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511 (XXIII) GUIDELINES FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND
CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)
VIS-A-VIS THE NEW SITUATIONS FACING THE REGION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) is a permanent institution of the United Nations with its own identity within the ECLAC system and an intergovernmental service agency guided directly by the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean,

1. Recognizes that ILPES has continued to make every effort to present the Governments with conceptual innovations and forecasts of the problems that they will face in the near future in the area of development planning and policies, and at the same time takes note of the Institute's progress in adapting its organizational and functional structure to meet the responsibilities assigned to it by Governments;

2. Expresses its approval of the reports of the activities of ILPES in 1988 and 1989, and likewise approves its proposed programme of work for the 1990-1991 biennium;*/

3. Recommends to ILPES that it should expand its links with other actors in the economic process, both public and private, in order to enrich its interpretations of and contributions to the formulation of strategies;

4. Expresses its concern at the financial difficulties caused by delays in the receipt of contributions from the countries of the region, and urges the Governments of the member States of the Institute to correct this situation;

5. Expresses once again its gratitude to the Governments of other States which have helped to finance the Institute, and in particular to the Governments of France, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain, which are financing specific activities and projects;

6. Requests ILPES to explore additional possibilities outside the region with a view to strengthening its sources of financing so as to give greater solidity to its New Institutional Project, with the principles of which the Commission is in full agreement;**/

7. Notes the results obtained at the Seventh Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning, held within the framework of the

*/ See document LC/G.1607 (SES.23/11).

**/ Resolution 493 (XXII) of ECLAC.

System of Co-operation and Co-ordination among Planning Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean (SCCOPALC), as well as of the conclusions of the Eighth Meeting of the Regional Council for Planning and of the Twelfth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning;

8. Expresses its satisfaction at the support given to the Institute by the Executive Secretariat of ECLAC and urges the latter to keep up and if possible further increase its technical co-operation and to continue with its efforts to endow ILPES with stable resources;

9. Expresses its thanks to UNDP for its financial support of the regional project on planning and public policies and asks it to continue in the future to provide its support for the co-operation projects presented by ILPES for consideration by the Governments of member States. The Commission also gratefully acknowledges the collaboration of UNDP's network of Resident Representatives;

10. Expresses once again its grateful recognition of the support provided by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in financing projects for co-operation with the countries and requests the Institute to continue to make every effort to co-ordinate its actions with that body, as well as with the World Bank;

11. Congratulates the Government of the Netherlands Antilles on its organization of the Twelfth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, which was held in Curaçao on 2-3 April 1990;

12. Thanks the Government of Spain for its invitation to hold the Special Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean in Madrid in 1992, as well as the Government of Jamaica for its offer to host the regular Conference of that body in Kingston in 1993.

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11 May 1990