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Programme of support for small island countries

In Resolution 21(X) of the tenth session, the Committee requested the secretariat to present the Plan of Action to Member Governments for their consideration. A draft Plan of Action was circulated to Member States and, with their comments incorporated, a revised plan is now presented to members in document LC/CAR/G.259.

General Assembly and ECOSOC Resolutions

It will be recalled that in Resolution 41/213 adopted by the General Assembly in December 1986, it was decided that the recommendations of the High Level Intergovernmental Experts who reviewed the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations be implemented by the Secretary-General, taking into consideration the findings of the Fifth Committee, and subject to some conditions.

Resolution 42/211 of December 1987 commented on the implementation of these measures by the Secretary-General and made further suggestions for implementation.

In response to these resolutions and decisions, the Secretary-General prepared a report contained in document A/C.5/43/1 Rev.1 in which he proposed reductions in staff. For ECLAC, a 70 post reduction by 1989 was proposed as follows: 17 professional posts (one D-1; five P-5; five P-4; five P-3) and 53 general service posts.

After discussions within ECLAC, it was decided that the number of posts at the Port-of-Spain Office to be abolished would be five, comprising: one P-4, three P-3 and one GS, in order to meet the required target of 70 posts overall. Areas affected as a result of these reductions are: agriculture, science and technology, transport and communications.

Non-independent territories

The General Assembly has adopted a number of resolutions dealing with non-independent territories. Of particular interest to the Committee, are the following which relate to this region: Resolution 42/80 Anguilla; 42/81 Montserrat; 42/82 the British Virgin Islands; 42/83 Turks and Caicos Islands; 42/85 the Cayman Islands; 42/86 Bermuda; and 42/89 the United States Virgin Islands.

In all of these resolutions, the Assembly calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as regional institutions to continue to take all necessary measures to accelerate progress in the social and economic life of these territories.

Some of the territories are now active participants in the CDCC and ECLAC and the secretariat has undertaken a mission to explore the possibility of participation by the remaining territories. Such efforts will continue with a view to contributing to the well-being of these territories. The presence here of some of these countries is a result of such efforts and is in keeping with paragraph 5 of Resolution 21(X) adopted at the tenth session.

Decision 42/413 - National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

General Assembly decision 42/413 took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled: "National Experience in Promoting the Co-operative Movement" (A/42/56). While the decision has no implication per se for the CDCC, the secretariat believes that the subject matter is of sufficient importance to bring to the attention of member states, bearing in mind that the topic also appears in the proposed Plan of Action for Small Island States to be considered by the Committee.

Decision 42/447 - External debt crisis and development

The General Assembly will have before it, at the 43rd Session, a Resolution of the Second Committee entitled: "External Debt

Crisis and Development". The Secretary-General has prepared a report on the issue contained in document A/43/647, outlining elements of an approach to International debt policy. The Committee may wish to take a serious look at the document and its proposals.

Resolution A/43/L.5 - Emergency assistance to Jamaica

The General Assembly considered under Agenda Item 149, a Resolution on Emergency Assistance to Jamaica, following the ravages of Hurricane Gilbert. The secretariat wishes to bring the Resolution to the attention of all Member States. The Committee may wish to reiterate the call for assistance to a Member State, in order to help it overcome some of the difficulties caused by the hurricane.

