MEX/L.375)/Centroamérica: evaluación de los daños ocasionados por el Huracán Mitch, 1998: sus implicaciones para el desarrollo económico y social y el medio ambiente (LC/MEX/L.375).

La liberalización comercial y los acuerdos de libre comercio: perspectivas ambientales para Centroamérica (LC/MEX/L.369).

El terremoto de enero de 1999 en Colombia. Impacto socioeconómico del desastre en la zona del Eje Cafetero (LC/MEX/L.374).

Istmo Centroamericano: las políticas comerciales, 1997-1998 (LC/MEX/L.379).

La conformación del Área de Libre Comercio de las Américas (ALCA). Aspectos institucionales y comerciales (LC/MEX/L.405).

El comercio de los servicios turísticos en el Istmo Centroamericano y la República Dominicana (LC/MEX/R.685 (SEM.92/2)).

Istmo Centroamericano y la República Dominicana: la liberalización de los servicios y su relación con el turismo (LC/MEX/R.686(SEM.92/3))

El turismo sostenible como modelo de desarrollo en el Istmo Centroamericano y la República Dominicana (LC/MEX/R.687(SEM.92/4)).

Efectos macroeconómicos del fenómeno de El Niño, 1997-1998: su impacto en las economías andinas (LC/MEX/R.688).

Nota de la Secretaría de la reunión de expertos sobre turismo en el Istmo Centroamericano y la República Dominicana (Mexico City, 25 and 26 February de 1999) (LC/MEX/R.689(SEM.92/5)).

Istmo Centroamericano y República Dominicana: indicadores de las actividades turísticas. Estadísticas básicas (LC/MEX/R.690(SEM.92/6)).

América Latina y el Caribe: el impacto de los desastres naturales en el desarrollo, 1972-1999 (LC/MEX/R.701).

Los bloques comerciales regionales en América Latina y el Caribe: características y efectos estáticos y dinámicos (LC/MEX/R.736).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Expert group meeting on tourism in the Central American isthmus and the Dominican Republic, in the context of project HOL/97/S86 “Regional programme to promote trade in services in Central America” (Mexico City, 25-26 February 1999).

Expert meeting to analyse the consequences of trade liberalization and economic complementation agreements in relation to the convergence of integration processes and open regionalism (Mexico City, 11 November 1999).

Expert meeting on problems of adjustment and transition costs arising from the introduction of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), and measures proposed to mitigate such costs (Mexico City, 12 November 1999).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

First meeting of the regional working group of the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA), on reducing vulnerability to natural disasters (San Salvador, 10 February 1999).

Regional meeting on the impact of the El Niño phenomenon on the Andean Community, organized by the Andean Development Corporation (ADC) (Caracas, 21-24 February 1999).

High-level forum on the vulnerability of the Dominican Republic to natural phenomena, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Santo Domingo, 12-15 September 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental agencies

With the General Secretariat of SICA in San Salvador, on reconstruction after hurricane Mitch.

With IDB, in Santo Domingo, on the intensive course and related meeting on prevention of disasters: social, political, economic and environmental variables.

Colombia

With the Government, on an assessment of the socio-economic and environmental impact of the earthquake of January 1999, which affected the departments of Quindio and Risaralda, particularly in the coffee-growing region of Colombia.

Costa Rica

With the Consultative Group on Smaller Economies of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), on a study of the fiscal impact on Costa Rica of possible membership of FTAA.

ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

(i) Documents

Centroamérica: evolución de la integración económica durante 1997 (LC/MEX/L.347).

El fenómeno El Niño en Costa Rica durante 1997-1998: evaluación de su impacto, necesidades de rehabilitación, mitigación y prevención ante las alteraciones climáticas (LC/MEX/L.363).

El fenómeno El Niño en Costa Rica durante 1997-1998: perfiles de proyectos (LC/MEX/L.363/Add.1).

República Dominicana: evolución de los daños ocasionados por el Huracán Georges, 1998: sus implicaciones para el desarrollo del país (LC/MEX/L.365).

República Dominicana: evolución de los daños ocasionados por el Huracán Georges, 1998: perfiles de proyectos (LC/MEX/L.365/Add.1).

Centroamérica: evaluación de la integración económica durante 1998 (LC/MEX/L.380).

América Latina y el Caribe: el impacto de los desastres naturales en el desarrollo, 1972-1999 (LC/MEX/L.402).

La PYME en Centroamérica y su vinculación con el sector externo (LC/MEX/L.404).

Ecuador: evaluación de los efectos socioeconómicos del fenómeno El Niño en 1997-1998 (LC/MEX/R.657/Rev.1).

Ecuador: evaluación de los efectos socioeconómicos del fenómeno El Niño en 1997-1998. Perfiles de proyectos (LC/MEX/R.657/Add.1).

La PYME en Centroamérica y su vinculación con el sector externo (LC/MEX/R.666(SEM.88/2)).

The global financial crisis and its effects on Latin American and Caribbean economies (LC/MEX/R.728).

The effects of the global financial crisis on small Latin American and Caribbean economies (LC/MEX/R.733).

The fiscal impact of trade liberalization and commodity price fluctuation. The case of Costa Rica, 1980-1998 (LC/MEX/R.734); Dominican Republic, 1980-1998 (LC/MEX/R.735).

Book: La integración centroamericana y la institucionalidad regional, published jointly with IDB, February 1998.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferencesOrganized by the subprogramme

Expert meeting on the linkages between small and medium-sized enterprises and the export sector (Mexico City, 24 September 1998).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Progress report on project HOL/97/S86 Regional programme to promote trade in services in Central America, at the seminar on trade in services organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) (Guatemala City, 23-24 March 1998).

Presentation of a discussion paper on export promotion schemes in Latin America, at the seminar on export promotion organized by the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL) (Buenos Aires, 2-5 June 1998).

Fourth Course on Central American Integration, sponsored by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), the Central American Integration System (SICA), the Latin American Economic System (SELA) and SIECA. The ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico helped with the organization of the course (San Salvador, 5-7 October 1998).

Meetings of the FTAA Consultative Group on Smaller Economies (Miami, 8-10 October 1998, 14-16 March 1999, and 23-26 June 1999). A paper on the impact of the Asian crisis on small economies was presented at the last meeting.

(iii) Technical cooperationRegional and intergovernmental agencies

With the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA), El Salvador, on an analysis of the possible participation of the Central American countries in the Lomé Convention.

With the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), the Central American Institute of Business Administration (INCAE), the Latin American Economic System (SELA), the Group of Three and the Government of Nicaragua, on organization of the fifth Course on Central American Integration (Managua, 29-31 August 1999).

Costa Rica

With the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on an assessment of the socio-economic impact of the El Niño phenomenon.

Ecuador

With the Government, on a sectoral assessment of the impact of and damage caused by the El Niño phenomenon between 1996 and 1998.

Dominican Republic

With the Government, on a macroeconomic and sectoral assessment of the impact of hurricane Georges, particularly on the agricultural and social sectors.

ENERGY INTEGRATION

(i) Documents

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas de hidrocarburos 1997 (LC/MEX/L.360).

Istmo Centroamericano: informe sobre abastecimiento de hidrocarburos, 1997 (LC/MEX/L.362).

La industria eléctrica del Istmo Centroamericano: situación de los procesos de reforma y perspectivas para el corto y mediano plazo (LC/MEX/L.366/Rev.1).

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas de hidrocarburos, 1998 (LC/MEX/L.378).

Istmo Centroamericano: informe sobre abastecimiento de hidrocarburos, 1998 (LC/MEX/L.401).

Derechos de los consumidores y la defensa de la competencia en los procesos de reforma de la industria eléctrica (LC/MEX/L.413).

Gasoducto regional México-Istmo Centroamericano. Resumen del estudio de prefactibilidad (LC/MEX/R.642).

Gasoducto regional México-Istmo Centroamericano. Estudio de prefactibilidad (LC/MEX/R.653).

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas del subsector eléctrico. Datos actualizados a 1997 (LC/MEX/R.656 y Corr.1).

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas del subsector eléctrico. Datos actualizados a 1998 (LC/MEX/R.722).

Opciones para una futura industria de gas natural en el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/R.723).

El mercado del gas natural en Colombia (LC/MEX/R.725).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferencesOrganized by the subprogramme

Presentation of the results of a pre-feasibility study to hydrocarbon directors, ministers responsible for the sector and private companies (Mexico City, 3-4 February 1998).

ZOPP Seminar-workshop on project planning methodology (Mexico City, 5-6 February 1998).

Workshop on fuel quality, in the context of ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/95/S95 "Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America", organized by the ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico, with the participation of State-owned oil companies (Petróleos Mexicanos and Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A.) and the multinational corporations Exxon, Texaco and other independent companies (College Station, Texas, 11-12 May 1998).

Seminar on energy economics; two presentations on the subject (Tegucigalpa, 1-5 February 1999).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

In the context of ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/95/S95, the results of pre-feasibility study on the regional gas pipeline for Mexico and the Central American isthmus were presented at the following institutions:

- Board of Directors of the Comisión Ejecutiva Hidroeléctrica del Río Lempa (CEL) public electric power company, at a meeting organized by the General Directorate of Hydrocarbons (San Salvador, 19 February 1998);
- Comisión Administradora de Petróleos de Honduras, at a meeting with participants from the public and private sectors (Tegucigalpa, 20 February 1998);
- Minister Director and staff of the Nicaraguan Energy Institute (INE) (Managua, 19-20 March 1998);
- Planning Subcommittee of the Central American Electrification Council (CEAC) and staff of the Sectoral Directorate of Energy of the Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Mines (San José, 23-25 March 1998).

Substantive and organizational support for the meeting of Ministers of Energy organized by the Central American Committee for Cooperation on Hydrocarbons (CCHAC) to discuss the regional gas pipeline project, in the context of project FRG/95/S95 (Managua, 30 March 1998).

Presentation of a paper on integration of natural gas and electricity in the Central American isthmus at the seventeenth seminar on energy economics, devoted to the subject of integration and regulation of energy systems, organized and sponsored by the Ministry of Energy and Mines of Guatemala, the European Commission and the Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Antigua, Guatemala, 20-24 July 1998).

Tripartite follow-up meeting on OLADE/ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S48, Energy and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Quito, 13-16 April 1999).

Three papers on the development and current status of the industry, restructuring processes, and projects relating to the introduction of natural gas, at the seminar on integration of the electricity industry in the Central American isthmus, organized by the Central American Electrification Council (Guatemala City, 7 September 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental agencies

With the Central American Committee for Cooperation on Hydrocarbons, in Managua, Nicaragua, on arrangements for meetings with representatives of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), in the context of project BT/BID/1998, on harmonization and integration of the hydrocarbons market in the Central American isthmus.

With the Secretariat of the Central American Committee for Cooperation on Hydrocarbons, in El Salvador, on organization of a seminar on the natural gas industry and its regulation, in San Salvador, 1999.

With the Central American Electrification Council, on issues relating to electricity markets.

Venezuela

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines, and with representatives of Petróleos de Venezuela S.A., in Caracas, to review the study on the natural gas market.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Seminar on a formula for determining oil price parity, in collaboration with the Secretariat of State for Industry and Commerce of the Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo, 27-28 April 1998).

SUBPROGRAMME 11: SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN

During the biennium 1998-1999, the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), focused its efforts on the analysis of issues of special relevance to the economic and social development of the subregion.

A highlight of the biennium was the seventeenth session of CDCC. The technical phase of the session was held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 23 and 24 March 1998, and the ministerial meeting was held in Oranjestad, Aruba, on 15 May 1998. At the session, the report on the activities carried out by the secretariat during the biennium 1996-1997 was reviewed, and the work programme for the biennium 1998-1999 was discussed. The proposed programme of work for the biennium 2000-2001 was approved at the seventeenth session of CDCC and was subsequently adopted at the twenty-seventh session of the Commission.

Some of the more important activities carried out during the biennium concerned the implementation of the programmes of action adopted at the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the International Conference on Population and Development, and the World Summit for Social Development, and the Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women. The CDCC member States adopted subregional positions to be submitted for consideration at the regional level and at the relevant special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly. The secretariat, which is responsible for monitoring implementation of the programmes of action, assisted member countries in that regard, drawing their attention, in particular, to those matters that will benefit the Caribbean subregion.

The subregional headquarters, in its capacity as provisional joint secretariat, has continued its activities relating to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, in cooperation with the secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). It has also had the support of an inter-institutional group which provides an innovative mechanism for promoting collaboration between regional agencies and institutions in connection with the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. Meetings were held to provide assist member countries in preparing for the special session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the special session of the General Assembly for an assessment and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, held in New York from 26 to 28 September 1999. Also in connection with the Programme of Action, project proposals were prepared for submission to the meeting of potential donors and representatives of small island developing States, held in New York from 24 to 26 February 1999.

The subregional headquarters also assisted member States with preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. In this connection, a progress report was prepared on follow-up activities in the Caribbean; this report was approved at the subregional meeting for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, held at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 17 and 18 November 1998, with financial support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Assistance was also provided to member States on preparations for the meeting of the Commission on Population and Development, held in New York on 30 and 31 March 1999. The secretariat continued to issue a newsletter on the application of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

As regards follow-up to the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, the subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, in collaboration with other subregional agencies and organizations of the United Nations in the region, convened a Caribbean subregional meeting to review implementation of the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development. At this meeting, held in Port-of-Spain on 2 September 1999, Governments and non-governmental organizations had an opportunity to review the status of implementation of the Programme of Action and limitations experienced in that regard. The main issues discussed at the meeting were social integration, job creation, poverty elimination, and the creation of a suitable environment. To commemorate the International Year of Older Persons, a special meeting of the Caribbean States was held on 3 September 1999 to consider the most appropriate strategies and programmes relating to ageing and older persons in the Caribbean.

With regard to follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women, several technical workshops were held to assist the countries in preparing their country reports, which served as inputs for the Caribbean report on the review and appraisal of the Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women Platform. The report was adopted at the third Caribbean Ministerial Conference on Women, held in Port-of-Spain from 5 to 7 October 1999. The Conference served as a forum for Governments to prepare for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Lima, Peru, in February 2000, and for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", to be held in New York in June 2000.

The subregional headquarters continued to support the work of the Consultative Group on Smaller Economies, created at the Summit of the Americas in the context of the process relating to the establishment of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). In this regard, support was provided to the secretariats of CARICOM and the Association of Caribbean States in connection with a number of issues pertaining to the trade agreements of the countries of the subregion. Collaboration was also provided to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and other regional and subregional institutions, as well as to international organizations and agencies, through attendance at different meetings and participation in joint activities. With respect to the special circumstances and needs of the non-independent Caribbean countries, a project funded by the Government of the Netherlands was carried out, i.e., project HOL/96/S14, Support for the Associate Member Countries of ECLAC and other non-independent Caribbean countries relative to developing institutional linkages and accessing benefits from the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations.

The subregional headquarters continued to assist member States of the region in promoting the intensive use of new information technologies. To this end, it worked in collaboration with the secretariat of CARICOM and with the support of UNFPA, on the organization of a seminar to prepare the Caribbean countries for the year 2000 population and housing censuses. This seminar was held in Trinidad and Tobago from 2 to 4 December 1998. In order to meet the increasing demand for information, the subregional headquarters continued collecting and coordinating information on the economic and social development of the region. Several studies were conducted on global and hemisphere-wide development, with particular reference to the economies of the member States of CDCC, as well as to trade, investment, and the environment. Newsletters providing updated information on trade, finance and development strategies and other issues of interest to the subregion were published.

Through the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), two projects funded by the Organization of American States were carried out. The first one, OAS/ECLAC/CCST project OEA/98/S72, Small and medium food enterprises in the Caribbean, is aimed at facilitating the transfer and development of technologies for industrial food processing and preservation. The second one,

OAS/ECLAC/CCST project OEA/98/S75, Improvement of teaching of science and mathematics at the primary level, was carried out in some of the Caribbean countries. Other activities in the area of science and technology were also carried out, including the preparation of studies on renewable energy and the establishment of the Symbiosis network.

Finally, during the period under consideration, the subregional headquarters intensified direct contacts with representatives of different ministries and departments of the member States of CDCC and held regular briefings on subjects of interest to the subregion. At the request of the Governments of member States, it prepared a number of technical reports providing additional information on the policy-making process.

(i) (a) Documents

Trade and the environment in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO) (LC/CAR/G.525).

Environmental information management in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.527).

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) ministerial decisions (LC/CAR/G.528).

Summaries of recent resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, and by ECLAC, which may be of special interest to member countries of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.532)

A review of global economic developments: with comments regarding their impact on Caribbean policies, 1997 (LC/CAR/G.533).

Directions for the reform process in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.534).

Selected statistical indicators of Caribbean countries; vol. X, 1997 (LC/CAR/G.535).

Report of the Technical Meeting of Information Coordinators and Database Managers (LC/CAR/G.536).

Summary of Caribbean economic performance, 1997 (LC/CAR/G.538).

Report on the Workshop on Symbiosis and Food Technology Network in the Caribbean (Jamaica, 5-7 May 1998) (LC/CAR/G.539).

The impact of immigration on Caribbean microstates: Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Saint Maarten, United States Virgin Islands (LC/CAR/G.540).

Report on the National Consultation to Develop a National Plan of Action for the Eradication of Poverty in Belize (LC/CAR/G.541).

Intra-CDCC trade in the 1990s (LC/CAR/G.542).

The contribution of remittances to social and economic development in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.543).

Selected statistical indicators of Caribbean countries, vol. XI, 1998 (LC/CAR/G.544).

Report of the meeting of SIDS Bureau (LC/CAR/G.545).

Plan of Action for the Eradication of Poverty in Belize (LC/CAR/G.546).

Fifteenth annual report of the CCST (LC/CAR/G.547; CCST/98/2).

The Caribbean subregional review and appraisal report on the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Plan of Action (ICPD+5) (LC/CAR/G.549).

A study on return migration, to the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) territories and the British Virgin Islands in the closing years of the twentieth century: implications for social policy (LC/CAR/G.550).

Report of the Joint Meeting of the SIDS Bureau and the Inter-agency Collaborative Group (LC/CAR/G.551).

National accounts of Caribbean countries: methodologies, sources and quality, a comparative Caribbean study (LC/CAR/G.552).

Report on the Seminar on the Fiscal Covenant: Strengths, Weaknesses and Challenges (LC/CAR/G.553).

Report on the workshop on the Year 2000 Round of Population and Housing Censuses (LC/CAR/G.554).

Report on the Meeting of Decision Makers on Implementation of the Plan of Action towards Eradication of Poverty in Belize (LC/CAR/G.555).

Implementation strategy for poverty eradication in Belize (LC/CAR/G.556).

Report of the Subregional Meeting on Population and Development - ICPD+5 Review and Appraisal (LC/CAR/G.557).

Report of the Sixteenth Plenary Session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) (LC/CAR/G.558; CCST/98/4).

Report of the second Caribbean Subregional Teleconference of the Board of Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.559).

Report of the inter-agency Collaborative Group Meeting preparatory to the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the World Summit for Social Development Programme of Action and the Meeting on the Examination of Ageing and the Older Persons in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.560).

Tax performance and tax reform in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) (LC/CAR/G.561).

Globalization of financial markets: Implications for the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.562).

Summaries of resolutions recently adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and ECLAC which may be of special interest to member countries of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.563).

Fiscal Covenant: Strengths, Weaknesses, and Challenges. Caribbean perspective (LC/CAR/G.564).

Renewable energy in the Caribbean: where we are; where we should be (LC/CAR/G.565).

Technological dimensions of economic diversification and development in the Caribbean with specific reference to the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) (LC/CAR/G.567).

Report of the ninth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.568).

Report on the state of implementation in the Caribbean of the Programme of Action for Small Island Developing States (LC/CAR/G.569).

The promotion and adoption of new technologies within the context of sustainable development (LC/CAR/G.570).

A programme for science and technology management in the Caribbean - 2000 (LC/CAR/G.571).

Economic profiles of twenty-six Caribbean countries (LC/CAR/G.572).

Major Statistical publications, volume V (LC/CAR/G.573).

The impact of trade liberalization of government finances in Jamaica (LC/CAR/G.574).

Report of the Joint Meeting of the SIDS Bureau and the Inter-Agency Consultative Group (Port of Spain, 14 August 1999) (LC/CAR/G.575).

Competitiveness of the manufacturing and agro-industrial sectors in the Caribbean with a focus on Dominica, Guyana, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago (LC/CAR/G.576).

Caribbean implementation of the World Summit on Social Development (WSSD) plus 5/Programme for Action (POA), at national level by core issues (Poverty eradication, employment creation, social integration) (LC/CAR/G.577).

Economic performance of Caribbean countries - 1998, (LC/CAR/G.578).

Review of Caribbean economic and social performance in the 1980s and 1990s (LC/CAR/G.579).

A review of social development in the Caribbean in the nineties (LC/CAR/G.580).

A report of the Caribbean Subregional Review of the World Summit for Social Development (WSSD +5) (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 2 September 1999) (LC/CAR/G.581).

A report of the Caribbean meeting on aspects related to the International Year for the Older Persons (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 3 September 1999) (LC/CAR/G.582).

The Caribbean Subregional Review and Appraisal on the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (LC/CAR/G.583).

A report of the Third ECLAC/CDCC Caribbean Ministerial Conference on Women (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 5-7 October 1999) (LC/CAR/G.584).

Achieving gender equality: a preliminary documentation of the use of gender planning as part of the gender mainstreaming process among selected Caribbean countries (LC/CAR/G.585).

The impact of trade liberalization and fluctuations of commodity prices on government finances: the case of Saint Lucia (LC/CAR/G.586).

Vulnerability of small Caribbean States and their effects on social and economic development (LC/CAR/G.587).

The special vulnerability of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), with particular reference to the Small Island Developing States of the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.588).

Evaluation of Science and Technology Networks operating in the sub-region and their effectiveness (LC/CAR/G.589).

Approaches and Methodologies used in the preparation of Economic Projections in Caribbean Countries (LC/CAR/G.590).

Trade policy in the Caribbean: an overview of the main trade measures (LC/CAR/G.591).

Recent trade performance of Caribbean countries (LC/CAR/G.592).

Selected Statistical Indicators. Vol. XII (LC/CAR/G.593).

Report on FTAA, competitiveness and standards workshop (LC/CAR/G.594).

A report on the social situation in Haiti (LC/CAR/G.595).

Global developments and their implications for the Caribbean- 1999 (LC/CAR/G.596).

A preliminary report and analysis of results of an ECLAC/CDCC survey on the use of the Internet in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.597).

Audit of the management of the development planning process in Saint Lucia (LC/CAR/R.10).

Report of the Joint ECLAC/ECCB mission to assess the macroeconomic effects and the reconstruction requirements arising from the impact of hurricane Georges on Saint Kitts and Nevis (LC/CAR/R.11).

Trade effects of the proposed highway linking Guyana with Brazil, Suriname and French Guyana (LC/CAR/R.12).

Government of Saint Lucia Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, made under the Physical Planning and Development Act, 1999 (LC/CAR/R.13).

Review of Physical Planning Legislation in Saint Kitts and Nevis (LC/CAR/R.14).

A review of the Barbados Model on Physical Planning Legislation (LC/CAR/R.15).

A study on the characteristics of recent return migration and its implications for public sector policy in Antigua and Barbuda (LC/CAR/R.16).

Tourism development and land market in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: implications for land policy and management (LC/CAR/R.17).

Preliminary studies on the integration of the non-independent Caribbean countries in technical programmes of the United Nations system and in other inter governmental bodies (LC/CAR/R.18).

The Study of Environmentally Green Technologies in the Caribbean Hotels - Lessons of experience (LC/CAR/R.19).

Tourism development and land market in Tobago: implications for land policy and management (LC/CAR/R.20).

(b) Articles in outside publications

“In search of our memory: Gender in the Netherlands Antilles”, Feminist Review, No. 59, Sonia M. Cuales, summer 1998.

“The ACS in the context of Latin American-Caribbean integration”, Len Ishmael, Association of Caribbean States, fourth ministerial meeting on trade, transport and tourism.

(c) Newsletters

Focus, January/December 1998 and January/March 1999.

Current Contents, January/December 1998; January/December 1999.

Current Awareness Bulletin, vol. 21, No. 1/12; vol. 22, No. 1/12.

External Sector Briefing Notes, No. 22/26, 1998 and 1999.

Caribbean Action on Population and Development, ICPD Follow-up News, 1998 and 1999.

The Associate. Newsletter on the Non-independent Caribbean Countries (special issue).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Technical meeting for information coordinators and database managers (Port-of-Spain, 23 March 1998).

Seventeenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, at the technical level (Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 23-24 March 1998; at the ministerial level (Oranjestad, Aruba, 15 May 1998).

Joint meetings of the Small Island Developing States Bureau and the inter-institutional coordination group (Port-of-Spain, 15-16 June 1998, 6 November 1998 and 14 August 1999).

Subregional meeting for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Trinidad and Tobago, 17-18 November 1998).

Subregional meeting on the fiscal covenant: strengths, weaknesses, challenges – experiences from the Caribbean (Trinidad and Tobago, 23 November 1998).

Seminar on year 2000 population and housing censuses (Trinidad and Tobago, 2-4 December 1998).

Sixteenth plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) (Barbados, 10-11 December 1998).

Ninth session of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (Port-of-Spain, 10-11 May 1999)

First and second technical-level meetings preparatory to the mid-term assessment of the implementation of the Platform for Action of the fourth World Conference on Women (Kingston, Jamaica, 13-14 May 1999; Port-of-Spain, 20-21 May 1999).

Special meeting of the consultative committee on the Caribbean Regional Information System (Port-of-Spain, 2 July 1999).

Caribbean subregional review of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the World Summit on Social Development (Port-of-Spain, 2 September 1999).

Meeting on issues relating to the International Year of Older Persons (Port-of-Spain, 3 September 1999).

Third Caribbean Ministerial Conference on Women: Review and Appraisal of the Fourth World Conference on Women Platform for Action (Port-of-Spain, 5-7 October 1999).

Expert meeting to analyse aspects relating to sustainable development in Caribbean countries, with special emphasis on land use (Port-of-Spain, 2-3 December 1999).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Presentation of the document “Linking Caribbean to ICPD+5” at the regional preparatory meeting for the special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, organized by UNFPA (Jamaica, 22 February 1998).

Support for the symposium and presentation of the document “Poverty and Consumerism: the SIDS dimension” at the symposium on “Poverty and consumerism – rallying for change”, organized by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Consumer Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago (Trinidad and Tobago, 12-14 March 1998).

Support for the conference and presentation of the document “Strategies for establishing advocacy” at the conference on “Women, health and stress – coping mechanisms”, organized by the Ministry of Social and Community Development and the Ministry of Culture and Gender Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago (Trinidad and Tobago, 16-20 March 1998).

Participation in discussions at the meeting on the formulation of a national policy on health education and family life for Trinidad and Tobago, organized by the Ministry of Public Administration and the Ministry of Public Utilities (Trinidad and Tobago, 25-26 March 1998).

Support for the organization of the seminar and presentation of the document “Information architectures: designing integrated social information systems/databases for the Caribbean”, at the seminar on social policy, investment and supervision, organized by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) (Barbados, 6-9 April 1998).

Presentation of the document “Bibliography on men and masculinity” at the meeting of the network of institutions for research on masculinity in the Caribbean (Trinidad and Tobago, 15 May 1998).

Technical support for and presentation of the science and technology papers entitled “A review of science and technology councils in the Caribbean” and “Globalization and social development in the context of issues raised at the Peoples Summit of the Americas” at the annual conference of the Caribbean Studies Association (Antigua and Barbuda, 25-30 May 1998).

Meeting on strategy considerations of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States in connection with negotiations on the Lomé Convention and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (Saint Lucia, 16-17 July 1998).

Second joint meeting of the special committees on the protection and conservation of the environment and the Caribbean Sea, convened by the Association of Caribbean States (Trinidad and Tobago, 23-25 September 1998).

Regional workshop on quality control issues in the agro-processing sector, with special emphasis on export to the European Union, convened by the French cooperation mission in the Caribbean (Guadeloupe, 16-18 October 1998).

Workshop on science and technology indicators, convened by the Jamaican Scientific Research Council (Jamaica, 17-20 November 1998).

Meeting of potential donors and representatives of small island developing States (New York, 24-26 February 1999).

Meetings of the Free Trade Area of the Americas Consultative Group on Smaller Economies (Miami, 15-16 March 1999; 24-25 June 1999; 4-5 October 1999).

Seminar on Globalization, adjustment and competitiveness in small States, organized by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Consumer Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago (Trinidad and Tobago, 13 August 1999).

Special session of the General Assembly for an assessment and appraisal of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (New York, 26-28 September 1999).

Integrated environmental assessment and reporting workshop for the Caribbean, organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the environmental management authority of Trinidad and Tobago (Port-of-Spain, 8-11 November 1999).

(iii) Technical cooperation

(a) Regional and international organizations and agencies

With the Association of Caribbean States, to provide technical support for the implementation of different aspects of the programme of work.

With member countries of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), through the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), in preparing a project proposal on promotion of technology transfer in the agro-industry sector and on implementation of the OAS/ECLAC/CCST project OEA/98/S72, Small and medium food enterprises in the Caribbean.

With the Organization of American States (OAS), on the preparation and implementation of OAS/ECLAC/CCST project OEA/98/S75, Improvement of teaching of science and mathematics at the primary level.

With UNDP, on creation of a database and in conducting studies on poverty mitigation and initiatives for improving equity in Trinidad and Tobago. Also, in connection with a UNDP feasibility study on the Small Island Developing States Information Network (SIDSNET), with a view to drawing up a programme for strengthening the capacity of small island developing States to collaborate and share information with each other.

With the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNDP, on implementation of the GEF tourism project and on the GEF seminar on programming.

With the GEF special programme, in connection with the preparation and implementation of a project for helping community groups in north-eastern Trinidad to implement a programme to protect giant turtles.

With the UNDP Special Unit/Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, by providing technical assistance in preparing a project on technology management centres for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), in the context of the small island developing States technical assistance programme.

With the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), on implementation of project CAR/97/PO7, Support to population research, advocacy, database development and training activities.

(b) Members and associate members of CDCC

Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

With public and private sector representatives, in promoting awareness of fundamental issues involved in negotiations on the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) and their impact on the small Caribbean States; the role and importance of competitiveness in expanding trade, and the usefulness of standards as a means for maintaining competitiveness and enforcing safety and health regulations in efforts to promote development.

Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

With the Governments, on the preparation of studies on the services sector, with special emphasis on extraterritorial financial services and information science, with a view to assessing the potential contribution to socio-economic development.

Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and Saint Lucia

With the Governments, on an assessment of potential uses of the Internet.

Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

With the Governments, on the establishment of the Symbiosis Network, with a view to creating a Website and a page on biotechnology and food technology.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago

With the Governments, to assess the impact of tourism on the market, land ownership and land use.

Antigua and Barbuda

With the Government, on strengthening statistical offices.

With the ministry responsible for women's affairs, on a review of existing gender legislation and formulation of a strategic plan of action on the subject.

With the ministry for planning and development, on a review of the socio-economic impact of intraregional labour mobility.

Bahamas

With the Government, in carrying out activities relating to science and technology.

Belize

With the Government, and in collaboration with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), on poverty issues, the provision of technical support in connection with planning, and the organization of national consultations with a view to drawing up a national plan of action to eliminate poverty.

Grenada

With the Government, on an assessment of the information and communication capabilities of the Grenada Community Development Agency, a project financed by the Caribbean Development Bank.

Guyana

With the Government, on an assessment of the impact on Guyana of the proposed highway links between Guyana and Brazil, Suriname and French Guiana.

Haiti

With the Government, on preparation of the country report on implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and on preparation of a socio-economic profile of Haiti.

Jamaica

With the Scientific Research Council, on plans for a technical meeting on food technology.

With the Ministry of Finance and Planning, on a study on trade liberalization and public sector finance in Jamaica.

Saint Kitts and Nevis

With the Government, on an assessment of the damage caused by hurricane Georges.

With the Government, on preparation of proposals for a review of legislation on territorial organization.

With the Government, on studies of the impact of intraregional migration in Saint Kitts and Nevis and on the characteristics of recent return migration and its implications for public sector policies in Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Saint Lucia

With the Ministry of Planning, on preparation of the programme on competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, in the context of the entrepreneurial development project; a review of land organization legislation; substantive support in connection with planning for sustainable development, and on an assessment of the situation with regard to trade liberalization and public sector finance.

With the Government, on preparation of regulations for environmental impact studies, in the context of the 1999 law on territorial organization and land use.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

With the Government, on preparation of the study entitled “The Buccament Valley: model of an integrated approach to planning and watershed”, as part of the review of the water resources management programme.

Trinidad and Tobago

With the Parliament, on the initial phase of a study of the application of its internal regulations.

(c) Associate members of CDCC

With the non-independent countries of the Caribbean, in the context of project HOL/96/S14, financed by the Government of the Netherlands, on support for the Associate Member Countries of ECLAC and other non-independent Caribbean countries relative to developing institutional linkages and accessing benefits from the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations.

Netherlands Antilles

With the Government, on a review of the impact of migration and labour mobility on the island's economy and a study of the obstacles that hinder trade between CARICOM and the Netherlands Antilles.

Cayman Islands

With the Government, on preparation of a report on the situation with regard to migration in the islands.

British Virgin Islands

With the Government, on a study of the impact of migration and labour mobility and an assessment of the impact of tourism on land use, the land market and land ownership.

Montserrat

With the Government, on strengthening the work of the national tourism bureau.

With the Government, on a study of tourism strategy in the light of the natural disasters affecting the island (LC/CAR/R.19).

With the Government, on a study of the impact of migration and labour mobility on the island's economy.

(iv) Training and scholarships

Workshop for the purpose of presenting the Symbiosis Network to participating Caribbean member States, with a view to creating a Website and a home page on biotechnology and food technology, in the context of OAS/ECLAC/CCST project IEA/98/S72 (43 participants from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and United States Virgin Islands) (Jamaica, 5-7 May 1998).

Workshop on disseminating the teaching of science and mathematics in the Caribbean, in the context of OAS/ECLAC/CCST project OAS/98/S75 (10 participants from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago) (Trinidad and Tobago, 12-15 May 1998).

Workshop on use of the Internet in teaching, in the context of OAS/ECLAC/CCST project OEA/98/S75 (13 participants from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and United States Virgin Islands) (Trinidad and Tobago, 2-4 July 1998).

Workshop on census and survey data analysis techniques for the improvement of development and population planning, in the context of project CAR/97/PO7, financed by UNFPA (25 participants received training at this workshop) (Saint Lucia, 27-31 July 1998).

CCST/OAS workshop on primary science training, in the context of OAS/ECLAC/CCST project OEA/98/S75 (112 participants) (Saint Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, 26 July-15 August 1998).

Workshop for offices and non-governmental organizations responsible for women's affairs, on the presentation of reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Saint Kitts, 20-22 April 1999).

Support for training workshops and preparation of studies on gender mainstreaming, held in Suriname, Barbados, and Belize, and organized by the relevant ministries for women's affairs (Suriname, 11-16 October 1999; Barbados, 27-29 October 1999; Belize, 15-16 November 1999).

2. SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMME PLANNING AND OPERATIONS DIVISION

Technical cooperation between developing countries (TCDC)

In the period 1998-1999, ECLAC once again carried out a range of activities to support and promote TCDC in the region, pursuant to the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the mandates of member States. A meeting of the Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions was held during the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC. One of the main issues analysed on that occasion were the operational aspects of the new TCDC guidelines for the triennium 1997-1999, adopted by the Executive Board of UNDP.

These relate to two categories of priority activities, namely (i) support for the goals of sustainable human development through projects that help to eradicate poverty, and those related to the environment, production and employment, investment and macroeconomic management; and (ii) policy formulation and coordination, strengthening of TCDC management and support for information activities. As is well known, the new TCDC guidelines adopted by United Nations system aim to bring technical cooperation more closely in line with the activities and priorities of economic and social development.

Within this framework of operational priorities, which is fully consistent with the role member countries have assigned to it, ECLAC continued to build TCDC elements into the execution of projects financed with extra-budgetary resources, whose plans of work include promoting an exchange of experiences and practical results obtained by countries in the relevant areas. In general, this involves: strengthening national institutions in the corresponding sector; setting up cooperation networks and supporting their operation; strengthening information systems to better communicate the demand and supply of technical cooperation between the countries; holding seminars and technical meetings to facilitate an exchange of experiences of interest to the countries; preparing studies and reports specifically aimed at identifying cooperation possibilities; and facilitating the provision of horizontal cooperation services from experts and local consultants linked to projects.

The ECLAC Internet webpage has become the main information tool, producing gains in terms of coverage and in the timeliness of information relating to TCDC activities in technical cooperation projects being executed. This new medium has come to replace the bulletin "Cooperation and Development" which ECLAC published continuously until mid-1997 achieving broad dissemination in the region and elsewhere.

ECLAC has also continued providing technical support to the annual Meetings of Directors of International Cooperation of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. These are held with UNDP support in the framework of the activities of the Permanent Secretariat of SELA, which has been designated by the countries of the region as a regional focal point for TCDC. This support has focused particularly on activities for modernizing national TCDC focal points on information technology matters, in keeping with the priorities agreed by the National Directors of Technical Cooperation in the region. ECLAC organized several subregional training workshops on information technology issues, especially through its internet website.

In September 1998, ECLAC collaborated once again with Universidad Simón Bolívar in Bolivia in a postgraduate course on the formulation and negotiation of technical cooperation projects.

Support was also provided to the International Cooperation Agency of Chile on the occasion of the international meeting to examine and disseminate innovative approaches towards cooperation, organized by this agency at the end of 1998. In 1999, ECLAC took part in training activities organized by an association of Latin American municipal authorities, which sponsored a regional workshop convened by the Municipality of Valparaíso. In this same year, ECLAC also provided advisory services to the Mexican Institute for International Cooperation in a seminar on cooperation organized by this new body in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. Lastly, support was provided to the regional course on international cooperation, organized by OAS in conjunction with the International Cooperation Agency of Chile, and held in Santiago, Chile.

Management and administration of projects executed with extra-budgetary funding

In the framework of its technical cooperation programme, ECLAC sought to establish a functional association with member countries through counterparts such as central and subnational governments and a variety of civil society institutions, including non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and private-sector associations, and also with international bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies, including the agencies of United Nations system, in their role as traditional donors.

Member-country public- and private-sector organizations draw increasingly on the capacity of ECLAC to carry out comparative multisectoral research, adapt the results to the particular circumstances of each country and provide on-site advisory technical services; as a result, countries are increasingly willing to contribute financially to this effort. The traditional bilateral and multilateral donors, for their part, frequently draw on substantive knowledge held by ECLAC, and apply its specific operational approach in planning and executing technical cooperation activities.

The approach that guides ECLAC actions in this field seeks to ensure an adequate degree of consistency between the ordinary programme of work and the technical cooperation programme funded from extra-budgetary sources, given the greater efficiency and productivity implied thereby. The research work carried out by staff is greatly enriched by the operational technical cooperation activities aimed at member countries, and by activities carried out jointly with them, in other words, technical cooperation between developing countries (TCDC). At the same time, the execution of operational activities relating to technical advisory services and training is based on new and more in-depth knowledge generated by research work. In this sense, the vast majority of projects currently being executed by ECLAC are complementary to its ordinary programme of work, both in their substantive and the operational dimensions.

During the period under review, there was ongoing collaboration with the substantive divisions, subregional headquarters and offices of ECLAC in various countries of the region, and with ILPES, in formulating new project proposals for technical cooperation with extra-budgetary funding. These proposals were duly submitted to the Project Review Committee, for analysis and prioritization.

With the approval of the Committee, discussions were held with bilateral and multilateral funding sources, with a view to obtaining the funding needed to execute new projects, and the corresponding agreements and contracts were signed. During the period, ECLAC was able to negotiate funding for several projects from new sources of financing, both bilateral and multilateral.

During the biennium, ECLAC was responsible for managing 140 projects, and it maintained close contact with bilateral and multilateral funding sources (see annex 1).

PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS DIVISION

The Publications and Documents Division edits, translates, processes, reproduces, distributes and sells documents prepared by the Secretariat in both Spanish and English and, to a lesser extent, in French. It also provides these services at conferences and meetings sponsored by the Commission, at ECLAC headquarters and elsewhere. In fulfilment of the policies established by the Publications and Information Services Committee, it produces printed documents for sale and for free distribution, using its own printing presses or external printers, or through co-publishing agreements with outside publishing houses. It also produces electronic documents for publication on the Internet; it collaborates with the United Nations Sales Section in the task of commercial distribution; and it also acts as technical Secretariat to the Publications and Information Services Committee, and draws up and implements the ECLAC Publications Programme.

Services to conferences and meetings. The streamlining of the structure of reports, together with the use of state-of-the-art computer technologies (including electronic mail), has made it possible to maintain a high level of services and continue to reduce the number of staff in each conference-servicing team.

Translation and editing. These tasks use a small in-house staff, which is seen as a highly qualified core group that is mainly responsible for the documents of greatest institutional importance (documentation for meetings, reports to governments and inter-governmental agencies and other similar bodies). In order to maintain and expand the level of output, work is increasingly outsourced to qualified translators living outside the country, and electronic mail is used effectively for this purpose. Both internal and external staff are supported by terminology and reference services that are fully linked to the United Nations system and other international agencies, and which also give assistance to the substantive divisions of ECLAC. In-house translators and editors work with leading-edge computer technologies, including, most recently, voice-recognition software.

Pre-press and printing. Computer programs for text processing and graphic design have continued to be updated. Emphasis has also been placed on optimizing printing procedures so as to minimize stocks. In this connection, a new production and printing system was introduced in the second half of 1999, making it possible to reduce print runs and adapt these to effective demand; this uses Xerox Docutech 135 equipment and involves applying the concept of printing on-demand. The equipment makes it possible to: (a) produce black-and-white digital documents, delivering printed, paginated and bound copies one by one; (b) make rapid corrections in the event of detecting an error in the first copy, without losses and before continuing with the print run; (c) connect directly to the Intranet computer network, which affords greater speed, reliability and quality to the product as it is processed digitally; (d) achieve significant economies in paper, physical space and financial costs by only printing the quantity that is absolutely necessary and by making it possible to easily do a further print run later on; (e) mix documents in digital form, which is particularly useful when preparing training manuals for courses and other documents; (f) immediately produce PostScript files for processing electronic publications. Output via this medium amounted to some 4 million pages between August and December 1999, and the figure is expected to increase in the future.

Editorial policy and its results in the biennium. During the biennium 1998-1999, the Division worked together with the Executive Secretariat to implement a more consistent editorial policy and give a higher profile to ECLAC publications in the region. In this connection, the Commission carried out a set of activities aimed at revamping its publications, which gave the following results:

(i) Uniform presentation of annual ECLAC publications: Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic Survey, Statistical Year Book, Social Panorama, and the reports on foreign investment and the international integration of the region. This has meant standardizing the format and cover design, and in 1999 also the internal layout, with a view to presenting the publications as a set to be offered to commercial distributors in the different subregions. It also meant preparing English translations of the reports on foreign investment and international integration of the region, which had previously only been published in Spanish.

(ii) A new format and basic cover design for all ECLAC books, so as to define them as a collection and improve their presentation, making them easily recognizable for distributors and readers.

(iii) A new format and standardization of “series” publications, which are working documents produced by the substantive divisions to give advance publication of the results of research and other work. As a result of these innovations, it has been possible to include them among sales publications and end the relative dispersion of document types and graphical presentation which had been developing over the years. Apart from this, the length limits set for most of the series has led to greater synthesis in the presentation of publications.

(iv) Greater emphasis on the convenience of jointly publishing ECLAC books with commercial publishers, and better distribution of ECLAC products throughout the Latin American and Caribbean region, subject to the limits imposed by current United Nations regulations. In this context, ECLAC is seeking a greater delegation of authority from United Nations Secretariat headquarters to enable it to sign joint publishing and distribution agreements.

(v) The preparation of electronic documents for publication on the ECLAC website, to complement and give broader dissemination to printed publications, including the possibility of exclusively electronic publications in certain cases.

Joint publication. ECLAC participated in eight joint publications during the biennium.

Distribution and sales. ECLAC documents and publications have continued to be distributed freely to other institutions, with dissemination being given new dimensions through the announcement of publications on the ECLAC website, and the reception of requests and enquiries over the Internet as well as via traditional media. Local sales of ECLAC publications still remain modest, at approximately US\$ 40,000 a year, but sales from the ECLAC office in Brasilia and from the subregional headquarters in Mexico and New York raise the yearly total to over US\$ 100,000. Special efforts are being made in commercial circles to find co-publishers, regional and local distributors and virtual book shops. ECLAC has also participated actively in the most recent book fairs held in various Latin American countries.

Electronic publishing. The widespread dissemination of ECLAC documents achieved by placing full-text publications in electronic form on the Internet should lead to increased subscriptions and also better sales figures. By way of example, the last two editions of CEPAL Review have been downloaded more than 10,000 times, and many other reports have reached a larger number of readers in the same way.

Lastly, that in quantitative terms during the 1998-1999 biennium, the Division provided a variety of support services to 23 conferences and meetings sponsored by ECLAC; it edited and translated 8.8 million words, produced 841 documents and publications, including 76 publications that have traditionally been for sale and 176 titles in series (97 of them since 1999, incorporated into the sales system). It printed a total of 82.2 million pages (58.2 million internally and 24.0 million externally); it distributed 620,000 copies of documents and publications free of charge, and delivered 35,000 copies of publications (produced by the ECLAC-ILPES-CELADE system) to the United Nations sales network. As many as 200 documents were also delivered in electronic form for publication on the ECLAC website, some of which were processed externally.

ECLAC LIBRARY

In accordance with the virtual-library concept that has been developing in recent years, the ECLAC Library has continued to provide information services based increasingly on making information available in electronic format, while also processing and administering internal and external information resources in printed form.

In keeping with one of its basic functions, the Library has also continued to give priority to processing and disseminating documents generated by ECLAC, so as to be able to respond in a timely fashion to the high level of demand expressed through the various communications channels—particularly Internet, which has become the major vehicle for the transmission of information to and from ECLAC. The Library also maintains an active information service through the ECLAC Internet site, which has registered a large number of hits during the biennium.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Commission, and using the information contained in its bibliographic databases, the Library published a cumulative volume of its annual publication CEPALINDEX in 1998, covering information published by ECLAC between 1948 and 1997. This volume is the final edition of the series in printed form, which has been discontinued simultaneously with the installation of the bibliographic database on the ECLAC Internet website.

In the domain of internal services, and in keeping with the new trends in information management, in 1998 the library installed an online catalog on the ECLAC Intranet, bringing together all ECLAC bibliographic databases, exceeding 120,000 records, in a single integrated system. All internal ECLAC users have access to this resource, together with the electronic products and news services received by the library via Internet, which are updated on a daily basis. The delivery of reference services on United Nations documents continues to be based on the Library's permanent access to bibliographic databases and to the system of optical disks held by United Nations for the retrieval of digitized texts, thereby doing away with manual processes involved in the handling and distribution of printed publications.

The ECLAC Library maintains permanent contact with the information services of ECLAC subregional headquarters and national offices, regularly distributing their electronic products to make their services available to all ECLAC staff. Actions taken by the Library in relation to the management of information services and the incorporation of new technologies were made known to all ECLAC dependencies with a view to coordinating efforts and sharing resources. As part of an initiative by the Program Planning and Operations Division, a significant coordination effort was undertaken in this area in 1999, which entailed joint action to review operations and services in the information units at the subregional headquarters and offices of ECLAC in the region.

On the external front, in 1999 the Library participated in the annual meeting of the Consortium of United Nations libraries and specialized agencies, which had been set up in 1998 under the auspices of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems (ACCIS), for the purpose of cooperative acquisition of services and publications in electronic formats. Participation in this Consortium will afford ECLAC more advantageous conditions in the acquisition of electronic information, broaden the range of information resources available to it, and expand the benefits to all its units in the region. In its capacity as Latin American distributor of the UNESCO computer software WinIsis, the Library also participated in several regional technical meetings during the biennium.

The transfer of the information services of the Population Division-Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Center (CELADE) to the ECLAC library, in January 1998, involved a substantial rationalization and coordination effort. The integration of the collections and databases on population developed by ECLAC and CELADE yielded highly positive results in terms of optimizing resource use, information processing and content updating, and the provision of information services both within ECLAC and to member States.

Statistics on the use of information services during the biennium show a significant increase in services provided and in the demand for the products and services introduced by the Library in recent years. During 1999 the Library also published a select bibliography on population ageing on the occasion of the International Year of Older Persons, and the final printed edition of the series DOCPAL: Latin American Population Abstracts, integrating the ECLAC and CELADE information resources which are now processed by the library.

The activities carried out by the Library during this biennium in relation to the Internet should soon bear fruit in terms of information resources being made available to the international community. The online Library catalog is expected soon to be available through the ECLAC Internet site, thereby giving direct access not only to ECLAC studies and papers, but also to the valuable external information compiled by the library on the region's countries, which covers a period of 50 years and mainly comprises official publications by ECLAC member States.

Documents

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COMPUTER SERVICES

During the period under analysis, the Computer Services Section upgraded the computer platform, providing for extensive use of more efficient software. The servers providing online Internet access have been expanded; online statistical databases and documents were made available to the community served by ECLAC; the Internet access channel was broadened to make it possible to obtain substantive information from the network in an efficient manner; and additional protection systems were installed to prevent infection from viruses transmitted over the Internet.

At the same time, the ECLAC Intranet continued to be expanded, with each division publishing its own information on it. The server providing this service was upgraded, web client-server systems were developed with great savings in terms of human resources, and access to the intranet was extended to ECLAC subregional headquarters and national offices.

In addition, the Internet, and LAN mail systems were merged with electronic mail into a single service.

Workstation equipment was upgraded so as to provide a standardized computer platform capable of working with modern technologies; a system of centralized and automatic software distribution to workstations was initiated, thereby affording considerable savings on software licenses, and support services for users and equipment began to be outsourced in order to improve the availability of computer services.

Lastly, systems were developed to support the work of the Information Services Unit, along with administrative systems for controlling correspondence, attendance and news distribution on the intranet, together with substantive activities reports and paperless requests for material.

INFORMATION SERVICES UNIT

This Unit attends to the information needs of the ECLAC system, at the local, regional and international levels, and acts as a public information service for the United Nations in Chile.

During the period under review, apart from disseminating information on the regular activities carried out by the Commission in accordance with its work programme, the Unit also devoted specific coverage to the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC; the Commemorative Forum for the Fiftieth Anniversary of CEPAL; the Regional hearing for civil society on the United Nations in the twenty-first century: a view from Latin America; and the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and Caribbean.

The Unit also collaborated with other bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, organizing press conferences to publicize the annual reports of UNCTAD (1998), UNFPA (1998) and the International Narcotics Control Board (1998), and the UNDP Human Development Report (1999). It also worked together with the organizers of the United Nations Latin American and Caribbean Seminar and NGO Symposium on the question of Palestine, organized by the United Nations Political Affairs Department, and the Expert Group Meeting on National Mechanisms for Gender Equity and the Advancement of Women, organized by the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women; and it contributed to the world campaign for women's human rights in the framework of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

As part of the drive by the Secretariat to increase efficiency through new technologies, publicity for ECLAC activities has been expanded by issuing press releases, studies and reports over the Internet. Apart from continuing to keep the region's communications media informed via fax, the Unit has managed to increase by fivefold the number of recipients of all ECLAC information in Spanish and English by using electronic mail.

During the period a special effort has been made to publicize ECLAC opinion on the most important events and processes in the field of economic and social development and public policy. This has been well received in the most important media regionally and worldwide, and has resulted in the quite frequent publication of opinion articles written by the Executive Secretary.

As part of ongoing efforts to develop closer links with social communications media, the Information Services Unit organized a seminar for economics editors, to enable Division Directors to explain the institution's main line of work. This took place on 3 May 1999 and was attended by 19 specialist editors from world's main media organizations.

Main activities during the period:

(i) Publications

In the context of efforts made by the Secretariat to streamline the institution's publications in order to make more efficient use of available resources and achieve greater communicational impact, in August 1998 three publications hitherto produced by the Unit were discontinued: namely, "Notas sobre la economía y el desarrollo", "Micronoticias" and "ECLAC Chronicle". Starting in November that year, a new publication appeared entitled "Notas de la CEPAL" in Spanish and "ECLAC notes" in its English version.

The purpose of ECLAC Notes is to report and disseminate ECLAC thinking via a single bulletin. It has a light design and uses clear language that is accessible to a public that is not necessarily expert in the various issues it discusses.

ECLAC Notes is a bi-monthly publication usually eight pages long (12 in special editions). It has a print run of 5,000 copies in Spanish and 2,000 in English, with copies distributed in the region and elsewhere; up to November 1999 seven editions had been published. The format entails a cover page with a summary of the most recent studies, an opinion page, a specialized article, a list of recent publications and a calendar setting out the events scheduled to take place in the two ensuing months.

In May 1999, a survey was held to measure the degree of acceptance of this publication by its target public. So far 750 replies have been received, including observations by important Latin America and Caribbean authorities. As many as 95% of the comments received have been favourable.

(ii) Communications media

Press. In 1998 the Information Services Unit arranged 145 interviews given by ECLAC system staff to the world's major communications media, and a further 112 between January and 15 September 1999. At the invitation of the Unit, about 560 journalists from the various media covered some 47 conferences, meetings and other activities held at ECLAC headquarters and elsewhere.

In order to provide ECLAC officials with greater access to information of interest to them, the range of news services distributed electronically, including via Intranet, was expanded. Press cuttings referring to ECLAC and United Nations activities published in the Chilean press continued to be distributed, along with similar cuttings from international newspapers and a monthly report on the number of press clippings published in different countries of the region.

Radio. A total of 45 radio dispatches on ECLAC activities were prepared for the United Nations Central News and Radio Service. In addition the programmes "Mujeres en el mundo", "Perspectiva internacional", "Puntos cardinales" and "Desarrollo para todos", produced by the Service, continued to be distributed to local radio stations.

(iii) Direct public information services

The Unit answered over 8,000 inquiries received from the public in writing, by telephone and in person. It also organized 46 talks on the activities of United Nations and ECLAC, aimed mainly at university and high-school students.

CONFERENCE SERVICES UNIT

During the period covered by the present report, the activities of the Conference Services Unit have continued to expand, to encompass approximately 160 conferences, meetings, seminars, workshops, and other events both official and otherwise. Between 1998 and the first-quarter of 2000, a variety of regional ministerial conferences were organized, including the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC; the seventeenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee; and the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, along with four meetings of its Presiding Officers; meetings of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553 (XXVI); the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting for the Latin American and Caribbean region; and other inter-governmental and expert group meetings on a variety of issues including the environment, population and statistics. Official visits included that made by the Prime Minister of Italy.

The list of meetings organized by the ECLAC system is provided in annex 2 of this report.

3. RELATIONS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

During the period under review, ECLAC maintained and strengthened its working relations and contacts with other United Nations organs and bodies, specialized agencies and other organizations, including the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the other United Nations regional commissions, UNCTAD, UNEP, UNFPA, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, the World Bank, IIDH, IMF, UNIDO, IDB, SELA, OLADE and OAS.

Detailed information on the Commission's relations with most of these institutions is provided in the preceding chapters of this report. Suffice it to mention here the two most significant activities in this area.

In the first place, a coordination meeting was held between the United Nations agencies for Latin America and the Caribbean. This was convened by ECLAC at the request of the Deputy Secretary General, pursuant to resolution 1998/46 of the Economic and Social Council on new measures for restructuring and revitalizing the United Nations in the economic and social domains and related areas. The meeting, held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, on 6 May 1999, was presided by the Deputy Secretary General, and attended by top-level representatives of 25 institutions from its regional programmes. It was agreed that inter-institutional collaboration should be built around the key issues of equity, governance, integration into the global economy, environment and the mobilization of resources for development. The Deputy Secretary General asked ECLAC to take charge of the general monitoring of this new cooperation and coordination mechanism, and to organize an annual meeting.

Secondly, ECLAC has worked more closely with United Nations institutions that are active worldwide in the economic and social areas, through direct participation in the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs (EC-ESA), and participation as representative of the five regional commissions in the United Nations Development Group (UNDG).

During the period under review, further efforts were made to strengthen ties with non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and other organizations of civil society, in the context of the ECLAC programme of work. Activities have been carried out in conjunction with academic institutions within the region and elsewhere; these include the signing of cooperation agreements with the following institutions: the Institute for Italian Relations with African, Latin American and Middle East countries (IPALMO); Instituto de Estudios Internacionales of the Complutense University of Madrid; Universidad General San Martín (Argentina); Universidad Externado de Colombia; the National Autonomous University of Mexico; Universidad del Estado de Rio de Janeiro; Universidad de Alcalá (Spain); Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (Bolivia); Centro Universitário de Brasília (CEUB); the University of Michigan (USA); the National University of Comahue (Argentina); the Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul; and the regional headquarters of the International Institute for Educational Planning of UNESCO (Buenos Aires).

As regards other civil society organizations, ECLAC was asked by the Secretary General to organize a "Regional hearing for civil society on the United Nations in the twenty-first century: a view from Latin America and the Caribbean". This meeting was held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, and was attended by representatives from over 80 networks of regional and national non-governmental organizations, along with academic institutions and representatives of member countries and international organizations. In conjunction with UNESCO, and with collaboration from OIJ and the Latin American Youth Forum and sponsorship from the United Nations Youth Forum and UNFPA,

ECLAC also organized the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Youth Meeting preparatory to the third World Youth Forum, which was attended by representatives from 42 youth organizations from Ibero-America and the Caribbean. Numerous non-governmental organizations also participated in the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and in the Latin American and Caribbean Symposium on older Persons. Apart from these activities, support continued to be provided to the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (ASONG), which carried out numerous activities under ECLAC sponsorship.

Annex 1

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS FINANCED FROM EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
RLA/88/039 - Policies to promote innovation and competitiveness in the Latin American and Caribbean business sector			UNDP
RLA/92/003 - Financial Policies for Changing production patterns with social equity	January 1992	March 1998	UNDP
RLA/92/015 - Regional Project on Fiscal Policy	March 1992	December 1996	UNDP
RLA/97/003 - Socio-economic aspects of governability	February 1997	December 1998	UNDP
RLA/97/012 - Civil ethics and democratic culture (STS)	June 1998	December 1998	UNDP
RLA/97/018 - Support for reforms to democratic institutions	January 1998	August 1998	UNDP
RLA/97/019 - Equity and macroeconomic policies. (A): Architecture of the international financial system. (B): Social welfare, basic social services and macroeconomic policies	November 1998	December 1999	UNDP
RLA/98/006 - Poverty strategy initiative: effects of macroeconomic policies on employment, distribution and poverty	June 1998	December 2000	UNDP
RLA/98/014 - Environmental sustainability of Mercosur: opportunity and risks	October 1998	March 1999	UNDP

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RLA/98/015 - Economic growth policies and tools of environmental management: towards complementary policies	October 1998	March 1999	UNDP
ARG/97/025 - Strengthening the national system of public investment	March 1999	April 1999	UNDP
ARG/98/001 - Economic change and the new determinants of regional development	December 1998	July 1999	UNDP
ARG/99/002 - Agreement for the design and implementation of an integrated system for project formulation, appraisal and oversight.	March 1999	March 2000	UNDP
BOL/93/102 - Support for the National Civil Service Programme	February 1998	March 1998	UNDP
BOL/94/036 - Support for the Regional Development Council (CONADE)	April 1995	December 1999	UNDP
BOL/97/005 - Formulation of a human development agenda	April 1997	October 1998	UNDP
CHI/99/005 - Citizenship and human development in Chile	August 1999	February 2000	UNDP
COL/99/005 - Socioeconomic assessment of the effects of the earthquake in the departments of Quindia and Risaralda	March 1999	December 1999	UNDP
DOM/97/005 - Macroeconomic situation and external debt in the Dominican Republic	December 1997	February 1998	UNDP
DOM/98/003 - National human development report	June 1998	June 1999	UNDP
GLO/96/R71 - International Agricultural Institute	May 1996	December 1998	UNDP

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
HON/96/002 - Support for the development of guidelines for eradicating poverty	January 1997	January 1999	UNDP
HON/97/029 - Conceptual and operational framework for overcoming poverty in Honduras	January 1998	January 1999	UNDP
PAN/93/002 - Improving the national accounting system and the compilation of basic statistics	January 1994	December 2001	UNDP
URU/96/006 - Institutional strengthening of the health sector	August 1998	December 1999	UNDP
URU/96/009 - Asistencia para una política de vivienda en apoyo a la formación de hogares jóvenes	September 1996	June 1998	UNDP
URU/96/011 - Support to the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining in preparing studies on the industrial sector	September 1997	December 1998	UNDP
URU/97/017 - Support for implementing the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development	September 1997	December 1999	UNDP
VEN/98/006 - Support for projects and activities in the process of decentralization in Venezuela	March 1998	December 1999	UNDP
INT/96/902 - Incorporation of TCDC national focal points into the Internet	January 1996	December 1999	UNDP
CAR/94/P02 - Integration of population into development planning in the Caribbean subregion	June 1994	December 1998	UNFPA
CAR/97/P07 - Support to population research advocacy database development and training activities	July 1997	December 1998	UNFPA

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
CAR/98/P03 - Assistance to Regional ICPD + 5 Report	December 1998	March 1999	UNFPA
CEL/89/P01 - Preparation and dissemination of population data	January 1998	December 1999	UNFPA
CEL/94/P01 - Training on population issues	January 1998	December 1999	UNFPA
INT/96/P21 - Support to Global Programme of Training in Population and Sustainable Development	October 1996	December 1999	UNFPA
RLA/96/P17 - CELADE/UNFPA Regional Programme, 1996-1999	January 1996	December 1999	UNFPA
TSS/96/PLC - ECLAC/CELADE advisory services to the Latin American and Caribbean Region	January 1996	December 1999	UNFPA
RLA/99/P02 - Latin American Symposium on Older Persons	April 1999	December 1999	UNFPA
RLA/99/P04 - Population, Youth and Development	April 1999	April 2000	UNFPA
UNI/93/P04 - Basic guidelines for joint UNICEF/ECLAC action over the medium term	January 1993	June 1998	UNICEF
UNF/99/S - Reproductive education and responsible fatherhood in the Central American Isthmus	September 1999	September 2001	UNFPA
BID/98/S01 - Analysis of priority issues for FTAA Working Groups on services and investment	April 1998	April 1999	IDB
BID/97/S72 - Water legislation practices	July 1997	April 1998	IDB
BID/98/S110 - Improvement of surveys on living conditions in Latin America and the Caribbean (MECOVI)	April 1997	December 2000	IDB

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
BID/98/S28 - Regional Support Programme in the use of demographic data in the preparation, implementation and assessment of social projects (Phase II)	February 1998	February 2000	IDB
BID/99/S52 - Course on project administration and management	January 1999	December 1999	IDB
BID/99/S120 - Projected fiscal liabilities arising from pension reform in Latin America and the Caribbean	July 1999	February 2000	IDB
CEC/98/S08 - Promotion of energy efficiency in Latin America	January 1998	March 1999	European Union
CEC/98/S17 - Development of geothermal resources in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase II)	October 1998	October 1999	European Union
FFC/97/S90 - Growth, employment and equity in Latin America	August 1997	March 1999	Ford Foundation
FFC/98/S21 - Preventing or moderating financial crises	October 1998	October 1999	Ford Foundation
OEA/98/S35 - Social policies in Latin America and the Caribbean (PROPOSAL)	March 1998	December 1998	OAS
OEA/98/S72 - Small and medium food enterprises in the Caribbean	January 1998	December 1998	OAS
OEA/98/S75 - Improvement of teaching of science and mathematics at the primary level	January 1998	December 1998	OAS
CIC/95/S63 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Latin American Confederation of Pulp and Paper Industry (CICEPLA)	July 1995	June 1999	Latin American Confederation of the Pulp and Paper Industry

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
ARG/97/S107 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Province of San Luis (Phase 1)	December 1997	March 1998	Government of Argentina
ARG/98/S45 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Province of San Luis (Phase 2)	December 1998	June 1999	Government of Argentina
ARG/99/S77 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Province of Santa Fé (Phases 1 and 2)	February 1999	December 1999	Government of Argentina
ARG/99/S85 - Agreement between ECLAC and the government of Buenos Aires	February 1999	February 2000	City of Buenos Aires
ARG/97/S40 - Agreement between ECLAC and the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) "Strengthening the national system of statistics"	January 1997	June 1998	Government of Argentina (National Institute of Statistics and Censuses)
ARG/98/S07 - Agreement between ECLAC and the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) - 1998	March 1998	June 1999	Government of Argentina
ARG/99/S98 - Agreement between ECLAC and the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) - 1999	March 1999	March 2000	Government of Argentina
ARG/98/S109 - Technical cooperation agreement between ECLAC and Instituto Torcuato di Tella "Study in the area of macroeconomic analysis"	January 1998	December 1998	Government of Argentina (Torcuato di Tella Institute)
ARG/99/S83 - Agreement between ECLAC and Instituto Torcuato di Tella "Study on macroeconomic cycles and trends"	January 1999	December 1999	Government of Argentina (Torcuato di Tella Institute)
ARG/98/S12 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association (ADEFA)	July 1998	June 1999	Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association

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BCP/98/S18 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Brazilian Pulp and Paper Association (BRACELPA)	August 1998	August 1999	Brazilian Pulp and Paper Association
BOL/99/S125 - Agreement between ECLAC and Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Coordinadora Nacional de Redes, and the Municipality of Sucre - Course on the strategic management of local development	August 1999	December 1999	Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar Municipio de Sucre
BRA/96/S32 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Banco do Brasil Pension Fund	November 1996	December 1999	Government of Brazil
BRA/96/S37 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Brazilian Environment and Renewable Resources Institute (IBAMA) concerning joint studies on economic and social development policy (project)	September 1996	October 1999	Government of Brazil
BRA/98/016 - Complementary agreement with the Brazilian Ministry of Social Welfare (MPAS)	June 1998	June 1999	Government of Brazil
BRA/98/S49 - Agreement between ECLAC and Escola de Administração Fazendaria of the Brazilian Finance Ministry	January 1999	August 1999	Government of Brazil
BRA/99/S65 - Agreement between ECLAC and the National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES)	December 1998	July 1999	Government of Brazil
CAN/97/S13 - The new Latin American model	April 1997	June 1999	IDRC (International Development Research Centre) Canada
CAN/97/S25 - Industrial restructuring, innovation and international competitiveness (Fase II)	November 1996	December 1999	IDRC Canada

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
CAN/99/S47 - Mining Clusters in Latin America	January 1999	September 2000	IDRC Canada
CAN/99/S112 - Workshop on Water Resources Management and Indigenous Water Rights in the High Andes of Bolivia, Chile and Peru	April 1999	December 1999	IDRC Canada
CHI/95/S89 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Chilean Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) on a programme for making institutional improvements in the national investment system	January 1996	August 1999	Government of Chile/World Bank
CHI/97/S27 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development "Identification of land areas with high concentrations of poverty and housing deficit"	August 1997	August 1998	Government of Chile
CHI/97/S29 - Agreement between ECLAC and INDAP "Intensification of deconcentration"	January 1998	December 1998	Government of Chile
CHI/97/S87 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction to design a technology and productive development policy	May 1997	May 1998	Government of Chile (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction)
CHI/97/S101 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Under-Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction "Development of the tourism sector in the national economy"	October 1997	November 1998	Government of Chile
CHI/98/S33 - Diagnosis, evaluation and projection of the work of CONACE (Phase II)	December 1997	August 1998	Government of Chile

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
CHI/98/S06 - Expert in local development and internationalization	March 1998	June 1999	Government of Chile
CHI/98/S42 - Agreement between ECLAC, Under-Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction, CORFO and Banco del Estado de Chile "Policies for financing small and medium-sized enterprises in Chile"	September 1998	December 1999	Government of Chile
CHI/98/S36 - Agreement between ECLAC and SUBDERE, Interior Ministry "Fiscal decentralization in Chile"	October 1998	December 1998	Government of Chile
CHI/99/S68 - Agreement between ECLAC and the National Women's Service (SERNAM) "Situation of women in Chile 1990-1998"	January 1999	June 1999	Government of Chile
CHI/99/S78 - Agreement between ECLAC and FUNDES Multimedia S.A.	January 1999	December 2000	FUNDES Multimedia S.A.
CHI/99/S113 - Consultancy contract between ECLAC and the Productive Development Corporation (CORFO)	June 1999	December 1999	Government of Chile
CHI/99/S119 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Under-Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction "Comparative analysis of the determinants and effects of the location of foreign investment in Chile"	August 1999	January 2000	Government of Chile

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CHI/99/S121 - Agreement between ECLAC and Under-Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction "Analysis of the market for consultancy services for SMEs, in relation to productive development programmes in Chile"	August 1999	December 1999	Government of Chile
CHI/99/S122 - Technical Cooperation agreement between ECLAC, the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Institute for Agricultural Development (INDAP) "Research into the development of poor rural areas in Chile"	September 1999	February 2000	Government of Chile
COL/96/S30 - Cooperation agreement between ECLAC, the Colombian National Planning Department and Colombian Fund for Scientific Research and Special Projects (COLCIENCIAS) on sectoral technological strategy	January 1997	April 1999	Government of Colombia
COL/98/S03 - Agreement between ECLAC-ILPES and the Region of Tolima (Colombia)	January 1998	July 1998	Government of Colombia
FRA/96/S11 - ECLAC/ILPES/CELADE cooperation programme with the International Institute for Public Administration (Phase XI)	June 1996	December 1997	Government of France
FRG/95/S80 - Reforms of the financing of health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean	August 1995	June 1998	Government of Germany
FRG/98/S41 - Reform of health-care financing systems in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase II)	November 1998	October 2000	Government of Germany

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FRG/95/S95 - Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America (Phase VI)	August 1995	December 1999	Government of Germany
FRG/96/S38 - Policies to improve the quality, efficiency, and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean	November 1996	April 1999	Government of Germany
FRG/96/S48 – OLADE/CEPAL/GTZ - Energy and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase II)	November 1996	October 1998	Government of Germany
FRG/98/S20 - Agreement between OLADE, ECLAC and GTZ “Energy and development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase II)”	June 1998	November 2000	Government of Germany
FRG/97/S26 - Introduction of road maintenance concepts into Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase VI)	June 1997	June 2000	Government of Germany
FRG/97/S51 - Charging for use of road space in Latin American cities	July 1997	June 2000	Government of Germany
FRG/97/S70 - Policy options to promote the development of agricultural land markets with a view to facilitating land transfer to small farmers	April 1997	September 1999	Government of Germany
FRG/97/S19 - Reforms to social policies management in Latin America and the Caribbean	March 1997	February 1999	Government of Germany
FRG/98/S10 - Pensions and retirement fund	June 1998	June 2000	Government of Germany
FRG/98/S11 - Decentralisation and promotion of the economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Experiences and policy lessons	April 1998	March 2000	Government of Germany

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
FRG/98/S24 - Institutional requirements for market led structures in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase II)	March 1998	February 2000	Government of Germany
FRG/99/S64 - Institutionalization of gender policies within ECLAC and sectoral ministries	June 1999	May 2001	Government of Germany
FRG/99/S114 - Development of social Equity in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase I)	June 1999	July 2000	Government of Germany
HOL/96/S14 - Support for the Associate Member Countries of ECLAC and other non-independent Caribbean countries relative to developing institutional linkages and accessing benefits from the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations	July 1996	June 1999	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/96/S34 - Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s	December 1996	June 1999	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S103 - Simultaneous analysis of poverty alleviation and income distribution improvement objectives in Latin American countries	November 1997	November 1999	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S108 - Financial policies to increase savings and promote equity	January 1998	January 2000	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S43 - Fiscal policy, efficiency and equity in Latin America and the Caribbean	April 1997	April 1999	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S75 - A natural resource-cluster development strategy: its growth, distributive and environmental implications	April 1997	April 1999	Government of the Netherlands

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
HOL/97/S76 - Remittances and family economy (Phase II)	July 1997	July 1999	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S86 - Regional programme to promote trade in services in Central America	September 1997	<u>March 1999</u>	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S93 - Small and medium-sized industrial enterprises in Latin America and the Caribbean and international competitiveness	June 1997	<u>May 2000</u>	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/99/S117 - Improve damage assessment methodology to promote natural disaster mitigation and risk reduction awareness and preparedness in Latin America and the Caribbean	July 1999	April 2000	Government of the Netherlands
TA/91/S106 - Human resources training in economic and social development planning in Latin America (ILPES) (Phase II)	January 1995	June 1999	Government of Italy
ITA/95/S71 - Gestión urbana en ciudades medianas seleccionadas de América Latina	January 1995	March 1998	Government of Italy
ITA/99/S118 - Urban management strategies and tools for Sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean	June 1999	March 2002	Government of Italy
JAP/99/S91 - Chilean policy on foreign capital with focus on 'encaje'	March 1999	September 1999	Government of Japan
JAP/99/S96 - Regionalism in Asia and Latin America: a comparative review of regional experiences	March 1999	June 1999	Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
JAP/99/S99 - Changes in industrial restructuring and international competitiveness of the major Latin American countries in the 1990s: A comparative analysis	March 1999	June 1999	Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)
JAP/99/026 - Enhancement of citizen's awareness in the formulation of pollution control policies in mayor Latin American cities	March 1999	November 2000	Government of Japan
JAP/96/S01 - Comparative study of development strategies of selected East-Asian and Latin American countries with special reference to trade and industrial policies under the new international trading system	January 1997	June 1998	Government of Japan
JAP/97/S102 - Expert on fiscal policy	September 1997	March 2000	Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)
MEX/96/Sxx - Agreement CEPAL/SEMARNAP (Secretaría de Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales y Pesca de México)	January 1997	December 1998	Government of Mexico
PAR/90/S92 - Technical cooperation project for the improvement of national accounts in Paraguay	November 1990	December 1999	Government of Paraguay
SWE/95/S61 - Support and promotion of social policies through reforming the public sector and enhancing equity in Latin America and the Caribbean	July 1995	June 1999	Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)
SWE/96/S74 - Detailed survey of the recent evolution of the Cuban economy	April 1996	December 1997	SIDA, Sweden
SWE/99/S88 - Agreement with Global Water Partnership	December 1998	December 2000	SIDA, Sweden

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
SWE/99/- Update of study on the Cuban economy: structural reforms and performance in the 1990s	July 1999	January 2000	SIDA, Sweden
UAC/94/S09 - Cooperation agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Austral University of Chile	January 1994	December 1998	Austral University of Chile
UBB/95/S97 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and Bio-Bio University, Chile	December 1994	June 1999	Bio-Bio University (Chile)
UDA/95/S84 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the University of Antioquia, Colombia	August 1995	June 1999	University of Antioquia, Colombia
UDV/95/S46 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the University del Valle	January 1995	December 1998	Del Valle University, Colombia
UMC/94/S23 - ECLAC-ILPES/Magdalena Technological University of Santa Marta, Colombia Agreement	September 1994	December 1997	Technical University of Magdalena, Santa Marta, Colombia
URU/93/S73 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Government of Uruguay on economic and social cooperation	January 1994	December 1999	Government of Uruguay
URU/96/S50 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Uruguayan Ministry of Education and Culture on a study of the behaviour and attitudes of young people during the transition to adulthood	August 1996	December 1999	Government of Uruguay

Annex 2

MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE ECLAC SYSTEM

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
<u>1998</u>			
Meetings on the state of information science research in Latin America and the Caribbean	8-9 January	Santiago	CLADES/Corporation for the study of Information Sciences and Librarianship (CECIB)
	30-31 March	Panama City	
			CLADES/Smithsonian Institute of Tropical Research
Meetings in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/97/S19 "Reforms to social policies management in Latin America and the Caribbean"	8-9 January	Santiago	Social development and equity
	1-3 April		
	10-14 August		
	5-8 October		
	1-3 December		
Seminar on "Democratic theory and women's participation in politics: the case of Chile"	21 January	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Seminar "Regulation and supervision of financial conglomerates; recent experiences in Latin America", in project RLA/92/003 "Financial Policies for Changing production patterns with social equity"	22-23 January	Mexico City	Development financing/Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA)
Tenth Regional Seminar on Fiscal Policy	26-28 January	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing/IMF/World Bank/IDB/Finance ministry of Chile
Workshop on evaluating public expenditure management	29 January	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Presentation of the results of a pre-feasibility study to hydrocarbon directors, ministers responsible for the sector and private companies.	3-4 February	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Second workshop on private participation by drinking water and sanitation institutions of the Americas	3-7 February	San José	Environmental and land resource sustainability/American Society of Civil Engineers
ZOPP Seminar-workshop; project planning methodology	-6 February	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Discussion seminar on "Men and their stories: restructuring and masculinity in Mexico"	11 March	Santiago	Integration of women in development/ILPES
Meeting on openness and integration	19- 20 March	Santiago	Transport/Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications of Chile
Technical meeting for information coordinators and database managers	23 March	Port-of-Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Workshop on "How to close the technology gap? Productive restructuring and institutional modernization in the wine industry in Chile and Argentina in the 1980s and 1990s"	24 March	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Workshop on economic clusters and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), organized under ECLAC/SERCOTEC (Technical Cooperation Service)	25 March	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Seminar-workshop for training in information management, held at the fourth Regional Conference on Health Information in Latin America. Presentation on "Leadership as an essential dimension of the professional future of information, in cyberspace and elsewhere"	25-27 March	San José, Costa Rica	CLADES/PAHO/Latin American and Caribbean Centre for Information on Health Sciences (BIREME) Brazil
First regional workshop on the planning and execution of household surveys for measuring living conditions, in the framework of MECOVI (Programme for the Improvement of Surveys and the Measurement of Living Conditions in Latin America and the Caribbean)	1-3 April	Aguascalientes, Mexico	Statistics and economic projections/IDB/World Bank/National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information (INEGI) of Mexico

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Workshop on fiscal and municipal strengthening and decentralization in Chile, in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/98/S111 “Decentralization and promotion of the economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Experiences and policy lessons”	16 April	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Workshop on integrated environmental and economic accounting	20-24 April	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections
Workshop on employment and equity in project HOL/96/S34 “Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s”	2-24 April	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Workshop on investment in project HOL/96/S34 “Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s”	27- 28 April	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Workshop on fuel quality in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/95/S95 “Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America	11-12 May	Texas, USA	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar on national systems of public investment and project banks	13-14 May	Caracas	Administrative management/Central Office for Coordination and Planning of Venezuela
Meeting of the Expert Group on Poverty Statistics	13-15 May	Rio de Janeiro	Statistics and economic projections/Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute
Seminar on educational reform in Chile: views from five ministers	18 May	Santiago	Social development and equity/IDB
Launch of the book “Gestión ambientalmente adecuada de residuos sólidos. Un enfoque de política integral” (LC/L.1095	25 May	Santiago	Environmental and land resource sustainability

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Seminar on the participation of the Andean Community in the global economy. Presentation of paper on globalization, multilateralism and regionalism; preparation of final seminar report as an input in defining a foreign relations strategy for the Andean Community	26 May	Bogotá	Integration, open regionalism and regional cooperation/General Secretariat of the Andean Community/ECLAC office in Bogotá
Meeting on Latin American agriculture. The main issues addressed were the different interpretations of agricultural development since the 1980s	26-27 May	Washington, D.C.	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Professional education and training: keys to efficient and equitable productive restructuring", organized under the joint ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38, "Policies to improve the quality, efficiency and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean"	27-28 May 29 May	São Paulo Rio de Janeiro	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Latin American and Caribbean Regional Youth Meeting preparatory to the third World Youth Forum	1-3 June	Santiago	Social development and equity/UNESCO/Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ)/Latin American Youth Forum (FLAJ)/United Nations Youth Fund/UNFPA
Workshop preparatory to the fourth Meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin America and the Caribbean	3 June	Buenos Aires	Linkages with the global economy, competitiveness and production specialization/FLACSO
Training seminar on new leaders in information management	5 June	São Paulo	CLADES/Federation of students of the School of Art and Communication at the University of São Paulo
Meeting on rural development in relation to intermediate cities	1 June	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development

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Meeting to analyse the results of the programme of international price comparisons in Latin America	11-12 June	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections/World Bank
Joint meetings of the Office of Small Island Developing States and the inter-institutional coordination group	15-16 June 6 November	Port-of-Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
International seminar on development models and policies - Tribute to Anibal Pinto	22 June	Rio de Janeiro	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing/ECLAC office in Brasilia/National Bank for Economic and Social Development of Brazil
Launch of book "Ciudades intermedias en América Latina y el Caribe: propuesta para la gestión urbana", in project ITA/95/S71 "Urban Management in Selected Medium-Sized Cities of Latin America"	25 June	Rome	Environmental and land resource sustainability/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy
Seminar-workshop for training in total quality in local government management, held at the Municipio of Cerro Navia	13, 15, 16 and 20 July	Santiago	CLADES
Sixth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	15 July	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Meeting in the project DOM/98/003 "National human development report of the Dominican Republic"	20-23 July	Santo Domingo	Social development and equity/UNDP
Workshop on "The municipality and drugs", organized as part of ECLAC/Interior Ministry project CHI/98/S33 "Diagnosis, evaluation and projection of the work of CONACE (Phase II).	24 July	Santiago	Social development and equity

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Meeting on competitive funds in agricultural research	28-29 July	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development/Institute of Agricultural Research of Chile/Cooperative Programme for the Technological Development of Agriculture in the Southern Cone
Seminar-workshop for training in information search and retrieval strategies on the Internet, held at the National University at Cuyo	29-31 July	Mendoza	CLADES
Seminar "Trade and industrial policies in East Asia and Latin America under the new trading system"	11-12 August	Santiago	Linkages with the world economy, competitiveness and productive specialization
Meeting of Integration and Cooperation Secretariats of Latin America and the Caribbean	19 August 12 November	Santiago Lima	Integration, open regionalism and regional cooperation
Regional workshop on poverty	24 August - 4 September	Aguascalientes, Mexico	Statistics and economic projections/National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information (INEGI) of Mexico
Seminar "Sectoral reforms, labour market and human resource management in the health sector". Presentation of research on "University-trained nurses in public hospitals and private clinics: perception of job situation", and the study "Towards new rules of the game: management commitments in the health sector in Costa Rica from a comparative viewpoint"	27 August	Santiago	Social development and equity/Ministry of Health, Chile
Fourth meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin America and the Caribbean	27-28 August	Santiago	Linkages with the global economy, competitiveness and production specialization/ALADI/S ELA

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Expert Group Meeting on National Machineries for Gender Equity and the Advancement of Women. ...	31 August-4 September	Santiago	Integration of women in development/Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations
Expert meeting to analyse the situation of maritime transport in the region in relation to globalization and the vertical integration of services	August September October	Santiago La Habana Miami	Transport
Lecture on "Structural reforms and female labour market activity in Brazil: realities and prospects", given by Lena Levinas, coordinator of the labour market module in project FRG/98/S24 "Institutional requirements for market-led structures in Latin America and the Caribbean"	3 September	Santiago	Social development and equity
Seminar on macroeconomics and poverty	8 September	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing/UNDP
Third meeting of the regional project "Social spending and the 20/20 Initiative" (RLA/97/019 "Equity and macroeconomic policies"). Presentation on magnitudes, trends and characteristics of social spending in the 1990s.	9-11 September	Santiago	Social development and equity/UNDP/UNICEF
Brasilia Economic Forum (BEF), Editions I to IV	23 September 23 November 17 December	Brasilia	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing/ECLAC office in Brasilia
Expert meeting on the linkages between small and medium-sized enterprises and the export sector	24 September	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Regional seminar on "Skill development and training in Latin America and the Caribbean: diagnosis and proposals" in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38 "Policies to improve the quality, efficiency, and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean"	28-29 September	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Seminar on “The potential for developing productive clusters in the dairy industry”, in project HOL/97/S75 “A natural resource-cluster development strategy: its growth, distributive and environmental implications”	6-7 October	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Seminar on “Population and housing in precarious settlements” (Book No. 299, co-published with the Technical Division for Housing Research and Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MINVU) of Chile	October	Santiago	Population and development/Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile
Seminar-workshop on the 2000 census round for Institutes of Statistics in Latin America. The seminar brought together the majority of executives of Institutes of Statistics to discuss substantive and technical alternatives for the coming census round.	13-16 October	Santiago	Population and development
Joint ECLAC/European Union round table on “Coordination of national macroeconomic policies: the European experience and its relevance for Latin America”	20 October	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
International seminar on “School drop-out and retention: progress and proposals”. Presentations: “High-school drop-out and its impact on labour-market participation and the achievement of welfare” and “Evaluation of nutrition programmes: lessons from experience”	29-30 October	Santiago	Social development and equity /National Student Assistance and Scholarship Board/Ministry of Public Education of Chile/UNESCO
Seminar on the convergence of hemispheric integration processes. Presentation of document on asymmetries and convergence in economic integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (Chapter VI in Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Economy. 1998 Edition)	10 November	Santiago	Integration, open regionalism and regional cooperation
Second regional workshop in the MECOVI programme on measuring income in household surveys	10- 13 November	Buenos Aires	Statistics and economic projections/National Institute of Statistics and Censuses of Argentina

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Workshop on constructing environmental land/soil indicators	11-13 November	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections/National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information of Mexico
Expert meeting on tax, saving and investment incentives in Central America	2-13 November	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Third Workshop for River Basin Managers in Latin America and the Caribbean	16-18 November	Buenos Aires	Environmental and land resource sustainability/Water Resources Commission and Ecology and Human Development Commission of the Senate of the Republic of Argentina/Regional Delegation for the Southern Cone of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France
Subregional meeting for the review and appraisal of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development	17-18 November	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
First Latin American parliamentary session on water policies	18-19 November	Buenos Aires	Environmental and land resource sustainability/Senate of Argentina/Federal Investment Council/Latin American Parliament/Natural Resources and Sustainable Development Secretariat of Argentina
Workshop on "Vulnerability, assets and social exclusion"	19-20 November	Montevideo	Social development and equity/ECLAC office in Montevideo/Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean/Ford Foundation

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Seminar on the exploitation of forestry resources and the development of related industries	19-20 November	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Press conference and technical seminar on the theme "Education in Chile: how does it compare with Latin America?"; and regional launch of the publication "Education at a glance: OECD indicators 1998"	23 November	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development/Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Subregional meeting on the fiscal covenant: strengths, weaknesses, challenges – experiences from the Caribbean	23 November	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Regional Seminar on National Accounts	23-27 November	Rio de Janeiro	Statistics and economic projections/Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute/Statistics Division of the United Nations
Workshops on municipal financing in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/98/S111 "Decentralization and promotion of economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Experiences and policy lessons"	4 November 18 December	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Expert group meeting on the impact of structural reforms and macroeconomic policies on the forestry and agricultural sector in Latin America	26-27 November	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Meeting entitled "Mercosur social". Discussion of the project proposal "Human development in Mercosur: a social observatory"	30 November	Santiago	Social development and equity/UNDP
Regional Meeting on the Contribution of Oceans to Sustainable Development of the Region	30 November-3 December	Santiago	Environmental and land resource sustainability/Department of Navy, Chile
Seminar on year 2000 population and housing censuses	2-4 December	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Sixteenth Plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology	10-11 December	Barbados	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of ECLAC. Presentation of document entitled "América Latina y el Caribe: examen y evaluación de la ejecución del Programa de Acción de la Conferencia Internacional sobre la Población y el Desarrollo (LC/DEM/G.184)"	14-15 December	Santiago	Population and Development
<u>1999</u>			
Seminar-workshop on "Labour market and human resource management in nursing: the case of the Metropolitan Region of Santiago"	6 January	Santiago	Social development and equity/Ministry of Public Health of Chile/Institute of Sociology of the Catholic University of Chile/PAHO/WHO
Subregional seminar on "The Fiscal Covenant"	11 January	Guatemala City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar-workshop for training in the formulation of information projects for Latin American and Caribbean organizations	11-15 January	Santiago	CLADES
Guatemalan national seminar on "The Fiscal Covenant"	12 January	Guatemala City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Inter-agency preparatory meetings of the Latin American and Caribbean Youth Symposium	13 January 7 July 5 August 18 August 30 August 30 September 30 October	Santiago	Social development and equity
Seminar "Women, legal system and equality: guidelines for monitoring"	25 January	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Tenth Regional Seminar on Fiscal Policy	25-28 January	Brasilia	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Seminar on gender indicators for follow-up and assessment of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, and the Beijing Platform for Action	28 January	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Seminar on energy economics; two presentations on the subject	1-5 February	Tegucigalpa	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Expert group meeting on tourism in the Central American isthmus and the Dominican Republic, in project HOL/97/S86 "Regional programme to promote trade in services in Central America"	25-26 February	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar with information science researchers, held at the University of Antioquía	18-21 March	Medellín, Colombia	CLADES
Meetings with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) to prepare joint activities relating to implementation of Chapter 19 of Agenda 21 on the integrated handling of toxic chemicals	19-23 March	Geneva	Environmental and land resource sustainability
Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas	24-26 March	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections
Workshop "Latin America: on the threshold of a new crisis?"	30 March	Santiago	Social development and equity/UNDP/IDB/FLA CSO
Meeting of the Inter-agency Technical Committee of the Forum of Environment Ministers of Latin American and Caribbean countries	-8 April	Santiago	Environmental and land resource sustainability
Expert meeting on globalization in the peasant economies of Central America; social implications and technology	8 April	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Expert meeting on globalization and productivity in the peasant economies of Central America; institutional and organizational implications	9 April	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Second technical seminar on consumer price indices	21-23 April	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections/National Institute of Statistics of Chile
Seminar "Work, gender and development; ILO looking to the year 2000. Current policies and strategies for gender mainstreaming"	29 April	Santiago	Integration of women in development/ILO
Seminar on "The development of Latin America and the Caribbean from the ECLAC viewpoint", held for economics editors from the main communications media in Latin America and the Caribbean. Presentation of Social Panorama of Latin America, 1998 Edition	May	Santiago	Social development and equity
Workshop on growth, employment and equity in project HOL/96/S34 "Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s"	7 May	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Workshop to set up the national observatory of human resources in health in Chile	13-14 May	Santiago	Social development and equity/Human Resources Department at the Ministry of Public Health/PAHO
First and second technical level meetings of ECLAC/CDCC preparatory to the mid-term assessment of the execution of the Platform for Action of the fourth World Conference on Women	13-14 May	Kingston, Jamaica	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
	20-21 May	Port-of-Spain	
Workshop on "Concepts and methodologies in cluster analysis"	17-18 May	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Interministerial meeting for discussion and dissemination of the final report of the joint ECLAC/Interior Ministry of Chile project CHI/98/S33 "Diagnosis, evaluation and projection of the work of CONACE (Phase II)"	19 May	Santiago	Social development and equity

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Third regional workshop in the MECOVI programme on measuring income in household surveys	20-28 May	Aguascalientes, Mexico	Statistics and economic projections/National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information (INEGI) of Mexico
Workshop on the technology of electronic commerce in statistical information over the Internet	24-28 May	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections/International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
Workshop to define an international research agenda on water in the Altiplano	26-28 May	Arica, Chile	Environmental and land resource sustainability/International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
Seventh Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	2 June	Curaçao	Integration of women in development
Expert meetings on the productive use of remittances in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua	8 June 11 June 5-6 July 7-10 July	Tegucigalpa San Salvador Managua Guatemala City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Brasilia Economic Forum (BEF), Edition IV	10 June	Brasilia	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing/ECLAC office in Brasilia
Seminar on legal aspects of maritime transport	23-25 June 30 June- 2 July	Santiago	Transport/Universidad del Mar/TRAINMAR Association of South America
Seminar "Public utility concessions and the protection and promotion of foreign investments"	1-2 July	Buenos Aires	Environmental and land resource sustainability/Argentine Council for International Relations

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Special Meeting of the Consultative Committee on Regional Information Systems	2 July	Port-of-Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean/ CARICOM
Seminar on “Education and training to meet the challenges of economic openness and company restructuring”, in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38 “Policies to improve the quality, efficiency, and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean”	15-16 July	Mexico City	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development/Red Latinoamericana de Educación y Trabajo (RET)/Consejo de Normalización y Certificación de Competencia Laboral (CONOCER) of Mexico
Seminar on gender participation and equity in Latin America and the Caribbean: follow-up indicators	19 July	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Advisory Committee Meeting in project HOL/96/S34 “Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s”	22-23 July	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Workshop on “Growth employment and equity: coordination and pending issues”, in project HOL/96/S34 “Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s”	26-27 July	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Seminar on “Low-income housing policies in Latin America”, module on access to financing, in project FRG/98/S24 “Institutional requirements for market-led structures in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase II)”	3 August	Bogotá	Financing of development/Bogotá Chamber of Commerce
Workshop on “Reform, modernization and foreign trade in health services”	3 August	Santiago	Social development and equity/PAHO/WHO
Second Latin American meeting of institutions responsible for the supervision, oversight and regulation of transport	10-12 August	Santiago	Transport
Seminar on climate change	11-13 August		Environmental and land resource sustainability/UNDP

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Whole-day session of economic analysis applied to Argentina, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ECLAC office in Buenos Aires	12 August	Buenos Aires	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Joint meeting of the Office of Small Island Developing States and the inter-institutional collaboration group	14 August	Port-of-Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
First seminar-workshop on knowledge management via Internet websites	23-27 August	Santiago	CLADES
Caribbean Subregional Review of WSSD+5/and the Status of Older Person Meeting	September	Port-of-Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Meeting on issues relating to the International Year of Older Persons	3 September	Port-of-Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Seminar on "Development of rural non-farm employment"	6-8 September	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development/FAO/IDB/ International Network for Farming Systems Research Methodology (RIMISP)
Latin American and Caribbean Symposium on Older Persons	8-10 September	Santiago	Population and development/UNFPA/P AHO
Latin American and Caribbean seminar on "Civil society; contributions to the development of older persons"	8-10 September	Santiago	Population and development/Network of older persons' programmes
Workshop to promote small and medium-sized enterprise, in project HOL/97/S93 "Small and medium-sized industrial enterprises in Latin America and the Caribbean, and international competitiveness"	10 September	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
National seminar on land markets in Bolivia, in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/97/S70 "Policy options to promote the development of agricultural land markets with a view to facilitating land transfer to small farmers"	10 September	La Paz	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Meeting on the theme of "Towards development with citizenship"	23-24 September	Santiago	Social development and equity/Association of Non-Governmental Organizations/ Universidad Bolivariana/ International Society for Third Sector Research
Expert group meeting on "Industry, trade and environment in relation to sustainable development in Mexico and Central America: policy implications"	27-28 September	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Third Caribbean Ministerial Conference on Women: Review and Appraisal of the Fourth World Conference on Women Platform for Action	5-7 October	Port-of -Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
High Level Seminar on Basic Planning Functions. Three issues were analysed: the evaluation of strategies, plans, programmes and projects; policy coordination at the sectoral and territorial level; and the long-term outlook and strategic management. In each case a technical document was presented	7-8 October	Santiago	Strategic management and reform of the State
Central American Preparatory Meeting for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	11-12 October	San Salvador	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Expert meeting to analyse the conclusions of the document on employment and wage trends, and their impact on equity in Latin American societies	14-15 October	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Round table to analyse the current situation of social-sector reforms, organized in the fourth International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform	19-22 October	Mexico City	Social development and equity /National Government Service Institute of Mexico/Spanish Agency for International Cooperation/IDB/World Bank/Andean Development Corporation/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations/PAHO/WHO
Expert meeting to analyse the conclusions of the document on economic reforms and their impact on strategies for changing production patterns with social equity	20 October	Santiago	Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing
Expert meeting on gender indicators and public policies in Latin America	21-22 October	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Expert group meeting to fine-tune the South American Transport Statistics System (SETAS) project	27-28 October	Santiago	Transport
Regional meeting on international trade research and training needs in Latin America and the Caribbean	4-5 November	Santiago	Linkages with the global economy, competitiveness and production specialization/ UNCTAD/UNDP
Seminar on innovative cases of local initiatives to protect air and climate in Latin America	4-6 November	Santiago	Environmental and land resource sustainability/International Council for Local Initiatives on the Environment/World Bank
Regional expert meeting on the productive use of remittances in Central America	5 November	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Meeting on best practices for youth projects in the Southern Cone	8-11 November	Santiago	Social development and equity

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Eighth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	9-10 November	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Expert meeting to analyse the consequences of trade liberalization and economic complementation agreements in relation to the convergence of integration processes and open regionalism	11 November	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Fifth Meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin America and the Caribbean	11-12 November	Lima	Linkages with global economy, competitiveness and production specialization/LAIA/SELA
Expert meeting on problems of adjustment and transition costs arising from the introduction of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), and measures proposed to mitigate such costs	12 November	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Meeting of Integration and Cooperation Secretariats of Latin America and the Caribbean	12 November	Lima	Integration, open regionalism and regional cooperation
Fourth regional workshop in the MECOVI programme on "Measuring poverty: the poverty line method"	16-19 November	Buenos Aires	Statistics and economic projections/National Institute of Statistics and Censuses of Argentina
Expert meeting on open regionalism: evolution and outlook – comparing experiences between Latin America and the Caribbean and the Asia-Pacific region	17-18 November	Santiago	Integration, open regionalism and regional cooperation
Seminar on "Crisis in the economic reforms in Latin America"	18-19 November	Washington, D.C.	Social development and equity/IDB/University of Pittsburgh/Inter-American Dialog

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Meeting of the Rio Group on Poverty Statistics	22-24 November	Lisbon	Statistics and economic projections/Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute/National Institute of Statistics of Chile
International meeting on “Prevention of drug consumption: normative concepts and proposals for best practices”	25-26 November	Santiago	Social development and equity
Expert meeting on promotion and modernization of the agro-export sector in the Central American isthmus	26-27 November	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Expert meeting on policy, law and management of biotechnology biosafety in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized in response to the decision taken at the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean	29-30 November	Santiago	Environmental and land resource sustainability/UNEP
Second regional seminar-workshop on knowledge management via Internet websites	29 November - 3 December	Santiago	CLADES
National seminar on land markets in Peru, in ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/97/S70 “Policy options to promote the development of agricultural land markets with a view to facilitating land transfer to small farmers”	1 December	Lima	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
Continental meeting of ECLAC and UNCTAD/TRAINMAR	1-3 December	Santiago	Transport
Expert meeting to analyse aspects relating to sustainable development in Caribbean countries, with special emphasis on land use	2-3 December	Port-of-Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
First regional seminar in project ITA/99/S118 “Urban Management in Selected Medium-Sized Cities of Latin America”	7 December	Santiago	Environmental and land resource sustainability/Government of Italy

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Restructuring based on biodiversity, export promotion and transnational companies	15-17 December	Brasilia	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development
International seminar on globalization and new business strategies in Latin America “Asset restructuring: the dynamics of large transnational and national firms in Latin America in the 1990s”	20-21 December	Santiago	Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development

III. REPORT OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the session

1. The twenty-eighth session of the Commission was held in Mexico City from 3 to 7 April 2000.

Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of the following 31 States members of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.
3. Three associate members of the Commission were also represented: Aruba, Netherlands Antilles and United States Virgin Islands.
4. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the Terms of Reference of the Commission, observers from the following States Members of the United Nations which are not members of the Commission were present in a consultative capacity: Australia, Austria, Czech Republic, China, Germany, Japan, Morocco, Thailand, Turkey and Yugoslavia.
5. Observers from the Holy See and Switzerland participated in the session in a consultative capacity.
6. Numerous special guests, whose names appear in the list of participants, also attended the session.
7. The United Nations Secretariat was represented at the session by the Chief of the Regional Commissions New York Office.
8. The following United Nations bodies and programmes were represented: United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations University and World Food Programme.

9. The following specialized agencies of the United Nations were represented: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank-International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund and Universal Postal Union.

10. The session was also attended by representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: Andean Community, Andean Development Corporation, Caribbean Community, Central American Bank for Economic Integration, Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies, European Union, Inter-American Development Bank, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, International Organization for Migration, Latin American Economic System, Latin American Energy Organization, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Latin American Integration Association and Organization of American States.

11. The following non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented: General Consultative Status: Consumers International and Inter Press Service; Special Consultative Status: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Latin American Association of Development Finance Institutions, Latin American and Caribbean Women's Rights Defence Committee, and Latin American Information Agency.

Credentials

12. Pursuant to rule 15 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the credentials of the delegations as submitted to the Executive Secretary were examined and found to be in order.

Election of officers

13. At the first plenary meeting, the delegations elected the officers of the twenty-eighth session.

14. The officers elected to preside over the twenty-eighth session were as follows:

<u>Chairperson:</u>	Mexico
<u>Vice-Chairpersons:</u>	Brazil
	Nicaragua
	Saint Kitts and Nevis
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Venezuela

Organization of the work

15. The session was divided into two phases: the first was of a technical nature, while the second was held at the ministerial level. In accordance with the relevant statutory provisions, concurrent meetings were held by the Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions and by the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development.

16. The officers elected to preside over the meetings of the Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions were as follows:

<u>Chairperson:</u>	Chile
<u>Vice-Chairpersons:</u>	Antigua and Barbuda
	Guatemala
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Colombia

17. The officers elected to preside over the meetings of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development were as follows:

<u>Chairperson:</u>	Mexico
<u>Vice-Chairpersons:</u>	Belize
	Brazil
	Chile
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Panama

18. The reports of the above committees may be found in annexes 2 and 3 of this report.

Documentation

19. A list of the working documents submitted by the secretariat to the Commission at its twenty-eighth session appears in annex 1.

B. AGENDA

20. The Commission adopted the following agenda:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the twenty-eighth session
3. Equity, development and citizenship
4. Meetings of subsidiary bodies and other regional meetings sponsored by ECLAC, including meetings in follow-up to United Nations world conferences: conclusions and recommendations
5. Other activities of the secretariat of the ECLAC system since the twenty-seventh session and programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003:
 - (a) ECLAC
 - (b) Ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI)
 - (c) Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
 - (d) Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development
 - (e) Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development
 - (f) Follow-up to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

- (g) Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
 - (h) Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)
 - (i) Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES)
 - (j) United Nations inter-agency coordination meeting for the Latin American and Caribbean region
6. Calendar of conferences for the period 2000-2002
 7. Some recent resolutions and decisions adopted by United Nations organs which should be brought to the attention of the Commission
 8. Follow-up to the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development
 9. Cooperation among developing countries and regions
 10. Other matters
 11. Consideration and adoption of the resolutions of the twenty-eighth session of ECLAC

C. OPENING AND CLOSING MEETINGS

Opening meeting of the technical phase

21. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC expressed his gratitude for the hospitality shown by the host country, which had served as the venue for several important sessions of the Commission and numerous intergovernmental meetings.

22. The scope of the Commission's vision had expanded over time, and that had allowed it to reconcile the continuity of its concept of development as an integral process with the process of change as reflected in the emerging issues associated with each stage. During the current stage, attention was focused on equity, globalization and changing production patterns. The substantive document presented at the twenty-eighth session revolved around the question of equity; it integrated macroeconomic and growth-related issues with the principles of universality, solidarity and efficiency and characterized education and employment as the essential "master keys" of development in democratic societies capable of promoting ongoing progress towards the full exercise of citizens' rights.

23. The efforts being made to strengthen links with member countries and to intensify cooperation with other United Nations bodies were two main aspects of the Commission's institutional management. The Executive Secretary reported upon the steps that had been taken to bring about a partial restructuring of the organization, including, in particular, the full incorporation of ILPES and CELADE. He also reviewed the progress made in the dissemination of information through various channels, including electronic media.

24. After thanking the countries and institutions that had provided extrabudgetary funding for ECLAC activities, he expressed his desire and intention to ensure that the Commission would continue to merit the confidence placed in it during the preceding half century.

25. The Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Mexico welcomed the participants on behalf of the Government and people of Mexico and expressed their pleasure about the fact that the twenty-eighth session of ECLAC was being held in Mexico. ECLAC had played an important role in promoting ideas and efforts aimed at supporting the development of all the peoples of the region. The documents presented by the Commission would provide useful inputs for that process, since ECLAC constituted one of the hemisphere's primary forums for debating the issues examined in those studies.

26. After thanking the Commission for its positive response to the comments made by the Government of Mexico regarding the substantive document, she referred to three main topics. The first was the progress made in recent years in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially in the areas of economic development, the consolidation of democratic systems of government and the rule of law, and regional integration. The second was the relationship between international cooperation and the countries' development process; in that regard, a need clearly existed for the consolidation of a new culture of solidarity, and organizations such as ECLAC would be called upon to make a major contribution to that process.

27. The third topic had to do with three areas in which the Commission should concentrate its efforts in the coming years: the provision of support for a process of reflection and analysis with a view to devising strategies for furthering the development of the region's peoples; the elimination of poverty and the promotion of social equity; and the enhancement of regional cohesion, the establishment of links with other regions and the formation of international linkages on favourable terms.

Opening meeting of the ministerial phase

28. The opening meeting of the ministerial phase was held on 6 April. Lilian Beke Martínez, Minister for Economic Affairs, Industry and Tourism of Aruba; Jose Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary of ECLAC; and Ernesto Zedillo, President of the United Mexican States, addressed the participants.

29. The Minister for Economic Affairs, Industry and Tourism of Aruba thanked the persons responsible for organizing the session and commended the Executive Secretary of ECLAC on the document that had been submitted, which attested to the secretariat's comprehension of the issues that the region urgently needed to address. She agreed with the argument presented in the document as to the impossibility of applying any one model across the board in order to solve the problems faced by all the countries and its recognition of the links existing between economic and social issues.

30. The session offered an opportunity to undertake an incisive assessment of the strategies used to work towards greater equity for all and to meet the challenge posed by the globalization process. The States members of ECLAC were in greater need than ever of the Commission's assistance in designing strategies that would allow them to meet their development needs. The substantive document submitted at the session refuted the mistaken belief that the small countries' problems were small as well. In reality, the small island developing States faced particularly serious problems, even though they had turned in a good economic performance during recent years. In that context, it was to be hoped that in the following biennium the Caribbean countries would be fully integrated into the programme of work of ECLAC, whose activities and whose coordination with other bodies operating within the region were

commendable. In addition, the newly revitalized Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee should, with the support of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, play an important role in the near future.

31. In closing, she expressed her gratitude for the support provided for the work of the Chairperson during the past biennium and wished her successor well.

32. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC expressed his appreciation for the hospitality shown by Mexico, a country with which the Commission had strong ties. The world of today was not only witnessing the globalization of its markets but also the globalization of such values as those of human rights, social development, gender equity, respect for ethnic and cultural diversity, and environmental protection. In the document prepared for submission at the session, *Equity, Development and Citizenship*, the secretariat asserted that that was the context in which development policies for the twenty-first century should be formulated.

33. An assessment of the region's economic and social situation yielded mixed results. Headway had unquestionably been made, but unstable forms of growth, recurrent financial crises and the heterogeneity of its production sectors persisted; in addition, the employment situation remained unsatisfactory. Alongside those problems, however, advances had been made in such areas as the consolidation of democratic systems of government, respect for women's rights and the gradual mainstreaming of the issue of sustainable development.

34. In seeking to identify regional development challenges, it was important to build upon what had already been achieved and to recognize that there was no such thing as a single, universally applicable solution. ECLAC believed that the region's development process needed to be redirected and that equity should be the guiding principle for its reorientation. In order to achieve greater equity, the region needed to have comprehensive social policies founded upon the principles of universality, solidarity and efficiency that made use of the two "master keys" of education and employment, which should be priority areas of concern for the authorities. In relation to the development process as such, the document proposed a style of macroeconomic management that would encompass not only the issues of inflation, the reduction of the fiscal deficit and the maintenance of an external equilibrium, but also the need for stability in economic growth and employment. It also contained a series of proactive policy proposals aimed at strengthening the production structure, since that was the key to achieving a dynamic development process. It also called for the mainstreaming of the issue of sustainable development. The focus on the rights and duties of citizenship was based on the conviction that the agenda for development with equity could only be addressed effectively within a democratic framework that took into account existing problems in relation to social cohesion and the need for the citizenry to have a sense of belonging to society.

35. In closing, the Executive Secretary said that ECLAC had sought to fulfil its institutional task of identifying challenges and proposing ways of meeting them while respecting the countries' diversity and working to open the way towards a collective future.

36. The President of the United Mexican States welcomed the participants and noted that Mexicans took particular pride in their country's membership in ECLAC and that they shared its objectives of promoting integral development on the basis of robust economic growth and policies designed to foster social equity.

37. He underscored the importance of having a sound economy. Indeed, the achievement of such an economy was what had recently enabled the countries of the region to mitigate the negative repercussions of the adjustment in Brazil and to resume their growth process. Economic reforms had provided greater stability and had generated the confidence needed to promote economic growth, as had the implementation of liberalization policies on the basis of a long-term perspective. He felt that it was unfounded to attribute the poverty and inequality that persisted in the region to the effects of those reforms, since those problems were actually the legacy of Statism, populism, fiscal irresponsibility and, in some nations, authoritarianism.

38. In referring to the implementation of democratic reforms, he indicated that, fortunately, democracy was no longer the exception but had become the rule. He felt that that fact represented one of Latin America's most important achievements in the latter part of the twentieth century, noting that "Ibero-America is putting spirit into the letter of its democratic constitutions". He stated that democracy and the market economy were the two pillars upon which the region could build a better future. They were not enough to ensure social justice, however; it was the State's responsibility to take active measures to achieve that goal. Mexico had made progress in bringing about a transformation of its social policy institutions; it had allocated more resources for social than ever before in the country's entire history and had made significant advances in terms of both coverage and quality.

39. As Mexico advanced along that path, it did so side-by-side with its fellow Latin American and Caribbean nations and with the help of the work being done by organizations such as ECLAC. They must continue to work together within the framework provided by their common culture, their newly forged links of democracy and their aspirations for justice and well-being for their peoples, and ECLAC would always play a very prominent role in those efforts. He then declared the official commencement of the twenty-eighth session of the Commission and wished the participants every success.

Closing meeting of the ministerial phase

40. During the closing meeting of the ministerial phase, which took place on 7 April, the participants were addressed by Enrique Iglesias, President of the Inter-American Development Bank; José Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary of ECLAC; and Rosario Green, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Mexico.

41. The President of the Inter-American Development Bank thanked Mexico for having extended its hospitality to ECLAC once again and recalled numerous memorable events representing milestones in the Latin American and Caribbean development process that had taken place during previous meetings held in the country. ECLAC had stood by the countries as it pursued its analytical and theoretical work, a fact that led him to conclude, with great satisfaction, that it was fulfilling its main objectives and was doing so with authority, professionalism and respect for the principles upheld by the United Nations. In addition to endorsing the statements made by others in commendation of the Commission, he noted that IDB received continual inspiration and support from ECLAC, and that situation had permitted the two organizations to share ideas and form closer bonds as they worked towards the achievement of their common objectives.

42. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC thanked all the representatives of the Government of Mexico who had been involved in organizing the session and who had once again exemplified their country's hospitality. The present session had had an innovative format thanks in part to an initiative of the President of Mexico, who had proposed that a meeting of government officials, scholars and specialists

from other fields should be organized in order to permit a more substantive consideration of the topics on the agenda.

43. He took pride in the fact that ECLAC was one of the most efficient institutions within the United Nations system, whose mystique formed part of its historical legacy. The continuing support of the countries was also a source of great satisfaction. The document submitted to the Commission at the present session was the result of the combined efforts of many authors and attested to their concern with a wide variety of development issues.

44. The Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Mexico expressed her satisfaction about the fact that, based on the excellent study submitted by ECLAC, the Commission had succeeded in adopting a series of resolutions through which the Governments committed themselves to continue supporting the institution. The Commission was one of the most effective organizations in operation inside or outside the United Nations system, and that fact translated into concrete achievements; furthermore, the institution was in a position to convene high-level representatives of the States members and was thus able to formulate viable proposals that reflected the will of the countries themselves.

45. When they talked about equity, they were looking to the future. That was a highly important task and indeed mission because it called for an even-handed evaluation of what had occurred in the past and an awareness of the fact that the only way to put an end to the lags and problems standing in the way of the region's integral development was to continue to adopt appropriate measures. The participants in the session had not confined their efforts to recognizing those phenomena, and the resolutions they had adopted provided a very clearly defined framework in a variety of areas. In closing, she expressed her conviction that ECLAC would remain faithful to its mission and would continue to provide the region with the benefits it had always provided in the past.

D. REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR

46. During the final portion of the closing meeting, the representative of Venezuela, serving as the rapporteur for the session, provided a summary report of the proceedings.

47. The document entitled *Equity, development and citizenship* had been submitted to the participating Governments for their consideration. That study provided a comprehensive presentation of the institution's thinking regarding the development challenges that the region was facing within the context of the globalization process as it related not only to economic issues but also to the dimension of that process involving social concerns, environmental considerations and the question of citizens' rights and duties. With regard to economic issues, the secretariat had focused attention on two worrisome aspects of the process: the incomplete, asymmetrical nature of market globalization and the absence of good governance, as had been demonstrated by recent crises. In its consideration of the second dimension, the study had discussed the gradual globalization of ideas and values or, in other words, of an ethical frame of reference for the design of development policy.

48. For purposes of analysis and discussion, the document presented a series of options for the achievement of more robust growth, a goal that had eluded the great majority of the countries in the region. Within the context of globalization, the most suitable policies for Latin America and the Caribbean would be ones that would enable the region to strengthen its position in the international economy and improve its export profile while making better use of its comparative advantages.

49. During the meeting devoted to an exchange of views and statements regarding the substantive document, numerous delegations had commended ECLAC on its work and had stated that the study was an excellent source of information and provided a good frame of reference for the analysis of those issues and their implications for the economic and social development of the region. In general, it had been described as a valuable and comprehensive study that rightfully underscored the need to incorporate real variables –including growth and employment– in the definition of the type of stability to be sought through the management of economic fundamentals and through continuing efforts to eliminate poverty.

50. Many delegations had agreed with the document's contention that, given the diversity and plurality of the region, there was no such thing as a single, universally applicable solution or model for promoting the countries' development and solving their problems. Those delegations had also emphasized the importance of maintaining a willingness to implement the policies best suited to each country's circumstances and conditions. They had seen the elimination of poverty as a moral and political challenge and agreed with the argument made for restoring the question of equity to its place as one of the cornerstones of public policy. The foregoing should lead to the adoption of comprehensive, cross-sectoral policies for reducing poverty and improving income distribution and to policies targeting specific groups (including youth, women, older adults and indigenous peoples) that would complement policies focusing on given sectors. It had also been noted that a more in-depth analysis of those subjects and of other questions of importance to the entire region (such as public administration, the efficiency and effectiveness of public social expenditure and macroeconomic soundness) should be undertaken within the context of the globalization process. Several delegations had underscored the need to expand international cooperation, especially in the case of heavily indebted countries and those hit by natural disasters, and to delve more deeply into a subject of crucial importance for Latin America and the Caribbean: the volatility of financial flows and commodity prices. In that connection, one delegation had asserted that the structural reforms implemented in the region had helped the countries to build the macroeconomic foundations that allowed them to deal more successfully with such volatility.

51. Two delegations had delivered a series of observations to the secretariat that they would like to have incorporated into the final version of *Equity, Development and Citizenship*.

52. As part of the first phase of the session, the Director of the Programme Planning and Operations Division had submitted a report on the activities of the Commission during the 1998-1999 biennium. A number of delegations had expressed their satisfaction about the fact that 92% of the activities that had been planned for that period had been successfully carried out. The directors and chiefs of the relevant divisions and units and the directors of the subregional headquarters had given presentations on the activities provided for in the proposed programme of work for the ECLAC system for 2002-2003, which consisted of 12 subprogrammes. In the course of the ensuing discussion, which was marked by broad support for the programme of work as summarized during those presentations, various delegations had submitted proposals for activities aimed at reinforcing specified lines of action. Most of the delegations felt that the technical assistance and the cooperation received by member States from ECLAC had been quite valuable, particularly in the case of natural disasters. A large number of delegations held a very positive view of the reform process upon which ECLAC had embarked as part of the overall reform of the United Nations and urged the secretariat to continue to carry forward the efforts it had been making in that connection, including those made within the framework of the Ad Hoc Working Group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI). A number of delegations had also commended ECLAC for having devoted greater attention to problems affecting the Caribbean countries in particular. Some delegations expressed a desire to have the following meetings expressly included in the ECLAC Calendar of Conferences for the period 2000-2002: Regional Meeting on Financing for Development, Regional

Meeting in Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10-year review of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

53. The secretariat had taken note of all the above-mentioned observations and proposals with a view to their incorporation into the programme of work. In conjunction with the presentation given on subprogramme 5, which dealt with mainstreaming the gender perspective in the regional development process, the representative of Ecuador, who was serving as one of the Vice-Chairpersons for the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, had submitted a report concerning the eighth session of the Regional Conference, held in Lima from 8 to 10 February 2000. On that occasion the representatives had analysed the progress made and challenges to be met in two areas of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001: "gender equity: the foundation for a just and equitable society", and "human rights and peace". The advances achieved and the obstacles faced in connection with the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995) had also been considered. The resolutions adopted by the Conference and the Lima Consensus, which had been made available to all the delegates, outlined the region's position in relation to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women: 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", which was to take place in June.

54. In the course of the presentation on subprogramme 12, "Subregional activities in the Caribbean", the Director of the subregional headquarters had reported that the eighteenth session of the Caribbean Cooperation and Development Committee had been held in Port-of-Spain from 30 March to 1 April 2000 on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Committee. Seven resolutions relating to various aspects of the subregion's development had been adopted during that session.

55. During the first phase of the session, the meeting of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development had also been held (3-4 April 2000). At that meeting, which had been attended by a large number of representatives of States members and associate members,¹ the Committee had approved a draft resolution entitled, "Population and development: priority lines of action for 2000-2002". That resolution had subsequently been submitted to the Commission, sitting in plenary, for its consideration and adoption.

56. On 5 April 2000, The Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions² had convened and had approved a resolution on technical cooperation which had then been submitted to the Commission in plenary for its adoption.

57. The ministerial phase of the session had been divided into three panel discussions and one plenary meeting. Four former presidents of countries of the region had taken part in the first panel discussion, which was moderated by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC: Patricio Aylwin, Vinicio Cerezo, Miguel de la Madrid and Osvaldo Hurtado. The participants expressed their appreciation for the work carried out by ECLAC and their concurrence as to the challenges identified in the document presented at the session. One of the main concerns that was discussed was the growing individualism and consumerism observed in Latin American and Caribbean societies, which engendered a lifestyle that militated against saving and against social cohesion and which had a negative influence on the political system. Other subjects that were analysed in relation to that system were the serious implications of the loss of collective values and the lack of political leadership and of motivating guidance. The study

¹ See annex 2.

² See annex 3.

prepared by the Commission accurately defined these challenges and, in addressing the question of citizenship, pointed out the need to reinforce social institutions and citizen participation.

58. The second panel discussion, which was moderated by Jose Angel Gurria, Secretary of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico, was devoted to an analysis of economic issues. Juan Antonio Morales, President of the Central Bank of Bolivia, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Minister for Economic Affairs and Planning of Cuba, Gert Rosenthal, former Executive Secretary of ECLAC and currently the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, and Martus Tavares, Minister of Planning of Brazil, participated in the discussion.

59. The panelists drew attention to the valuable contribution made by the document that the secretariat had prepared to help orient the debate on the extremely complex issues to be considered. Those questions were of great importance to the region and did not lend themselves to any single, definitive answer. The underscoring the prime importance of sustained macroeconomic stability in ensuring continued growth. In order for equity to be achieved, changes of a more thorough-going nature would have to be made; making such changes would require the formulation of a consensus-based development agenda with which the whole of society in each country could identify. Reference was also made to the importance of the State's regulatory role and to the fact that the progress that the countries had made in that connection had not been matched at the international level.

60. The participants in the panel discussion felt it was important to determine exactly how the crisis had been generated and to understand the relationship between the conditions under which crises broke out and their implications for long-term growth, since those were fundamental considerations in macroeconomic policy management. When exogenous disturbances were very severe, the national policy measures that were taken in response could prove insufficient, and it was therefore important to upgrade the international financial architecture so that more safety nets could be developed.

61. The third panel, which explored social policy and strategies for combating poverty, was moderated by Carlos Jarque, Secretary for Development of Mexico. The panel was formed by François Bourguignon, Consultant to the World Bank; Mauricio Cárdenas, National Director of Planning of Colombia; Vilmar Faria, Director of Social Policy Advisers for the President of Brazil; Juan Luis Londoño, Director of the Colombian magazine *Dinero*; Mario Palma, Under-Secretary for Regional Development of Mexico; Humberto Vega, Deputy Minister of Planning of Chile; and Victor Tokman, Regional Director of the ILO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean.

62. The moderator provided an overview of the situation and of the outlook with regard to world poverty, noting that the struggle to overcome poverty was the greatest challenge currently faced by mankind and that social development and equity were at the top of the agenda for all the Governments of the region. As the debate progressed, participants referred to the advisability of imbuing economic policy with a dimension of social responsibility and of finding ways of dealing successfully with external shocks in order to stabilize social indicators. In order for that to be accomplished, mechanisms would have to be created that would cushion the most vulnerable sectors from the negative effects of such shocks. Emphasis was placed on the integrality of the development process, and the participants took note of the emerging trend towards the adoption of a broad approach, both by international organizations and by academe. With regard to public policy-making, the major contribution that equity makes to governance was also discussed. The effort to attain equity was not only justified in moral terms but also lent legitimacy to economy policy. The participants also discussed the importance of creating social safety nets in view of the fact that the effectiveness of such mechanisms far outweighed their high cost. Another of the subjects examined during the panel discussion was the progress that had been made during the

1990s in relation to value-related issues, which had resulted in the consolidation of what had been characterized as a “minimum social threshold”

63. The President of the Inter-American Development Bank began his presentation by noting that technological progress and the presence of the concept of citizen’s rights and participation in international forums had been the most influential forces in driving forward the development process during the past decade. The first of these forces had led to the modification of production patterns and of corporate and market structures. It had also led to the predominance of financial activities over the real sector of the economy and in changes in the way society functioned –including a growing individualism and an erosion of the social value placed on solidarity– that had caused it to become highly competitive. The second force was reflected in the universality attained in recent years by basic values such as human rights, the conservation of the environment and social justice. Consequently, in order to safeguard the inroads made by the region in the past few years, defence mechanisms needed to be created to counter the region’s social vulnerability, its vulnerability to external shocks and the vulnerability of its democratic systems. Another important course of action was the establishment of strategic alliances among the State, production sectors and civil society, since any form of participation that placed any one of those agents in a weak position would ultimately have an adverse impact.

64. Representatives of a number of countries had then addressed the participants and had contributed further inputs to the discussion of the document that had been presented at the session. The speakers described some of the macroeconomic measures adopted in recent years by their respective Governments in areas relating to equity and growth. They had also made very positive comments regarding the document, which in their view reflected the will of the countries and put forward a comprehensive proposal as to how the region should face the challenges of globalization and achieve a suitable degree of complementarity among the free market, competitiveness, social equity and economic development.

E. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION

65. At its twenty-eighth session, the Commission adopted the resolutions which are reproduced on the following pages.

576(XXVIII)
**FOLLOW-UP TO THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE WOMEN OF
 LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, 1995-2001**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 558(XXVI), in which it adopted the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001,

Taking note of General Assembly resolutions 50/203 of 22 December 1995, 51/69 of 12 December 1996, 52/100 of 12 December 1997, 52/231 of 4 June 1998, 53/120 of 9 December 1998 and 54/142 of 17 December 1999 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which emphasized the fundamental role played by the regional commissions in these tasks,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/61 on the implementation of decisions and on integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations international conferences and summits,

Taking into account that, as a subsidiary body of ECLAC, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held its eighth session in Lima and that on that occasion it adopted the Lima Consensus and resolutions on the participation of associate members of regional economic commissions as observers in the special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”; participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”; and ECLAC activities relating to regional cooperation for gender mainstreaming,¹

1. Takes note of the report of the eighth session of the Regional Conference and of the resolutions adopted on that occasion;

2. Approves with satisfaction the Lima Consensus, as set forth in annex 1 to the report of the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, as the region’s contribution to the special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, and recommends that technical and financial resources be increased at the national, international, regional and subregional levels in order to accelerate the attainment of gender equity and the full integration of women in the development process, together with their full enjoyment of citizenship within the framework of sustainable development, social justice and democracy.

¹ See the report of the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

577(XXVIII)
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT:
PRIORITY LINES OF ACTION FOR 2000-2002

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development adopted in Mexico City in May 1993, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted in Cairo in September 1994 and the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development of 1994,

Recognizing the importance of activities undertaken in the region following the twenty-seventh session of the Commission in connection with the five-year review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the contribution of the Latin American and Caribbean region to the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the definition of priority lines of action and key measures for the further implementation of the aforementioned Programme of Action and Regional Plan of Action,

Recalling the resolution adopted at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, held on 14 and 15 December 1998, regarding priorities for the application of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Bearing in mind that the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development held its third meeting on 3 and 4 April 2000 in Mexico City, at which it considered, *inter alia*, the topics of youth, population and development, and systems of indicators for monitoring and following up on the fulfillment of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC and the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean for the activities they have carried out in support of the countries in the past biennium, for the support provided to the meeting of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and, in particular, for the preparation of the substantive documents on youth, population and development on a system of indicators for following up on and assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

2. Thanks the Chair and the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee for directing the activities of the Committee since its second meeting, held in Aruba, and for having prepared and presented the document entitled “Latin America and the Caribbean: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development” at the Hague Forum on population and development and at the thirty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development;

3. Thanks the United Nations Population Fund for the support provided to the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC and to the countries of the region in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and in its review and appraisal;

4. Decides that at its next regular meeting in 2002, the Ad Hoc Committee should examine the question of “Social vulnerability: population, households and communities”, and that the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee should be instructed to prepare the relevant substantive documentation in consultation with the Commission’s Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean on the subject of the social vulnerability of small island developing States of the Caribbean, Belize, Guyana and Suriname;

5. Reiterates the importance of identifying and promoting a national mechanism in each country to be responsible for follow up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and for identifying and maintaining a liaison agency to coordinate activities relating to the Regional Plan of Action and the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

6. Instructs the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC and the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, in consultation and with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, to give priority to assisting the countries to develop information systems which will include indicators that will allow for adequate follow up and appraisal of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action and the Regional Plan of Action;

7. Instructs the Ad Hoc Committee to follow up on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Regional Plan of Action on an ongoing and systematic basis, taking as a point of reference the initial proposal for a regional system of indicators prepared by the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC, which, taking into account the characteristics of Latin America and the Caribbean, refers to the commitments assumed at the world summits held during the 1990s, especially the International Conference on Population and Development;

8. Instructs the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC, with support from the United Nations Population Fund, to incorporate the suggestions and observations made by the Ad Hoc Committee into the document on youth, population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean and to study the subject in greater depth, taking into account the Caribbean experience, making a distinction, where possible, between adolescents and youth, and stressing policy proposals for these subgroups with a view to presenting a more complete and systematized version of the document at the forthcoming tenth Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, to be held in November 2000 in Panama, at which the subject of adolescents will be discussed;

9. Requests the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to convene, in late 2000, a meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee that will be open to those countries that wish to participate in a review of the progress achieved in this regard;

10. Agrees that the Ad Hoc Committee constitutes an appropriate regional intergovernmental forum for addressing important issues in the field of population and development at the regional and subregional levels, both at its regular meetings and during inter-sessional periods;

11. Welcomes the initiative of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC and of the International Organization for Migration in organizing the Symposium on International Migration in the Americas, to be held in September 2000,

which will also have the support of the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States and the United Nations Population Fund;

12. Thanks the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC and the Inter-American Development Bank for the initiatives they have taken over the past two years in support of the census round for the year 2000 in fulfillment of the agreements reached at the Meeting of Directors of Statistics held in Santiago, Chile, in March 1999, and requests these and other relevant international agencies to continue providing support to the countries of the region in connection with preparations for their censuses and, in particular, to promote and facilitate the use and dissemination of census information, which is so necessary for the proper implementation of the recommendations of the international summit meetings held during the past decade;

13. Calls upon the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC and the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund and other relevant national and international organizations, to also place priority on human resources training in the field of population and development in order to enhance the countries capacity to generate the sociodemographic information and knowledge that is necessary to enable the corresponding institutions to incorporate these data into the design and implementation of social policies and programmes;

14. Requests that academic continuity and financial support be provided for human resources training in the field of population and development through a post-graduate training programme on population and sustainable development to be conducted at the University of Chile, with the cooperation of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC and the sponsorship of the United Nations Population Fund, for the purpose of enhancing the countries' capacity not only to generate sociodemographic information but also, fundamentally, to conduct integrated analyses of variables relating to population and sustainable development and to propose public policies that are consistent with international, regional, subregional and national goals;

15. Recommends that the countries of the region should make every possible effort to allocate sufficient resources to strengthen the incorporation of population and development programmes in public policies that include poverty reduction among their objectives, and also recommends that population and reproductive health issues should be more closely linked to social, environmental and cultural policies, viewed from a gender and age-based perspective, and that the inclusion of population and reproductive health issues in reforms carried out in the education and health care sectors should be promoted;

16. Expresses its concern regarding the continued reduction of the international financial resources made available to Latin America and the Caribbean for activities in the field of population and development and, in consequence, urges the Latin American and Caribbean countries and the Ad Hoc Committee to take the necessary steps at the relevant levels to reverse this trend;

17. Also urges the international community to increase its technical and financial assistance for this process, in fulfillment of the commitments made in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo.

578(XXVIII)
PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR THE BIENNIUM 2002-2003

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system, and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 38/32E and Economic and Social Council decision 1984/101 regarding recurrent publications of the United Nations,

Taking note also of resolution 553(XXVI) of the Commission, wherein it decided to establish an ad hoc working group open to all member countries and empowered, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, to define priorities for the work programme and to recommend to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities, taking into account the development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean,

Having been informed of the main elements of the draft medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 prepared by the secretariat for consideration at United Nations Headquarters in New York,

Having considered the report of the chairman on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI)¹ and the report on the meetings held to date by that Group,²

Having considered also all aspects of the draft programme of work for the ECLAC system for the biennium 2002-2003, which also covers the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning,

Considering in particular the needs of the Caribbean and Central American States members of ECLAC, and recognizing the importance of ensuring their fuller and more equitable participation in the work of the Commission, as expressed in the debate that took place at the twenty-eighth session of ECLAC,

1. Takes note of the document entitled "Equity, development and citizenship", prepared by the secretariat, and of the observations agreed upon by the Governments, which, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the twenty-eighth session, should be regarded as a general framework for the work of ECLAC during the relevant biennium;

2. Approves the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, including ILPES, for the biennium 2002-2003,³ which, with the modifications provided for in the resolutions adopted at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission, shall be the legislative basis for the Commission's execution of the programmes and projects and its issuance of the recurrent publications included therein;

¹ LC/G.2093(SES.28/17).

² Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI) (LC/G.2072(SES.28/4)).

³ Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2002-2003 (LC/G.2075(SES.28/7)).

3. Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI) to continue collaborating with the Executive Secretary in setting priorities for the programme of work and in the debate and analysis of strategic directions for future activities of the Commission, bearing in mind the development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean;

4. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to continue to take appropriate measures, including the provision of adequate resources, to ensure that the member States of the Central American isthmus and of the Caribbean participate meaningfully in all areas of the work programme for the biennium 2002-2003 and benefit fully from all the activities carried out by the Commission;

5. Notes that the allocation of the resources necessary for carrying out the activities described in the programme of work will, prior to its execution, require the approval of the relevant bodies of the United Nations;

6. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the relevant bodies such proposals as may be necessary for the execution of the programme of work as approved;

7. Expresses its recognition to the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group for the work that has been done, which has permitted the satisfactory fulfillment of the mandate contained in resolution 553(XXVI);

8. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to report to the twenty-ninth session of the Commission on the progress made in implementing this resolution.

579(XXVIII)
ECLAC CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES FOR THE PERIOD 2000-2002

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC on the rationalization of the institutional structure and the pattern of meetings of the ECLAC system, in which it was decided that, at each of the Commission's regular sessions, the complete calendar of conferences and meetings planned up to the next regular session should be considered,

Taking into account resolution 489(PLEN.19) on the intergovernmental structure and functions of ECLAC, in which it was recommended that the current institutional structure should be maintained,

Taking into account also resolution 553(XXVI) on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC, in which it was recommended that the current institutional pattern of conferences of the ECLAC system should continue to serve as a basis for maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of the Commission,

Bearing in mind the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of ECLAC establishing and governing the periodicity of the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Having examined the proposed calendar of ECLAC intergovernmental conferences for the period 2000-2002 as set forth in annex 5 to the relevant document,¹

Considering the objectives and priorities established in the subprogrammes of the work programme and the regional programmes of action approved by the member States at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission,

Recalling that the primary responsibility for implementing the declarations and programmes of action adopted at world conferences of the United Nations rests with the Governments of the countries,

1. Approves the ECLAC calendar of conferences as it appears in the annex to this resolution, along with the observations and suggestions included in the report on the twenty-eighth session of the Commission;

2. Affirms that the current conference servicing system of ECLAC, under which the Executive Secretary is responsible for both substantive and organizational aspects, has been found to be efficient and cost-effective and recommends that these tasks should continue to be his responsibility;

3. Reaffirms the importance of continuing to entrust ECLAC with the task of organizing and holding regional and subregional preparatory meetings and meetings in follow-up to world conferences of the United Nations in the economic and social fields;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the relevant United Nations bodies such proposals as may be necessary to ensure implementation of the calendar of conferences as approved;

5. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its twenty-ninth session on the implementation of this resolution.

¹ "Proposed ECLAC calendar of conferences for the period 2000-2002. Note by the Secretariat" (LC/G.2076.(SES.28/8)).

Annex

ECLAC CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES FOR THE PERIOD 2000-2002

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2000	Thirtieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Lima 7 February	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2 and ECLAC resolution 567(XXVII)	ECLAC regular budget
2000	Eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Lima 8-10 February	The Conference was created as a permanent subsidiary body of ECLAC by decision of the eleventh special session of the Committee of the Whole (E/CEPAL/AC.71.4); ECLAC resolution 567(XXVII)	ECLAC regular budget
2000	Twentieth session of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	Montevideo 9 March	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 567(XXVII)	ECLAC and ILPES regular budgets
2000	Eighteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	Port-of-Spain 30 March-5 April	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI), 419(PLEN.14), 489(PLEN.19) and 567(XXVII)	ECLAC regular budget
2000	Twenty-eighth session of ECLAC	Mexico City 3-7 April	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14), 489(PLEN.19), 553(XXVI), 567(XXVII) and 575(XXVII)	ECLAC regular budget
2000	Second Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	Santiago, Chile 15-18 May	ECLAC resolutions 535(XXV) and 557(XXVI), Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Consensus of São Paulo	ECLAC regular budget
2000	Thirty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ 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 resolution 567(XXVII)	ECLAC regular budget
2000	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 9(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2000	Regional meeting in follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*	Santiago, Chile 30 October – 2 November	General Assembly resolution 53/180	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)
2000	Regional meeting on financing for development*	Colombia November	General Assembly resolution 54/196	United Nations, host country and other sources
2001	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

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2001	Twenty-second session of the ECLAC Committee of the Whole	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
2001	Nineteenth 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 567(XXVII)	ECLAC regular budget
2001	Thirty-second 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., 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2001	Twenty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	a/ First half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 567(XXVII)	Regular budgets of ECLAC and ILPES
2001	Thirty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ Second half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development., 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2001	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 9(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2001	Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10-year review of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*	a/ b/	Agenda 21	United Nations, host country and other sources
2002	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 567(XXVII)	ECLAC regular budget
2002	Twenty-ninth session of ECLAC	a/ First half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2002	Thirty-fourth 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., 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2002	Twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	a/ First half of the year	ECLAC resolution 351(XVI)	Regular budgets of ECLAC and ILPES
2002	Twenty-first session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), 204; 425(XIX); and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
2002	Twelfth session of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 340(AC.66)	Regular budgets of ECLAC and ILPES

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2002	Eleventh Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 340(AC.66) and 371(XVII)	Regular budgets of ECLAC and ILPES
2002	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 9(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2002	Thirty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ Second half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, 88.2	ECLAC regular budget

a/ Place to be decided.

b/ Date to be decided.

* In accordance with the statement made in paragraph 52 of this report.

580(XXVIII)
**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, which was endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Bearing in mind the decisions adopted at the tenth meeting of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York City from 5 to 9 May 1997, particularly decision 10/1B on the review of the progress made in the implementation of the strategy of new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries,

Considering that insofar as technical cooperation in the field of statistics is concerned, ECLAC has been cooperating systematically to facilitate inter-agency coordination among developed countries, international organizations and national statistical offices in member countries that carry out technical cooperation projects,

Also bearing in mind that since 1994 the Organization of American States (OAS) has collaborated with ECLAC in the organization of the Joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters, on the one hand, and that, on the other, in its resolution No. 34 of 8 October 1998, the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CEPCIDI) of the Organization of American States decided to put an end to the existence, within the Organization of American States, of the Inter-American Statistical Conference, whose Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CIE) was the counterpart to ECLAC in the Agreement on Cooperation in Statistical Matters concluded between the Organization of American States and ECLAC, and, moreover, that the Organization of American States has asked its member countries to bring the coordination of statistical matters into a single entity within the framework of ECLAC,

Taking into account that ECLAC has been including the Joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters in its programme of work and that, therefore, the technical, operational and financial implications of establishing a Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as one of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission can be dealt with by reallocating existing regular budgetary resources,

Considering also that by its resolution No. 34, CEPCIDI entrusted the representatives of the statistical offices of Canada, Mexico and Peru and the ECLAC secretariat with the task of preparing a proposal on the organization and operation of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the content of which was improved and approved by consensus at the Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas, held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, from 24 to 26 March 1999,

Recalling resolution 489(PLEN.19) on the intergovernmental structure and functions of ECLAC, in which it was recommended that the existing institutional structure of ECLAC should be maintained; resolution 553 (XXVI) on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC, in which it was

recommended that the current pattern of conferences of the ECLAC system should be continued; and resolution 573 (XXVII) on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions,

Having examined the proposal for the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, which appears in the annex to this resolution,

Considering, finally, the nature and the objectives of the proposal on the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,¹

1. Approves the proposal for the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as one of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, as set forth in the annex to this resolution, along with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the twenty-eighth session;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit such proposals as may be necessary for the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

3. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfillment of this resolution at the twenty-ninth session of ECLAC.

¹ Report of the Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas (LC/L.1199 (Sem.88/10)).

Annex

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN****A. STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**1. Nature

The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean shall be a subsidiary body of ECLAC that will contribute to the progress of statistical policies and activities in the countries of the region.

2. Objectives

To promote the development and improvement of national statistics and their international comparability, bearing in mind the recommendations made by the United Nations Statistical Commission, specialized agencies and other relevant organizations.

To further international, regional, and bilateral cooperation among national offices and international and regional agencies.

To prepare a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities designed to meet the demands of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources.

3. Membership

The States members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will participate in the Conference.

4. Meetings of the Conference

The Conference shall hold its regular meetings every other year. The Conference may accept an invitation from the Government of a member State to hold its regular meeting in that country.

5. Steering Committee

The Conference shall elect a Steering Committee in accordance with the regulations established by the Commission. The Chairperson of the Steering Committee shall also preside over the meetings of the Conference. The Steering Committee will be empowered to convene a special meeting in the interval between regular meetings.

6. Secretariat

The secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean shall serve as the secretariat for the Conference. The secretariat shall make available to the Conference such documents and facilities as have been approved by ECLAC.

B. STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Nature

The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean shall establish a Steering Committee to provide support to the Conference, as set forth in paragraph 4 below.

2. Composition

The Steering Committee shall be composed of a Chairperson and six members. Its members shall be elected from among the member countries of ECLAC. Special attention shall be devoted to ensuring that the subregional groupings of countries are represented on the Committee.

3. Election of the Steering Committee and duration of mandates

At the beginning of each meeting of the Conference, the Chairperson of the Steering Committee, in consultation with the members of the Steering Committee and of the Conference, shall draw up a proposal for the election of the next Committee.

The newly elected Steering Committee shall take up its duties upon the conclusion of the regular meeting of the Conference at which it was elected and shall remain in office until the conclusion of the next regular meeting.

The members of the Steering Committee, including its Chairperson, shall be elected by the Conference at its regular meeting for a term of two years.

The members of the Committee may be re-elected for three successive terms. The Chairperson may not be re-elected to that office for a second consecutive term but may be elected as a member of the Committee. Any member that has served on the Committee for three successive terms may be elected again once two years have elapsed since the end of that member's last mandate.

4. Duties

The Steering Committee shall have the following duties:

- (a) To carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference;
- (b) To prepare, every two years, a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities concerning statistical matters, to be submitted at the regular meeting;

- (c) To follow up on the implementation of the agreements reached and the tasks assigned by the Conference, particularly with respect to the biennial programme of activities;
- (d) To decide on the documentation required for its meetings. As a general rule, no substantive discussion shall be initiated unless a suitable document has been made available. The secretariat shall be responsible for facilitating compliance with this rule.

5. Meetings

The Steering Committee shall meet at least twice during the interval between regular sessions of the Conference. At the meeting preceding the next session of the Conference, it shall approve a biennial programme of activities for the Conference, which shall be submitted to it at its regular meeting.

The Committee may invite to its meetings any countries or experts that can make a contribution to the fulfillment of its duties.

581(XXVIII)
**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 (ILPES) should become a permanent institution of the Commission, with its own identity and responsible directly to its Executive Secretary,

Reiterating its appreciation to the Governments of the member States of the Regional Council for Planning and to its Presiding Officers for the valuable contribution they make to the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning in terms of both substantive orientation and regular financing,

Considering the desire of the Governments of the member States to receive fuller information with respect to the impact on the Institute of its greater integration with the Commission,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the resolutions emanating from the twentieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, held in Montevideo in March 2000, which emphasize the following major aspects:

- (a) Approval of the report on the activities of the Institute covering the period from July 1998 to December 1999; the submission of the financial report for 1999; sound management of the institution's resources and of government contributions for joint training activities of the Institute and the Commission; and the need for the Institute to apprise the Governments of member States as to the evaluation of these activities on a regular basis;
- (b) The excellent results achieved by the High-level Seminar on Basic Planning Functions and the initiative to organize meetings on regional trends in public planning for Central America and Panama, for the English-speaking Caribbean and for Cuba and the Dominican Republic;
- (c) Full support for the definition of priority areas of the Institute's work from the year 2000 onward, for the corresponding financial proposal and for the organizational changes adopted with a view to strengthening the integration and coordination of the Institute's activities with those of the Commission;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments of the member States of the Regional Council for Planning for their contributions to the regular system of government financing, which makes it possible to fund a large portion of the costs of the Institute's staff and activities;

3. Thanks the Government of Uruguay for its excellent work in organizing the twentieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, held recently in Montevideo;

4. Expresses its satisfaction with the direct support provided by the Executive Secretary of the Commission for the Institute's activities and with the improvement in coordination with the Commission;

5. Recommends that the Institute, as the training branch of the ECLAC system, should move forward with its training activities and significantly expand them, in collaboration with the various subregional offices and divisions of the Commission and other international institutions, and that it should focus its substantive work on analysis, prospective studies, coordination and evaluation of public management and investment and of territorially-based and local development;

6. Recommends also that the meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning that are to be held in the years when the Commission holds its session should be held within the framework of that session;

7. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the Commission at its twenty-ninth session a progress report on the integration and coordination of the Institute's activities with those of the Commission.

582(XXVIII)
MEXICO RESOLUTION ON EQUITY, DEVELOPMENT AND CITIZENSHIP

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind resolution 564(XXVII) as adopted by the Commission at its twenty-seventh session, in which, as part of an integrated analysis of the economic, social and environmental aspects of development, the secretariat was asked to persevere in its study of the modernization of the public sector and the role of the State in a democratic process of changing production patterns with social equity,

Recognizing that progress has been made in developing an institutional structure that promotes sound macroeconomic policies; increasing public social expenditure; reducing relative poverty levels; promoting participation in local affairs; expanding the scope of democratic systems; asserting women's rights, promoting their visibility and gaining recognition for their contributions to society; gradually mainstreaming the sustainable development agenda; incorporating the private sector into public and social service delivery on a competitive basis in regulated markets; and, although challenges remain to be met, in upgrading the regulation and supervision of financial markets,

Appreciating that, in addition to these advances, significant economic progress has been made in correcting fiscal disequilibria, reducing inflation, boosting export growth, revitalizing and implementing new integration schemes, attracting sizeable inflows of foreign direct investment and resuming economic growth,

Considering also the fact that, although progress has indeed been made, gender-based, cultural and socioeconomic disparities are still prevalent in the region, and that the achievement of greater equality therefore requires more equitable access to opportunities for the development of the human capital needed for participation in economic activity, productive job performance, access to social services and housing, life in a democratic environment where human rights are respected, the enjoyment of a healthy environment, and active participation in cultural affairs,

Considering further that the achievement of equity calls for a broad, ongoing evaluation of the region's development patterns,

Recognizing that the development patterns and opportunities open to the region's inhabitants are influenced by worldwide economic, social and cultural processes deriving from the economic globalization process,

Aware that this process can be enhanced through an improved treatment of such questions as international labour mobility; the development of mechanisms for ensuring the global consistency of macroeconomic policies; productive, long-term capital flows; the mobilization of resources for cooperation and development aimed at attaining greater equity across and within countries,

Recognizing also that, in addition to these new challenges, there are a number of other unresolved issues relating to the reforms now under way, the remaining after-effects of the debt crisis, the social impacts of recent international financial crises and the region's long-standing structural deficiencies,

Noting that economic growth rates and productivity gains in the region still fall short of what is needed and that, in some cases, problems of inequity in income distribution, unstable growth and financial vulnerability persist,

Having observed also the disparities existing among production sectors and units in terms of the absorption of technologies, productivity gains and participation in expanding markets, which generate unequal opportunities with regard to quality employment as well increases in open unemployment and informality, and having further observed that large wage differentials exist among workers and that problems relating to income distribution and access to social security services persist, all of which influences social cohesion and governance,

Realizing also that it is necessary to persevere in the efforts being made to build upon existing achievements in relation to the reduction of fiscal deficits and inflation, the formation of more efficient linkages with the world economy, greater private-sector participation and the increased efficiency of the State, while recognizing that there is no single solution in these areas,

1. Welcomes the document prepared by the secretariat entitled *Equity, Development and Citizenship*, inasmuch as it reinforces the idea that development is an integral process, regards equity as the central pillar for the reorientation of the region's development patterns and brings to the forefront the validity of economic, social and cultural rights and their interdependence with civil and political rights;

2. Recognizes, in particular, the realistic nature of the proposals it sets forth, given the fact that it links equity to the establishment of goals that society is capable of achieving in all its many dimensions, taking into account its level of development;

3. Draws attention to the emphasis it places on the value of economic, social and cultural rights with a view to their integration into the public interest and into economic and political decision-making, which can contribute to the satisfaction of needs and reduction of inequalities;

4. Emphasizes the fact that the document serves to consolidate the Commission's position as to the need to integrate macroeconomic aspects, institutions and regulatory systems with the operation of factor markets and microeconomic performance;

5. Underscores the fact that the document directs attention to the importance of maintaining a sound macroeconomic environment marked by the achievement, in line with the situation in each country, of sustainable fiscal, monetary and external payments equilibria in order to attain greater levels of economic and social development;

6. Appreciates the manner in which the document addresses the analysis of the processes involved in the privatization of social services and emphasizes the need for the design of the public/private policy mix entailed in such reforms to be guided by the principles of universality, solidarity and efficiency;

7. Notes with satisfaction the emphasis that the document places on the need for the countries of the region to seek to approach the international technological frontier, to promote the diffusion of technical progress, to increase investment in human capital, to perfect factor markets and to devote special attention to the productive modernization of small and medium-sized enterprises by providing greater access to financing, technical cooperation, business opportunities and training;

8. Requests the secretariat to update the statistical data on the past decade insofar as possible, particularly with respect to the 1998-1999 biennium, to distribute this document widely and to encourage its consideration in:

- (a) Economic, academic, political, entrepreneurial and social spheres in the region so as to promote national dialogues concerning the complex interrelationships among equity, economic growth, sustainable development and the exercise of citizens' rights for the achievement of social development objectives;
- (b) International organizations concerned with the various dimensions of economic development, while promoting, in particular, the proposed integral approach for increasing the well-being of the population as a whole;

9. Urges the secretariat to continue to deepen its analysis of the following issues:

- (a) Social policy as an integrative force based on institutions that give simultaneous, priority consideration to the principles of universality, solidarity and efficiency in the design, financing, delivery and regulation of social services in a manner consistent with the demands and possibilities of economic development while seeking the appropriate public/private mix, taking into account the situation in each country;
- (b) Responsible macroeconomic policy based on a longer time horizon, which takes into account the role of policy in relation to the economic cycle and which incorporates, at the same time, long-term economic growth and social well-being as its explicit objectives, with a view to reducing the internal and external vulnerability of the economies of the region;
- (c) The reinforcement of citizenship, understood as effective participation by social actors and as an essential tool for strengthening social cohesion and a culture of harmonious coexistence and integral development based on tolerance and consensus-building;
- (d) The interrelationship between the development agendas of the countries of the region and the policies associated with globalization processes in economic spheres, particularly those relating to trade, financing and capital flows, and in social and environmental spheres, in order to ensure that these policies will take into account the interests of the countries of the region;
- (e) The construction of a stable, predictable international financial system and its linkage with social development, with emphasis on the incorporation of the social dimension as a priority component of the reforms under way in the international financial system, with a view to reducing the vulnerabilities and meeting the needs of the most underprivileged groups in society.

583(XXVIII)
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AND REGIONS

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, held in Buenos Aires in September 1978 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Taking into account the decisions adopted at the ninth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, which met from 30 May to 2 June 1995 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, and, in particular, decision 9/2 on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries,

Taking into account also the decisions adopted at the eleventh session of the High-level Committee, held from 1 to 4 June 1999 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, and in particular decision 11/1, in section B of which the Committee examined the progress made in implementing the strategy of new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries,

Recalling its resolution 573(XXVII) on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions,

1. Takes note of the report on the activities of the ECLAC system in support of such cooperation contained in the note by the secretariat entitled “Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions during the biennium 1998-1999” (LC/G.2081 (SES.28/13)), which has been considered by the Commission at its current session;

2. Reaffirms the importance of technical cooperation among the countries of the region for the achievement of their economic and social development objectives, especially through the exchange of experiences in the design and implementation of policies relating to the principal areas of the new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries, including the eradication of poverty and social exclusion, environmental sustainability, production and employment, scientific and technological development, tourism, support for small and medium-sized enterprises, gender, trade, investment and macroeconomic management;

3. Stresses the need to move towards fuller technical cooperation among developing countries and regions in promoting sustained economic growth, social equity and environmental sustainability in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and, in that regard, underscores the importance of closely linking technical cooperation with economic cooperation among developing countries and regions;

4. Emphasizes the need to strengthen support for the activities of the Governments of the region aimed at enhancing and increasing the use of the mechanisms and modalities of technical cooperation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels in priority areas of public economic and social development policy;

5. Stresses the need to obtain more resources for development cooperation from developed countries and multilateral agencies;

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

- (a) Intensify activities aimed at incorporating modalities of technical cooperation among developing countries into the various areas of the secretariat's programme of work, especially as it relates to the formulation and execution of technical cooperation projects financed with extrabudgetary funds provided by bilateral or multilateral donors;
- (b) Hold such consultations as may be appropriate in order to identify priority areas for technical cooperation among developing countries in all member countries;
- (c) Underscore the need for a new concept of cooperation that emphasizes the transfer of resources and the exchange of knowledge and experiences among Governments, public bodies and the private sector, including civil society;
- (d) Promote the selection of criteria so that per capita income is not the sole indicator to determine eligibility for obtaining international cooperation resources, and stress the need to include, in consultation with member States, new measurement criteria that take into account the great and increasing degree of inequity in the region;
- (e) Broaden the dissemination of information on technical cooperation projects and activities to national focal points for development cooperation, with special emphasis on the use of global information networks;
- (f) Strengthen the exchange of experiences and best practices of countries in the region and at the subregional level in technical cooperation projects, especially in the areas of social policies for increasing equity; improvement of urban management in the context of sustainable development; identification of successful strategies for promoting small and medium-sized enterprises within the framework of economic cooperation schemes in the region; trade, scientific and technological development, tourism, investment and macroeconomic management policies; and disaster prevention and mitigation;
- (g) Continue to strengthen the links between the ECLAC system and national focal points for technical cooperation among developing countries and regions in order to expand the use of information on successful practices identified in technical cooperation activities forming part of projects executed by the Commission at the regional and subregional levels, with special emphasis on training initiatives designed to help such focal points to take advantage of the opportunities offered by connection to global information networks;
- (h) Continue to provide assistance for activities in support of existing cooperation networks and systems in the region at the regional and subregional levels, especially through the reinforcement of instruments and systems for data collection and analysis, including the desegregation of data by sex, in those economic and social sectors which Governments consider to be of priority importance for their economic and social development objectives;
- (i) Continue to collaborate with the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme in its efforts to

strengthen technical cooperation among countries in the region within the framework of the new directions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and of the strategy for moving in those directions;

- (j) Express his regret to the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme regarding the decision taken to suspend its support for the meetings of directors of international technical cooperation;
- (k) Request the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme to arrange for the developed countries to provide more resources for horizontal cooperation activities, in accordance with the commitment assumed in the Buenos Aires Action Plan of 1978 and present this request, in consultation with the member States of the region, at the forthcoming round of negotiations on the programming of the resources of the United Nations Development Programme;
- (l) Continue to provide support to the mechanisms for coordination among agencies and organizations in the region engaged in conducting projects involving technical cooperation among developing countries with a view to facilitating inter-agency coordination in the execution of such projects;
- (m) Continue to collaborate with the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System in organizing joint activities designed to provide support to national focal points for technical cooperation among developing countries, in accordance with their respective mandates, especially in connection with the annual meetings of national directors of international technical cooperation;
- (n) Collaborate with the Latin American Economic System in the implementation of a mechanism for the management, follow-up and assessment of projects relating to technical cooperation among developing countries;
- (o) Promote, within the framework of mechanisms for consultation with the secretariats of the other regional commissions, joint activities aimed at supporting technical and economic cooperation among countries in the various developing regions in coordination with the competent organizations of the United Nations system working in the fields in which such activities may have an impact;
- (p) Support the countries in the implementation of training programmes designed to enable the countries of the region to make greater and better use of global cooperation funds and programmes;
- (q) Promote efforts aimed at the establishment of a regional instrument for coordination as a permanent and sustainable modality for coordinating the development and implementation of activities geared towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean countries within the framework of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and other relevant international decisions.

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PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind paragraph 15 of its Terms of Reference and rules 1 and 2 of its Rules of Procedure,

Considering the invitation of the Government of Brazil to hold the twenty-ninth session of the Commission in that country,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Brazil for its generous invitation;
2. Accepts this invitation with pleasure;
3. Recommends that the United Nations Economic and Social Council approve the decision to hold the twenty-ninth session in Brazil during the first half of 2002.

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CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 358(XVI) of 1975 establishing the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee as a subsidiary organ of the Commission to act as a coordinating body for activities relating to development and cooperation in that subregion,

Recognizing the importance of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee in its role as a forum in which the Governments of the subregion can exchange information and share experiences,

Bearing in mind that, as a subsidiary organ of the Commission, the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its eighteenth session in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, at which it adopted resolutions on support for activities to implement the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; support for the work of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean; support for the implementation of the Plan of Action for Small Island Development States; the importance of economic and social data in the planning and policy formulation process in CDCC member countries; support for activities to implement the Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing; integrated management of the Caribbean Sea; and the Chaguaramas Declaration,

1. Takes note of the report¹ and endorses the resolutions adopted at the eighteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee.

¹ Report of the eighteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee.

Annex 1

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

LC/G.2069(SES.28/1)/Rev	- Provisional agenda
LC/G.2070(SES.28/2)	- Annotated provisional agenda and organization of the twenty-eighth session
LC/G.2071(SES.28/3)	- Equity, development and citizenship
LC/G.2072(SES.28/4)	- Report of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI)
LC/G.2073(SES.28/5)	- Report on the activities of the Commission since May 1998
LC/G.2074(SES.28/6)	- ECLAC Programme performance report for the biennium 1998-1999. Note by the secretariat
LC/G.2075(SES.28/7)	- Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2002-2003
LC/G.2076(SES.28/8)	- Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2000-2002. Note by the secretariat
LC/G.2077(SES.28/9)	- Some recent resolutions and decisions adopted by United Nations organs which should be brought to the attention of the Commission. Note by the secretariat
LC/G.2078(SES.28/10)/Rev.1	- Documentos presentados al vigesimoctavo período de sesiones de la Comisión/Documents presented at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission
LC/G.2079(SES.28/11)	- Provisional agenda. Committee on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions
LC/G.2080(SES.28/12)	- Annotated provisional agenda. Committee on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions
LC/G.2081(SES.28/13)	- Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions during the biennium 1998-1999. Note by the secretariat
LC/G.2082(SES.28/14)	- Provisional agenda. ECLAC sessional ad-hoc Committee on Population and Development

LC/G.2083(SES.28/15)

- Annotated provisional agenda. ECLAC sessional ad-hoc Committee on Population and Development

LC/G.2084(SES.28/16)

- Youth, population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Summary and conclusions

LC/G.2093(SES.28/17)

- Report by the Chairman on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI)

Annex 2

**REPORT OF THE ECLAC SESSIONAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development met on 3 and 4 April 2000. The officers presiding over the meetings of the Committee were as follows:

<u>Chairperson:</u>	Mexico
<u>Vice-Chairpersons:</u>	Belize
	Brazil
	Chile
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Panama

This third meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee was attended by representatives of numerous States members and non-members of ECLAC, international agencies and non-governmental organizations and by special guests.

Following the adoption of the agenda as proposed, the representative of Panama, in her capacity as outgoing Chairperson, reported on the outcome of the preceding meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee, held in 1998 in Oranjestad, Aruba, during the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC. She also reviewed the activities conducted since that time. Special mention was made of the open-ended meeting the Presiding Officers held on 14 and 15 December 1998 in Santiago, Chile, at which the participants had analysed and approved the regional report entitled "Latin America and the Caribbean: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development". That report, which set forth the region's position on the subject, had been presented at the International Forum for the Operational Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in The Hague in February 1999 and at the thirty-second session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York in March 1999, as part of the process involved in undertaking a five-year review of the implementation of the recommendations made at the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994), commonly known as ICPD+5.

The Director of CELADE then submitted a report on the main activities carried out by the Centre during the past biennium and, more specifically, those related to the census round for the year 2000, the Latin American and Caribbean Symposium on Older Persons, international migration and the preparation of a draft regional report on the implementation of the recommendations set forth in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994). In identifying priorities for 2000-2002, he drew attention to the importance of having a system of indicators for use in monitoring the implementation of the Programme of Action and the Regional Plan of Action; to the Symposium on International Migration in the Americas, to be held from 4 to 6 September in San José, Costa Rica; to the census round for the year 2000 and the importance of ensuring a suitable and timely dissemination of the information that was compiled; and to the need to devise a regional strategy for the training of human resources in the field of population and development. He concluded his statement by expressing his appreciation to the United Nations Population Fund, the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Organization for Migration and other international and regional agencies for the support they had given CELADE and emphasized the importance of increasingly close collaboration with those organizations.

The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Division of the United Nations Population Fund attributed a great deal of importance to the region's preparations for the upcoming appraisal of the implementation of the recommendations made by the International Conference on Population and Development. She also expressed satisfaction with the proposal prepared by CELADE concerning the development of indicators for use in the follow-up to the Programme of Action. That task represented the first step in a process that had only recently been begun; the implementation of that process would depend on the countries' willingness to supply the necessary information, and the Ad Hoc Committee had a key role to play in that regard.

In emphasizing the special significance of the issue of the reproductive and sexual health of adolescents, she referred to the relevance of the CELADE document on youth, population and development both to the present meeting and to the Ibero-American Summit that was to be held in November in Panama, where adolescence would be one of the main issues under consideration. In closing, she spoke about the financial constraints that hindered efforts to apply all the recommendations of the International Conference and the importance of establishing social alliances for the implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action.

The representative of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean submitted a report on the activities carried out during the past biennium in that subregion, which had included measures related to the follow-up of the Programme of Action, its five-year review and international migration.

The Chief of the Population and Development Area of CELADE submitted a document entitled "Youth, population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Summary and conclusions" (LC/G.2084), which had been prepared with funding from UNFPA in fulfillment of ECLAC resolution 572(XXVII) and which was an abbreviated version of a longer reference document bearing the title "Youth, population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean" (LC/G.1339). The point of departure for a consideration of that topic was an awareness of the historical relativity of the concept of youth, whose age limits were not precisely defined. Paradoxically, although current development styles—characterized by the institutionalization of change and the central role of knowledge as the engine of progress—called for an optimal utilization of assets that were concentrated in the young sector of the population, the exclusion of that age group from full participation in society was on the rise, as demonstrated by its high levels of poverty and social segmentation.

In connection with reproductive issues, he noted that, within the framework of the demographic transition, the fertility rate had decreased by a smaller proportion among the young population than it had among the population as a whole and that the rate of decline had been even slower among adolescents. Reproductive patterns showed clear signs of social inequity: young women in the lower income strata entered into conjugal unions and became mothers at an earlier age than their counterparts in high-income groups. Because of these divergent patterns, which reflected the combined effects of sociocultural differences and unequal access to family planning services, the poor sectors of society shouldered most of the burden of the population's biological and social reproduction. Poor young men and women, who were at a greater disadvantage in terms of participation in society, therefore had greater difficulties in realizing their aspirations and had to use the scarce resources at their command to defray the high cost of child rearing, all of which promoted the inter-generational transmission of poverty.

In education, despite the progress made in expanding the coverage of the educational system, serious shortcomings existed in terms of the quality of instruction, and the availability of educational services suffered from a high degree of social segmentation. In addition, although the formal

qualifications of young people of both sexes had improved, the unemployment rates for persons in that age group, and especially those who were poor, were far higher than the national averages.

Accordingly, the greatest challenge facing the societies of the region in that field was to make sure that the potential contribution of young men and women to the development process was fully utilized. To achieve that end, the first step was to take action to overcome the forces that excluded and isolated those who were living in poverty. Other important goals included making a secondary education accessible to all, establishing suitable quality standards, developing the capacity for "learning to learn", creating the necessary conditions to prevent some groups young people of both sexes from remaining computer illiterates, and attaining greater equity among social groups through effective programmes for blocking mechanisms of educational segmentation.

In the labour market, young people's access to employment depended upon the educational level they reached and their socialization; consequently, the expansion and improvement of education should be coupled with measures to combat the forces of social exclusion. Training was certainly necessary in an environment marked by constant technological change, but it was not enough in itself. However, it could clearly help young people to obtain employment if they had the type of educational background that would enable them to make a creative and efficient contribution to production activities, those of small enterprises, which accounted for the majority of the new jobs that were created in the region.

There were two priorities in the health care sector: identifying the main high-risk forms of behavior and measures to put an end to them, and encouraging people to adopt healthful lifestyles. Since reproductive behavior was of such great importance, one of the principles that should govern policy-making in that area was that of the free, unrestricted exercise of reproductive rights, which would help to ensure that such policies were in line with young people's life plans. In order to accomplish that, comprehensive reproductive health care programmes geared to sexually active young people and adolescents would need to be implemented that would include components focusing on education, sensitization, counseling and the provision of fertility control devices.

The social integration of young people involved more than labour-related issues, of course, since it actually encompassed all spheres of society. Young people could be encouraged to participate in society through the creation of more effective and attractive channels for their proposals which would guarantee their ability to exercise their civil rights and discharge their civic duties and which would ensure that they did not feel manipulated or think that their views were not being taken into account by decision-makers. Voluntary efforts could be a highly valuable means of smoothing the way for cross-generational relationships, which would continue to be shaped by the demographic transition over the next few decades as part of a process in which young people would be called upon to play a leading role. One of the great tasks with which the young people of Latin America and the Caribbean were faced at the present juncture in history was therefore to find a way of mounting a better response to the development challenges to be taken up by the region during the coming century.

The presentation was followed by a protracted debate in which it was noted that the document that had been submitted made a valuable contribution to an understanding of the problems faced by young people in the region. In addition to noting the advisability of analysing the specific traits of young people in the different countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in greater detail and of examining the national policies on youth that had already been implemented so that useful conclusions might be drawn from those experiences, it was suggested that the document should be expanded upon in order to reflect the diversity of the situations existing in the region. That suggestion was deemed to be particularly

relevant in the case of the Caribbean, since that subregion had not been adequately represented in the analysis and since specific studies had been conducted on the subregion that should not be overlooked.

A number of delegates suggested that the effects of globalization in terms of the exclusion and vulnerability of young people should be examined. In view of the prevailing ambiguous interpretations of the term “youth”, which made it difficult to establish clear-cut age limits, an effort should be made to draw a clear distinction between adolescents and other youths. Another subject that should be looked into, although the lack of information on such questions was definitely a hindrance, was what traits were specific to rural youths and ethnic groups subject to discrimination. In the field of employment, in some countries under- and substandard employment were even more serious problems than open unemployment was, and that subject should therefore be studied as well.

Several delegations asked that the characteristics and consequences of abortion among young people should be examined, along with the differences existing among social strata in that regard. Other topics that were felt to require further research were the causes of infant mortality and the countries’ violence and suicide rates, which had reached high levels in some cases. With regard to the question of how the disintegration of the family affected the socialization of young people, two representatives felt that it would be better to leave normative considerations aside and to focus on other aspects of the subject, such as the role of young people in households headed by women. Finally, various delegates proposed that an analysis be made of successful, innovative programmes targeting young people which had been implemented by the countries of the region.

The Ad Hoc Committee agreed to request that ECLAC prepare a final version of the document on youth, taking into account the suggestions made by various delegations, for presentation at the Fourth Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government. The Committee further decided to address the topic of “Social vulnerability: population, the household and the community” at its next meeting and entrusted CELADE with the task of preparing a substantive document on the subject in consultation with the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean with a view to ensuring that the conditions specific to small island States of the Caribbean were given due consideration.

In response to the request made of CELADE at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development held in Santiago in December 1998, CELADE submitted a document entitled “System of indicators for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean”. In view of the fact that the system of indicators could also be applied to other international agreements, a review of such agreements was presented along with an examination of the selection criteria used thus far by UNFPA, the World Health Organization, ECLAC and United Nations Headquarters, with emphasis on those that were included in all the various proposals. The delegations then took note of the need to expand the existing list of indicators and to analyse the various countries’ possibilities of compiling those indicators that they deemed to be appropriate.

The representatives thanked CELADE for the work it had done in that field and agreed that the countries should use the proposal that had been presented as a starting point for reviewing the indicators in the light of the specific characteristics of each country’s situation and capacity. In the course of that review, consideration should be given to the possibility of desegregating the indicators according to geographic and socioeconomic factors as a means of identifying population groups that were likely to receive less attention. Mention was also made of the desirability of having a few, highly sensitive

indicators that could be used by the relevant policy-makers in taking decisions regarding, in particular, the allocation of resources for the implementation of public policies.

In order to expedite the process involved in developing the system of indicators, the countries agreed to prepare advance reports for delivery to CELADE. The representative of the United Nations Population Fund expressed her willingness to support the countries in that endeavor. It was also felt that subregional meetings should be held by both the Caribbean and the Central American isthmus in order to review the progress that had been made, and the Executive Secretary of ECLAC was asked to convene an open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee to consider that subject.

The conclusions reached at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee are set forth in ECLAC resolution 577(XXVIII) on "Population and development: priority lines of action for 2000-2002" (see section E).

In bringing the meeting to a close, the Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund, the Director of CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC, the Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC and the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee addressed the representatives. After thanking the delegates for having participated in the highly productive deliberations that had taken place at the meeting, the speakers underscored the importance of the Ad Hoc Committee as a mechanism for following up on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and emphasized the importance of using studies on population as inputs for social policy.

Annex 3

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION AMONG
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REGIONS**

The Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions met during the twenty-eighth session of ECLAC as scheduled, on Wednesday, 5 April 2000. At the beginning of the meeting, the Committee elected the following presiding officers:

<u>Chairperson:</u>	Chile
<u>Vice-Chairpersons:</u>	Antigua and Barbuda Guatemala
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Colombia

Following the adoption of the agenda for the meeting, the Committee proceeded to review the work carried out by ECLAC based on the document submitted by the secretariat entitled, "Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions during the biennium 1998-1999. Note by the secretariat" (LC/G.2081(SES.28/13)). The delegations took note of that report and requested clarifications and additional information, which were furnished by the secretariat. A number of representatives felt that future reports should provide a more detailed rundown of the activities and projects being pursued by the ECLAC system in the Caribbean subregion.

One representative expressed interest in hearing an analysis of the approaches being applied in the region, the funding mechanisms being used and the significance of technical cooperation among developing countries and regions (TCDC) in the present context of North-South collaboration. Other representatives suggested that the activities report should include a fuller description of some of the seminars and workshops organized by ECLAC in view of their particular importance in the area under consideration; mention was made, *inter alia*, of workshops aimed at strengthening focal points for cooperation through the use of information technologies.

Reference was also made to the relevance of certain priority areas of work, such as the formation of linkages with the world economy through the creation of a greater Latin American and Caribbean presence in international markets, the reinforcement of the functions of the State and of the private sector, decentralization and local development, support for small and medium-sized enterprises, job creation, the promotion of equity and the struggle against poverty.

A representative commented that many of the activities undertaken in pursuance of the objectives set forth in the Plan of Buenos Aires had not succeeded in fully consolidating technical cooperation among developing countries and regions as a self-sustaining process. It was also acknowledged that ECLAC was aware of that situation and had consequently proposed the use of more flexible modalities of cooperation, in keeping with the globalization process and with the scarce resources at the command of the developing countries.

The experience in that connection that had been gained in various forums and seminars and the conclusions that had been reached as a result of that experience should be utilized to formulate an up-to-date, coherent and comprehensive agenda for TCDC. Some of the forums that had made a contribution to

the improvement of that modality of cooperation were the Seminar on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions (Mexico City, October 1999), the fourteenth Meeting of Directors-General for Technical Cooperation (Santo Domingo, December 1999) and the South-South Cooperation Forum (Republic of Korea, February 2000).

The focus of the Commission's work in that field should be on providing assistance to the countries and focal points for cooperation activities in such areas as the procurement of financial resources, the need to increase the number of projects to be conducted using different sources of funding and triangulation; implementing new TCDC mechanisms in which universities of developing countries and private investors would participate; improving the way in which funds provided in the form of international cooperation were managed; and ensuring the efficient utilization of infrastructure and of the national agencies that carried out projects financed with those resources.

The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) said that his organization was seeking to make a broad-ranging contribution to the analysis of cooperation activities from a regional perspective. He also reported on the training activities being conducted under the agreement signed by SELA with the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and as part of the special programme being carried out with the Central American Bank for Economic Integration.

Upon the conclusion of the proceedings, the Committee approved a draft resolution on cooperation among developing countries and regions for subsequent submission to the Commission for its consideration during its plenary meeting (see section E).