

**630(XXXI) 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 should become a permanent institution of the Commission, would have its own identity and would be responsible directly to the Executive Secretary of the Commission,

Highlighting the conclusions of the twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Institute's Regional Council for Planning (Havana, Cuba, June 2005),

Reiterating its recognition to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning and its Presiding Officers for the valuable support they provide to the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, both in terms of guidance and regular financing,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the resolutions adopted by the twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Institute's Regional Council for Planning, held in Havana, provide for:

- (i) Approval of the report on the activities of the Institute in the 2004-2005 biennium, the programme of work for the 2006-2007 biennium and the report on the financial situation of the Institute; and
- (ii) A request that the work of the Institute in relation to planning be strengthened while attributing importance to the exchange of experiences, the visions of the countries, and short- and long-term economic, social and territorial dimensions;

2. Expresses to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning its recognition of their contributions to the regular system of Government funding, which provides financing for a large portion of the Institute's activities and inputs;

3. Expresses its satisfaction with the support of the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Commission for the activities of the Institute and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to support its work with human and financial resources so that it may conduct its activities effectively;

4. Reiterates the recommendation that the Institute should strengthen its capacity as the body responsible for training within the system of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and should broaden the activities it conducts in that area in collaboration with the subregional headquarters, divisions of the Commission and other international institutions;

5. Stresses the importance of ensuring that the thirteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning includes the participation of national authorities responsible for public planning and public policy with a view to renewing, on that occasion, a process of reflection and exchange among the countries of the region regarding ideas, experiences, instruments, institutional structures and processes of territorial and local development and medium-term planning as public policies for the development of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.