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CEPAL Review, first launched in 1976 under the leadership of Raúl Prebisch, has reached its thirtieth anniversary. Over the years, it has sought to serve as a channel for new ideas generated within ECLAC, for the work of researchers interested in analysing the realities of life in Latin America and the Caribbean, and for the discussion of approaches, strategies and policies for promoting equitable development in the region.

This has been achieved by adhering to academic criteria for the quality and relevance of contributions, based on a peer review system, and thanks to the enthusiastic and steadfast collaboration of our colleagues within ECLAC and elsewhere who share our goals of promoting knowledge and social progress in the region.

In order to serve as an effective channel for ideas, a publication must achieve a sufficiently wide circulation among its target readership. Since its inception, *CEPAL Review* has been sent to an extensive list of government bodies in the member countries and

an equally large number of universities and research institutes, as well as individual subscribers. Since 1999, the contents of the *Review* have also been available in full on the ECLAC website in .pdf format.

This online availability has considerably increased the circulation of the *Review*'s articles. In 2005 there were 371,134 downloads of material published between 2000 and 2005 in the Spanish-language version, *Revista de la CEPAL*. Downloads of material from the English-language *CEPAL Review* in the same period totalled 48,907. There have been nearly 5,000 downloads each month, or almost 60,000 per year, of material from each of the three issues published in 2005.

Given this wide dissemination and the broad support our editorial aims have received in intellectual circles in the region, we look forward to seeing *CEPAL Review* contribute still more to furthering the current debate on development opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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