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## 593(XXIX) 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 the Executive Secretary of the Commission,

Bearing in mind its resolution 581(XXVIII), in which it recommended that the meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Institute's Regional Council for Planning that were to take place in the years when the Commission convened its session should be held within the framework of that session,

Reiterating its appreciation to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning and to its Presiding Officers for the valuable contribution they make to the Institute in terms of both substantive orientation and regular financing,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the resolutions emanating from the twenty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, held during the twenty-ninth session of the Commission (Brasilia, Brazil, May 2002), which highlight the following:

(a) Adoption of the report on the activities of the Institute for the period from January 2001 to December 2002;

(b) Endorsement of the outlines of the programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003, especially the preparation of an overview of public management to be submitted to the Regional Council for Planning for its consideration;

(c) The decision to hold the twelfth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning and the eleventh Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning in the second half of 2002;

(d) The decision to identify external cooperation sources that will permit financing to be provided to participants in its training programmes;

(e) The decision to intensify technical cooperation activities with the Latin American Parliament and in support of the legislative committees of national parliaments by strengthening horizontal cooperation;

(f) The decision to support the training programmes of the ministries of foreign affairs of its member countries, especially in the areas of strategic planning and international economics;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments of the States members 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. Expresses its satisfaction with the support provided by the secretariat of the Commission for the Institute's activities;
4. Reiterates that the Institute, as the training branch of the ECLAC system, should continue its training activities and significantly expand them, in collaboration with the subregional offices and divisions of the Commission and other international institutions, and that it should also continue to focus its substantive work on the strategic planning of public management;
5. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue the process of integration and coordination of the Institute's activities with those of the Commission, and to submit a progress report to the Commission at its thirtieth session.