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Draft resolution submitted by Committee II

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES OF ECLA

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind article 8 and rule 24 of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of ECLA, together with the relevant mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council regarding the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system,

Recalling resolution 419 (PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLA, in which it was determined that the Commission should decide at each of its sessions on the new calendar of conferences and meetings of the entire ECLA system, with a view to implementing it in a manner duly synchronized with the General Assembly's budget programming cycle and taking into account the objective and priorities established in the various work programmes and regional action programmes approved by member governments,

Having considered the draft programme of work for the different areas of activity of the ECLA system for the period 1986-1987*, which covers also the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE),

Taking full account of the opinions expressed and adjustments proposed by member governments, as recorded in the final report of the twentieth session, and the changes deriving from the resolutions adopted at that session,

1. Approves the draft programme of work of the ECLA system (including

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CHANGE OF NAME OF ECLA

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Having noted the recommendation of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee at its seventh session that the name of the Commission should be changed to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Conscious that in the past two decades many new States from the Caribbean have become members of the Commission,

Recognizing the consequent desirability of more explicit integration of the Caribbean in the Commission,

1. Agrees that the name of the Commission should henceforth be the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. Recommends accordingly that the Economic and Social Council should approve the designation "The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean" as the new name of the Commission.
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ACTIVITIES OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND
CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE

The Economic Commission for Latin America,
Recalling resolution 358 (XVI) of the Economic Commission for Latin America, which established the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,
Recalling also ECLA resolution 372 (XVII) and 399 (XVIII) and resolutions 420 (PLEN.14) and 451 (PLEN.16) of the Committee of the Whole, which endorsed the Constituent Declaration, functions, rules of procedure and work programme of CDCC and the reports of the first through the sixth sessions of the Committee,

Bearing in mind resolution 1982/58 of the Economic and Social Council, which took note of the determination of the member governments of CDCC to pursue activities aimed at strengthening the Secretariat of the Committee, and General Assembly resolution 32/197 on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and decentralization of the functions of the United Nations, including those of the economic commissions,

I.

1. Notes the progress achieved in the implementation of the approved work programme since the sixth session of the Committee;
2. Endorses with appreciation the report of the seventh session of CDCC and the resolutions contained therein;
3. **Endorses** the programme of work approved for the biennium 1984-1985;

II.

1. **Takes note with appreciation** of recent advances in the delegation of authority to the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, the identification of most items of the budget as they relate to CDCC in the 1984-1985 Programme Budget document, and the issuance of separate budgetary allotments for the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean;

2. **Reiterates** its concern that:
   i) the entire work programme of the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean for 1984-1985 continues to be subsumed as a subprogramme under the Programme "International Trade and Development Financing";
   ii) delays are still being experienced in filling the vacant posts in the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean;

3. **Requests** the Executive Secretary of ECLA to seek the revision at the earliest possible time of the United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 and the combined ECLA work programme in order to re-establish a separate programme for the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, as was the case during the 1982-1983 biennium;

4. **Further requests** the Executive Secretary of ECLA to accelerate efforts to seek and to channel funding and resources to the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean and also to accelerate the filling of vacant posts in that Office, bearing in mind that several Caribbean countries are non-represented or under-represented on the staff of the United Nations;

5. **Requests** the Secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee to proceed with the implementation of the approved work programme for the biennium 1984-1985, observing the priorities set by the Committee.
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NEW PROGRAMME OF WORK AND SUPPORT FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recalling that in June 1983 the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), a permanent United Nations body functioning with its own identity within the ECLA system, completed 21 years of valuable service to the region,

Bearing in mind the results of the Fourth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning (Buenos Aires, 9-10 May 1983), which is the highest level forum of the System of Co-operation and Co-ordination among Planning Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean,

Also bearing in mind the resolutions adopted by the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Committee of ILPES (Buenos Aires, 10 May 1983) and the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee of ILPES (Mexico City, 28-29 November 1983) regarding the main lines of the programme of work and the future financing of ILPES,

Recognizing that in the sphere of economic and social planning ILPES is an intergovernmental body of fundamental importance for strengthening the co-ordination of economic and social policies and strategies as instruments of development and co-operation among the countries of the region,

2. Notes with approval the main lines of the programme of work of ILPES for the triennium 1984-1986 laid down by the governments and the Director of the Institute, as well as the main functional areas in which it will concentrate its activities: economic policy and planning; public sector planning; regional and sectoral planning, and pre-investment and projects;

3. Likewise notes with approval the core topics to which ILPES will give priority: articulation of the short, medium and long-term policy formulation processes; the place of the region in the world economy in the near future; the territorial and social effects of global and sectoral economic policies, and the role of the public sector in the region, with emphasis on its social development policies;

4. Expresses its satisfaction at the results of the Fourth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean (Buenos Aires, 9-10 May 1983), which once again confirm the great importance for regional cooperation assumed by this multilateral forum for technical discussion on the shared problems of development and for the exchange of experience regarding public policies;

5. Endorses the recommendations of the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Committee of ILPES and the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee of ILPES, and hence:

a) Urges the governments of the region to give the highest priority to defending the financing of ILPES at meetings of international organizations;

b) Notes with approval the establishment and implementation of the new regular system of financing of ILPES on the basis of voluntary contributions determined by each country, as approved at the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Committee;

6. Expresses its satisfaction at the decision taken by the countries which have signed the Memorandum of Understanding with ILPES or have already pledged their contributions for 1984, recommends those countries of the region which have not yet done so to take a decision on their voluntary contributions as soon as is convenient, and urges all member countries to make actual payment of their contributions in 1984 with the greatest possible promptness;
7. **Recommends** to the member countries to seek additional resources in order to finance activities they plan to carry out with ILPES, also using, in so far as possible, resources from the UNDP indicative national planning figures;

8. **Renews** the expression of its special gratitude to UNDP for the whole-hearted support given to ILPES since its establishment, and urges it to continue to give the Institute its valuable technical and financial support;

9. **Reiterates** its satisfaction at the support given by the whole region to ILPES, at the co-operation agreements which the Institute is signing with some member governments, at the important backing given to it by the Inter-American Development Bank, and at the collaboration of countries which are not members of ILPES, such as Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Japan, the Netherlands, and Spain;

10. **Requests** the Executive Secretary of ECLA to approach the relevant bodies of the United Nations with a view to expanding the technical staff of ILPES paid for from the regular budget of the United Nations;

11. **Notes and approves** the bases for promoting horizontal co-operation given in the report prepared on this subject for the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee*/ and recommends national planning bodies to continue to promote the necessary measures to strengthen this co-operation in so far as they are able, in line with those bases;

12. **Notes with satisfaction and approves** the report on the activities of ILPES during 1983 and its programme of work for 1984, as laid down at the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee (San José, 29-30 November 1982), the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Committee (Buenos Aires, 10 May 1983) and the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee (Mexico City, 28-29 November 1983);

13. **Also notes with satisfaction** the greater emphasis which will be given by ILPES to programmes for Central America and the Caribbean, including the carrying out of specific technical and financial studies with a view to the decentralization of its activities in these areas;

*/See ILPES, *New services for horizontal co-operation*, document VI-ST/75.
14. Takes note with satisfaction of the recommendations of the Third Meeting of Caribbean Planning Experts (Port of Spain, 28 April - 2 May 1983) and repeats its request to ILPES and the Governments of the Caribbean; to ensure, in so far as it is possible for them to do so, conditions such as to permit greater activity in the region, that included requests for initiating activities in the Caribbean in conjunction with the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean;

15. Likewise notes with satisfaction that the Government of Brazil has proposed that the Seventh Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee, to be convened in the second half of 1984, should be held in Brasilia and that the Government of Mexico has offered to host the Fifth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Committee, which will consequently be held in Mexico City in the first half of 1985.
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Bearing in mind its resolution 358 (XVI) of 13 May 1975 on the establishment of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC), which as well as recognizing the special historical, geographical and cultural identity of the Caribbean countries and reaffirming the need to maintain and strengthen Latin American co-ordination and solidarity, emphasized the need to promote initiatives designed to strengthen co-operation between the other member countries of ECLA and integration groupings of countries of the Latin American region with the CDCC,

Also bearing in mind its resolution 365 (XVII) of 5 May 1977 on economic integration and co-operation, which points out that despite the considerable progress made in the integration of the economies of the countries of the region and in linking up their production systems, full use has yet to be made of the economic potential of integration,

Recalling its resolution 440 (XIX) of 15 May 1981 in which it requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Caribbean institutions charged with promoting co-operation and integration, to prepare a programme of work and studies with a view to strengthening technical and economic co-operation between the countries of the Caribbean area and the other countries of the region,
Noting the meeting of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee's Ad Hoc Working Group on Caribbean/Latin American Co-operation, held in Port of Spain on 1 - 2 February 1984, which discussed inter alia trade settlement arrangements, trade promotion, tourism, banking, consultancy, container repairs, science and technology;

Conscious of the need that technical and economic co-operation between the countries and groups of countries of the Caribbean subregion and the countries and groups of countries of the rest of the region should be linked with the processes and machinery for economic integration which exist in the region,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the preparation by the Secretariat of a study which examines and identifies the main obstacles standing in the way of greater co-operation between the Caribbean countries and the other countries of the region, determines what opportunities exist for increasing such co-operation, and suggests several areas for the promotion of specific projects aimed at creating closer links of technical and economic co-operation between the Caribbean countries and other countries of the region in spheres of common interest

2. Requests the Executive Secretary:
   a) To prepare, in consultation with the Secretariat and member States of the CDCC, as well as other countries in the region, and with the co-operation of other Caribbean institutions responsible for promoting co-operation and integration, specific projects in those spheres already identified in advance which offer concrete possibilities for co-operation between the Caribbean countries and the rest of the region, including inter alia trade services, transport, science and technology, and education and culture;
   b) To report to the 21st session of the Economic Commission for Latin America on the appropriate measures taken within the work programme of the Commission to implement specific projects to promote co-operation between Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Saint Lucia and the United States

ADMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ECLA

Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the desirability that the economic and cultural relations between all peoples in the Caribbean area and the Latin American continent should be strengthened,

Recalling the Terms of Reference of the Commission, as adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its sixth session, and in particular article 3(a) thereof regarding the admission of associate members,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 566 (VI), 647 (VII), 744 (VIII) and 1539 (XV) which recommended the direct participation of non-self-governing territories in the work of the United Nations and invited the administering States to progressively increase their participation in the work of the technical organs of the United Nations, and to propose them for participation in the work of the regional commissions,

Bearing in mind resolution 38/48 of the General Assembly, which noted with satisfaction the recommendation of the Virgin Islands Status Commission that the territories should become an associate member of ECLA and called upon the Administering power to facilitate the application of the territory for such membership in ECLA and its subsidiary bodies,

Noting that by letter of 3 October 1983, the Government of the United States of America informed the Executive Secretary of the Commission of the application of the United States Virgin Islands for associate membership in the Economic Commission for Latin America,
1. Welcomes the aforementioned application of the Government of the United States of America;

2. Decides to admit the United States Virgin Islands as an associate member of ECLA and welcomes its participation in the work of the Commission,

3. Calls upon the Administering Power, taking into account the freely expressed wishes of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to take all necessary steps to expedite the process of decolonization in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration, as well as all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly.
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Draft resolution submitted by Barbados, Belize, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Haiti, Jamaica, St.Lucia, St.Vincent and the Grenadines and the United Kingdom

ADMISSION OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ECLA

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the desirability that the economic and cultural relations between all peoples in the Caribbean area and the Latin American continent should be strengthened,

Recalling the terms of reference of the Commission, as adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its sixth session, and in particular Article 3(A) thereof regarding the admission of associate members,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 566(VI), 647(VII), 744(VIII) and 1539(XV) which recommended the direct participation of non-self-governing territories in the work of the United Nations and invited the administering States to progressively increase their participation in the work of the technical organs of the United Nations, and propose them for participation in the work of the regional commissions,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 38/44 which noted with satisfaction the request of the British Virgin Islands, through the administering power, for associate membership in the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting that by letter of 9 December 1983, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland informed the Executive Secretary of the Commission of the application of the British Virgin Islands for associate membership in the Economic Commission for Latin America,
1. Welcomes the aforementioned application of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and

2. Decides to admit the British Virgin Islands as an associate member of ECLA and welcomes its participation in the work of the Commission.