607(XXX) PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR THE BIENNIUM 2006-2007

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations on the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 38/32 E and Economic and Social Council decision 1984/101 regarding recurrent publications of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session¹³ and the tasks identified by the secretariat of the Commission to facilitate its implementation in the region,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 58/269 entitled "Strengthening the United Nations: an agenda for further change", in which, in operative paragraph 5, it "requests the Secretary-General to prepare, on a trial basis, for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, a strategic framework to replace the current four-year medium-term plan, which would comprise in one document (a) Part one: a plan outline, reflecting the longer-term objectives of the Organization; (b) Part two: a biennial programme plan, to cover two years",

Bearing in mind also the draft biennial programme plan of the strategic framework of the Commission for the 2006-2007 biennium, which is being reviewed at the intergovernmental level by subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and regarding which the Commission initiated a consultation process at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 20 April 2004,

<u>Having considered</u> the proposed work priorities of the Commission as set out by the Executive Secretary in his introduction to the draft programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2006-2007 biennium,

<u>Having considered also</u> all aspects of the draft programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2006-2007 biennium, which reflects a new results-based approach and which also covers the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning,

Bearing in mind the important work carried out by the national offices of the Commission in Buenos Aires, Bogota, Brasilia and Montevideo and by the liaison office in Washington, D.C.,

1. <u>Approves</u> the programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2006-2007 biennium, ¹⁴ which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and

General Assembly resolution 55/2.

Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2006-2007 (LC/G.2238(SES.30/6)).

Social Planning and which, with the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirtieth session of the Commission, shall become the legislative mandate for the Commission's execution of programmes, projects and technical cooperation activities and for the production of the recurrent publications included therein;

- 2. <u>Endorses</u> the proposed priorities for the work of the Commission for the 2006-2007 biennium presented by the Executive Secretary, which encompass the promotion of a broader vision of macroeconomic stability to fuel growth and reduce volatility, integration into the rest of the world and the importance of regional affairs, an increase in the region's production potential, an increase in social cohesion, improvements in global institutions and the importance of migration, sustainable development and financing for development;
- 3. <u>Expresses its appreciation</u> to the national offices and the liaison office of the Commission for the tasks that they carry out in support of the countries' activities as well as for their contribution to incorporating the regional perspective in national agendas;
- 4. <u>Calls upon</u> the Executive Secretary to strengthen the structure of the national offices and the liaison office of the Commission within the context of existing resources;
- 5. <u>Notes</u> that the allocation of the necessary resources for implementing the activities described in the programme of work is subject to consideration by the relevant United Nations bodies before it can be carried out;
- 6. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit any proposals required for the execution of the approved programme of work to the relevant bodies;
- 7. Requests the Executive Secretary to convene the Committee of the Whole in the intervals between the sessions of the Commission in order to strengthen and broaden the dialogue between member States and the secretariat on issues deemed to be relevant;
- 8. <u>Expresses</u> its appreciation to the Chair of the ad hoc working group for the tasks it has carried out, which have resulted in the satisfactory fulfilment of the mandate contained in resolution 553(XXVI);
- 9. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made in implementing this resolution at the thirty-first session of the Commission.