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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES OF ECLAC FOR 1989

Note by the Secretariat



During the sessions of ECLAC, which are held every two years, the Commission considers and adopts the calendar of intergovernmental meetings for the following biennium, bearing in mind the various mandates issued by the General Assembly, ECOSOC and ECLAC, the availability of resources and other relevant factors.

The twenty-second session, held in Rio de Janeiro from 20-27 April 1988, considered the document entitled "Proposed Calendar of Conferences of ECLAC for the period 1988-1990. Note by the Secretariat" (LC/G.1499(SES.22/4)). Following the consideration of this item, the Commission adopted resolution 495(XXII) Calendar of Conferences of ECLAC for the period 1988-1990, the text of which is contained in annex 1 to this note.

At the same session, ECLAC adopted a resolution on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Report) entitled "Our Common Future". This resolution, 496(XXII), requests the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to undertake a review of ECLAC's programmes and activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development, taking account of the Report of the World Commission, and to prepare a report on the contribution of ECLAC to international efforts in this area for submission through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-fourth session.

At its forty-second session, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 42/187, in which it welcomed the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development. The same resolution invites governments, in co-operation with the regional commissions and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), to support and engage in follow-up activities, such as conferences at the national, regional and global levels.

At its forty-third session, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 43/196 on the same subject, in which it decided to consider at its following session the question of the convening of a United Nations world conference on the subject of the environment and development no later than 1992. The principal objectives of such a conference would be to:

a) review trends in policies and action taken by all countries and international organizations to protect and enhance the environment and to examine how environmental concerns have been incorporated in economic and social policies and planning since the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in 1972;

b) assess major environmental problems, risks and opportunities associated with economic activities in all countries;

c) make recommendations for further strengthened international co-operative action within a set of priorities to be established by the conference; define the research and development effort required to implement such recommendations; and indicate financial requirements for their implementation, together with a definition of possible sources for such financing.

At the request of a number of governments, and in conformity with the above-mentioned resolutions, the ECLAC Secretariat proposes that a meeting of governmental experts of the member countries of ECLAC be held on the subject "Our Common Future: Towards Sustainable Environmental Development". The relevant consultations are now being undertaken with a view to organizing this meeting --to be financed from extra-budgetary contributions-- in September or October of 1989. The meeting would be based on the documents of the report of the Brundtland Commission and on regional studies sponsored by the ECLAC Secretariat, and its objective would be to analyse the causes of the environmental conflicts associated with the prevailing styles of development, in order to recommend strategies and policies capable of securing a type of development which is sustainable from the environmental point of view.

The approval of the Committee of the Whole is requested for the inclusion of this meeting in the Calendar of Conferences of ECLAC for the biennium 1988-1990, on the understanding that it will have no financial implications for the regular budget of the Organization.

## Annex 1

## 495 (XXII) CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES OF ECLAC FOR THE PERIOD 1988-1990

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 419 (PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC, on rationalization of the institutional structure and the pattern of meetings of the ECLAC system, in which it was determined that the Commission should consider at each of its regular sessions the complete calendar of conferences and meetings scheduled up to the next regular session,

Taking account of resolution 489 (PLEN.19) on the intergovernmental structure and functions of ECLAC, in which it is recommended that the current institutional structure be maintained,

Bearing in mind the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and of ECLAC laying down and governing the frequency of the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission, as given in annex 2 of document LC/G.1499 (SES.22/4),

Having considered paragraph 5 of section B of General Assembly resolution 42/207 which requests the Secretary-General to examine the possibility that all organizational aspects of conference servicing be centrally planned and co-ordinated,

Having examined the Calendar of Intergovernmental Conferences of ECLAC for the period 1988-1990 proposed in annex 3 of document LC/G.1499 (SES.22/4),

Taking account of the objectives and priorities established in the various regional programmes of work and action approved by the member governments at the twenty-second session,

1. Approves the Calendar of Conferences of ECLAC, as given in the annex to this resolution, with the observations and suggestions reflected in the report of the twenty-second session of ECLAC;
2. Affirms that the present conference servicing system of ECLAC, whereby the Executive Secretary is responsible for both substantive and organizational aspects, has proved its efficiency and cost effectiveness;
3. Notes that a further centralization of conference servicing might be inconsistent with General Assembly resolution 32/197 and other decisions calling for increased autonomy for the regional commissions within the United Nations system;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the pertinent bodies of the United Nations such proposals as may be necessary to enable the Calendar of Conferences thus approved to be carried out;
5. Instructs the Executive Secretary to report to the twenty-third session of ECLAC on the fulfilment of this resolution.

237th meeting  
27 April 1988

## CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES OF ECLAC FOR THE PERIOD 1988-1990

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of financing
1988	Fourteenth session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN)	Port of Spain 1-3 March	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204, and 425(XIX)	ECLAC regular budget
1988	Twenty-second session of ECLAC	Rio de Janeiro 20-27 April	ECLAC resolution 479(XXI) ECOSOC Decision 1987/166	ECLAC regular budget
1988	Eleventh session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC)	a/	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI) and 419(PLEN.14)	ECLAC regular budget
1988	Central American Economic Co-operation Committee	a/	ECLAC resolution 9(IV)	ECLAC regular budget
1988	Fourth Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	Guatemala City 27-30 September	The Conference was constituted as a permanent subsidiary organ of ECLAC, by decision of the Eleventh Extraordinary Session of the Committee of the Whole (E/CEPAL/AC.71/4)	ECLAC regular budget
1988	Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders	a/	ECOSOC resolution 1987/49 General Assembly resolution 42/59	Department of Conference Services (DCS) regular budget
1989	Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	Montevideo b/	ECLAC resolution 340(AC.66)	ILPES budget
1989	Twelfth session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC)	a/	ECLAC resolution 358(XVI) and 419(PLEN.14)	ECLAC regular budget
1989	Fifteenth session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204, and 425(XIX)	ECLAC regular budget
1989	Twentieth session of the ECLAC Committee of the Whole	United Nations Headquarters New York, April/May b/	ECLAC resolution 419(PLEN.14)	ECLAC regular budget
1990	Sixteenth session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204, and 425(XIX)	ECLAC regular budget
1990	Thirteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC)	a/	ECLAC resolution 358(XVI) and 419(PLEN.14)	ECLAC regular budget
1990	Twenty third session of ECLAC	Venezuela b/ c/	ECLAC resolution 419(PLEN.14)	ECLAC regular budget

a/ Place and date to be decided.

b/ Date to be decided.

c/ Subject to approval by ECOSOC.

## Annex 2

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the basis of the report of the Second Committee A/43/915/Add.7]

43/196 A United Nations conference on environment and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/186 of 11 December 1987, by which it adopted the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond as a broad framework to guide national action and international co-operation on policies and programmes aimed at achieving environmentally sound development,

Recalling also its resolution 42/187 of 11 December 1987, by which it welcomed the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development,<sup>1/</sup>

Noting that the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, convened in 1972 in accordance with Assembly resolution 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968, recommended that the Assembly convene a second United Nations conference on the subject,<sup>2/</sup>

Believing it highly desirable that a United Nations conference on environment and development be convened no later than 1992,

Aware that serious environmental problems are arising in all countries and that these problems must be progressively addressed through preventive measures at their source,

Emphasizing the common goal of all countries to strengthen international co-operation for the promotion of growth and development world-wide and recognizing that, in view of the global character of major environmental problems, there is a common interest of all countries in pursuing policies

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<sup>1/</sup> A/42/427, annex.

<sup>2/</sup> Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 5-16 June 1972 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.A.14 and Corr.1), chap. IV, resolution 4 (I).



aimed at achieving a sustainable and environmentally sound development within a sound ecological balance,

Noting that the critical objectives for environment and development policies that follow from the need for sustainable and environmentally sound development must include creating a healthy, clean and safe environment, reviving growth and improving its quality, remedying the problems of poverty and the satisfaction of human needs through raising the standard of living and the quality of life, addressing the issues of population and of conserving and enhancing the resource base, reorienting technology and managing risk and merging environment and economics in decision-making,

Aware that a supportive international economic environment that would result in sustained economic growth and development in all countries, particularly in developing countries, is of major importance for sound management of the environment,

Stressing the importance for all countries to take effective measures for the protection, restoration and enhancement of the environment in accordance, inter alia, with their respective capabilities, while, at the same time, acknowledging the efforts being made in all countries in this regard, including international co-operation between developed and developing countries,

Noting the fact that the largest part of the current emission of pollutants into the environment, including toxic and hazardous wastes, originates in developed countries, and therefore recognizing that those countries have the main responsibility for combating such pollution,

Reaffirming the need for additional financial resources from the international community effectively to support developing countries in identifying, analysing, monitoring, preventing and managing environment problems in accordance with their national development plans, priorities and objectives,

Reaffirming the need for developed countries and the appropriate organs and organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen technical co-operation with the developing countries to enable them to develop and strengthen their capacity for identifying, analysing, monitoring, preventing and managing environmental problems in accordance with their national development plans, priorities and objectives,

Recognizing the importance of international co-operation in the research and development of environmentally sound technology and the need for an international exchange of experience and knowledge as well as the promotion of the transfer of technology for the protection and enhancement of the environment, especially in developing countries, in accordance with national laws, regulations and policies,

Reaffirming the need for support by the international community in playing a catalytic role in technical co-operation among developing countries in the field of the environment, and inviting the appropriate organs and organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate, at the request of

the parties concerned, in the promotion and strengthening of such co-operation,

Aware that threats to the environment often have a transboundary impact and that their urgent nature requires strengthened international co-operative action, inter alia, by assessing and providing early warning to the world community on serious environmental threats within the framework of Earthwatch,

Taking note with appreciation of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 42/187,3/

Noting further that, by its resolution 42/187, the General Assembly invited Governments, in co-operation with the regional commissions and the United Nations Environment Programme and, as appropriate, intergovernmental organizations, to support and engage in follow-up activities, such as conferences, at the national, regional and global levels,

Noting the importance of exploring ways and means of how best to promote sustainable and environmentally sound development in all countries, taking into account General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187,

Considering also in this context that the conference could, inter alia:

(a) Review trends in policies and action taken by all countries and international organizations to protect and enhance the environment and to examine how environmental concerns have been incorporated in economic and social policies and planning since the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in 1972;

(b) Assess major environmental problems, risks and opportunities associated with economic activities in all countries;

(c) Make recommendations for further strengthened international co-operative action within a set of priorities to be established by the conference; define the research and development effort required to implement such recommendations; and indicate financial requirements for their implementation, together with a definition of possible sources for such financing;

1. Decides to consider at its forty-fourth session the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on the subject of the present resolution no later than 1992, with a view to taking an appropriate decision at that session on the exact scope, title, venue and date of such a conference and on the modalities and financial implications of holding the conference;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, urgently to obtain the views of Governments on:

- (a) The objectives, content, title and scope of the conference;
- (b) Appropriate ways of preparing for the conference;
- (c) A suitable time and place and other modalities for the conference;

and to submit those views to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, and to make them available to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its fifteenth session;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Executive Director, to obtain the views of appropriate organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the objectives, content and scope of the conference, and to submit those views to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, and to make them available to the Governing Council at its fifteenth session;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Executive Director, to prepare a statement of the financial implications of preparing and convening the conference, and to submit that statement to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, and to make it available to the Governing Council at its fifteenth session;

5. Invites the Governing Council to consider the documents referred to in paragraphs 2 to 4 above and, on the basis of that consideration, to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, its views on the matters referred to in the present resolution, in particular its views on the objectives, content and scope of the conference.

