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482 (XXI) SUPPORT FOR THE NEW INSTITUTIONAL PROJECT AND THE PROGRAMME OF WORK
OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that under the terms of resolution 340 (AC.66) of the ECLAC Committee of the Whole the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) was made a permanent institution of the United Nations with its own identity within the ECLAC system,

Likewise recalling that under the terms of resolution 474 (PLEN.18), adopted at the eighteenth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC in 1985, the Institute changed its name to the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, while maintaining the acronym ILPES in all languages,

Bearing in mind the valuable results of the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Committee of ILPES and the Fifth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean (the highest-level forum of the System of Co-operation and Co-ordination among Planning Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean), which were held in Mexico City between 15 and 17 April 1985,

Recognizing that the Institute is rendering valuable services to the countries of the region and has become the main body of its type in the field of the planning and co-ordination of public policies, with its dual character as a permanent multilateral body of the United Nations and as an intergovernmental service agency,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report on the activities of ILPES in the period 1984-1985 and its Programme of Work for 1988-1989 and, in that connection:

a) Expresses its satisfaction at the Institute's efforts to modernize its administration;

b) Thanks bodies in member and non-member countries which made contributions to the New Institutional Project of ILPES and recommends their continuing support in order to stabilize the technical capacity of the Institute;

c) Supports the minimum technical staff proposed in the New Institutional Project of ILPES;

2. Expresses once again its gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the financial backing given to ILPES for 1986 and the permanent support extended through the network of Resident Representatives, and asks that continued support should be given to ILPES in the new programming phase of UNDP (1987-1991), especially so that it can work in priority areas of the planning and co-ordination of public policies;

3. Recommends the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts to provide ILPES with stable resources and greater freedom of action as a multilateral agency for the provision of services;
4. Approves the suggestion that the proceedings of the Sixth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean should concentrate on the topic of the role of national planning bodies in regional co-operation, within the framework of a strategy for reactivation and development;
5. Reiterates the need to intensify ILPES' action in the Central American countries and for it to give support to the mechanisms for bringing together the planners of that subregion;
6. Expresses its satisfaction at the important tasks already undertaken by the recently established ECLAC/ILPES Joint Planning Unit for the Caribbean and supports its programme of work and new lines of operation;
7. Acknowledges the efforts made by ILPES to articulate its activities with those of various international and bilateral bodies of non-member countries and expresses its satisfaction at the support given to the Institute by the Inter-American Development Bank, the new activities undertaken with the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank, and the closer collaboration established with the United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and the Latin American Centre for Development Administration;
8. Emphasizes the important capacity of mobilization of ILPES, which, despite its limited resources, has markedly increased its advisory assistance, training and research activities;
9. Recommends to member governments that, to the extent of their possibilities and within the framework of their national priorities, they should contemplate the use of multilateral, bilateral, public or private sources of co-operation for supporting specific activities which ILPES may be requested to carry out, and
10. Reiterates its gratitude to the governments of France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands and Spain for the support given to ILPES and invites them and the other countries outside the region to give their support to the execution of the future programme of work of the Institute.

230th meeting
25 April 1986