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542(XXV) SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) is a permanent United Nations institution with its own identity within the ECLAC system (resolution 340(AC.66) of 25 January 1974),

Bearing in mind the valuable contribution made by the member Governments, through the Regional Council for Planning and its Presiding Officers, to the substantive orientation and regular financing of the Institute,

Recalling that at the twenty-fourth session of ECLAC, the member Governments adopted the proposal that ILPES should concentrate its activities in the area of strategic State management,

Taking into account the resolutions of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (Buenos Aires, November 1992, and Brasilia, November 1993, respectively),

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the resolutions emanating from the two latest meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning. In this regard,
 - a) Endorses the proposals contained in the ILPES programme of work and expresses its satisfaction at the activities carried out in 1992 and 1993, which are described in the respective activities reports.¹ Highlights, as future priorities, the strengthening of exchanges of experience on public management and recent changes in the institutional structure of planning systems, with emphasis on the linkages between programming and budget. Concurs also with the development of activities to support decentralization processes and the review of experiences in deregulation, privatization and the design of regulatory frameworks. Emphasizes also the promotion of cooperation activities through the participation of government managers and technical personnel in ILPES activities and the organization of training activities for government officials on priority issues within the Institute's sphere of action;
 - b) Expresses its appreciation to the member Governments that have effectively made their contributions to the regular financing of the Institute's activities and expresses its satisfaction at the prudent financial management carried out by the ILPES administration;
 - c) Expresses its satisfaction at the new criteria for selecting the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, so as to include the Governments that are serving as Chairman and Rapporteur of the System of Cooperation and Coordination among Planning Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean (SCCOPALC) and the Government of the headquarters country of ILPES;

¹ LC/IP/R.121 and LC/IP/138.

2. **Highlights** the activities of ILPES in the area of strategic State management, especially the research and cooperation activities carried out, and the new training strategy based on modular courses dealing with topics that are priorities for the Governments;
3. **Endorses** with satisfaction the offer made by Mexico to host the Ninth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean, which is to analyse the topic "Reform and modernization of the State", and the Tenth Meeting of the Regional Council for Planning. **Expresses** also its satisfaction that the Government of Mexico is sponsoring a preparatory seminar for the Ninth Conference;
4. **Reiterates** its commitment to the Regular System of Government Financing for ILPES and **endorses** the recommendations of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Presiding Officers on regularizing the situation of Governments which owe contributions;
5. **Thanks** the Governments of France, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain for their contribution to the financing of ILPES activities. **Expresses** also its gratitude to the international agencies which contribute to the execution of specific projects;
6. **Expresses** its satisfaction at the technical support provided by the ECLAC secretariat and the contribution made from the ECLAC regular budget to the financing of ILPES activities;
7. **Declares** its satisfaction at the proposals adopted at the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Meetings of the Presiding Officers, which help to strengthen relations between the Regional Council for Planning, its Presiding Officers and ILPES, in its capacity as a member of the ECLAC system, and at the coordinated activities which they carry out within that system;
8. **Reiterates** the need for the Institute to continue giving top priority to these aspects of its work.