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At its eighth session held at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 6-12 June 1984 the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) adopted four resolutions:

- (A) Resolution 14(VIII) Admission of United States Virgin Islands as an Associate Member of CDCC.
- (B) Resolution 15(VIII) Admission of British Virgin Islands as an Associate Member of CDCC.
- (C) Resolution 16(VIII) Population and Development
- (D) Resolution 17(VIII) Impact of Current Economic Crisis on CDCC Member Countries.

A. Admission of the United States Virgin Islands as an Associate Member of CDCC

This resolution admitted the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) to CDCC as an Associate Member. During the year the Secretariat took steps to include the USVI in the implementation of various aspects of its work programme.

(a) An official mission was undertaken to the USVI to hold discussions with officials of government and institutions on the participation of the USVI in the UNEP/ECLAC Project: "Tourism and Environment in the Wider Caribbean". The mission also collected background data and identified potential areas for case studies and a consultant to conduct the study.

(b) A mission from the Secretariat was scheduled to visit the USVI in April to meet with senior government officials, establish contact with officials of government departments and institutions involved in subject matters of interest to the work programme of the Secretariat. Consultations would be held on the economic and social situation, economic and technical co-operation, and on appropriate mechanisms for interaction and co-operation between the USVI and the Secretariat. Background data were to be collected to facilitate preparation of the Economic Survey and other activities.

B. Admission of the British Virgin Islands
as an Associate Member of CDCC

This resolution admitted the British Virgin Islands (BVI) to the CDCC as an Associate Member. During the year the Secretariat initiated measures to include the BVI in the implementation of its work programme.

(a) Technical assistance by way of reviewing and commenting on a document analysing household budgetary survey report was given.

(b) A preparatory mission was undertaken to hold discussions with appropriate government officials to determine the interest of the BVI in participating in a demographic analysis and training project jointly sponsored by UNFPA/ECLAC/CELADE. The Project RLA/84/P02 has since been approved with the BVI participating and implementation has commenced.

(c) In connection with the UNEP/ECLAC Project "Tourism and Environment in the Wider Caribbean" the Secretariat undertook an official mission to the BVI.

(d) A mission from the Secretariat was scheduled to visit the BVI in April to meet with senior government officials, establish contact with officials of government departments and institutions involved in subject matters of interest to the work programme of the Secretariat. Consultations would be held on the economic and social situation, economic and technical co-operation and on appropriate mechanisms for interaction and co-operation between the BVI and the Secretariat. Background data were to be collected to facilitate preparation of the Economic Survey and other activities.

C. Population and Development

This resolution recommended inter alia, that Caribbean countries "... should be considered as a special subregional unit within the Latin American and Caribbean region for programming purposes...." "... should receive special attention from CELADE...." and deserved "... a more equitable proportion of available resources provided by UNFPA and other funding agencies". It also expressed appreciation for the timely and efficient manner in which UNFPA had made resources available and requested additional resources from UNFPA.

The Secretariat is pleased to refer in this connection to (a) the establishment of the ECLAC/CELADE Demographic Unit in Port-of-Spain (see document No. LC/CAR/G.142/Add.3); and (b) The UNFPA/ECLAC/CELADE Project (RLA/84/P02) on "Demographic Analysis and Training" currently being implemented.

D. The Impact of the Current Economic Crisis on
CDCC Member Countries

This resolution did not address explicit requests to the ECLAC/CDCC Secretariat for direct action. However in the context of this resolution certain actions can be reported.

(a) Requests for additional resources have been transmitted to ECLAC Headquarters for inclusion in the UN/ECLAC programme budget for the 1986-87 biennium submitted to United Nations Headquarters.

(b) Projects, prepared prior to and after the eighth session of CDCC, which have been financed or are under active consideration by donors include inter alia computerization of the Caribbean Information System, Creole Discourse and Social Development, Simplification of Trade Procedures, Establishment of a Caribbean Co-operative Agricultural Research Network, Rural Agro-based Industries, Tourism and the Environment, Training in Demographic Analysis, and Women in Development Planning.

Finally, the Secretariat wishes to state that its preliminary monitoring indicates that generally during 1984 there was no improvement, and there was, in all probability a worsening of the social and economic situation that had inspired the resolution at the eighth session of the Committee.