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467(XX) NEW PROGRAMME OF WORK AND SUPPORT FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)

The Economic Commission for Latin America

Recalling that in June 1983 the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) -a permanent United Nations body functioning with its own identity within the ECLA system- completed twenty-one years of valuable service to the region,

Bearing in mind the results of the Fourth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning (Buenos Aires, 9-10 May 1983), which is the highest-level forum of the System of Co-operation and Co-ordination among Planning Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean,

Also bearing in mind the resolutions adopted by the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Committee of ILPES (Buenos Aires, 10 May 1983) and the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee of ILPES (Mexico City, 28-29 November 1983) regarding the main lines of the programme of work and the future financing of ILPES,

Recognizing that in the sphere of economic and social planning ILPES is an intergovernmental body of fundamental importance for strengthening the co-ordination of economic and social policies and strategies as instruments of development and co-operation among the countries of the region,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report on the activities of ILPES during the period 1981-1984 contained in documents E/CEPAL/ILPES/G.21 and E/CEPAL/SES.20/G.23;

2. Notes with approval the main lines of the programme of work of ILPES for the triennium 1984-1986 laid down by the governments and the Director of the Institute, as well as the main functional areas in which it will concentrate its activities: economic policy and planning; public sector planning; regional and sectoral planning; and pre-investment and projects;

3. Likewise notes with approval the core topics to which ILPES will give priority: articulation of the short, medium and long-term policy formulation processes; the place of the region in the world economy in the near future; the territorial and social effects of global and sectoral economic policies, and the role of the public sector in the region, with emphasis on its social development policies;

4. Expresses its satisfaction at the results of the Fourth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean (Buenos Aires, 9-10 May 1983), which once again confirm the great importance for regional co-operation assumed by this multilateral forum for technical discussion on the shared problems of development and for the exchange of experience regarding public policies;

5. Endorses the recommendations of the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Committee of ILPES and the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee of ILPES, and hence:

a) Urges the governments of the region to give the highest priority to defending the financing of ILPES at meetings of international organizations;

b) Notes with approval the establishment and implementation of the new regular system of financing of ILPES on the basis of voluntary contributions determined by each country, as approved at the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Committee;

6. Expresses its satisfaction at the decision taken by the countries which have signed the Memorandum of Understanding with ILPES or have already pledged their contributions for 1984, recommends those countries of the region which have not yet done so to take a decision on their voluntary contributions as soon as is convenient, and urges all member countries to make actual payment of their contributions in 1984 with the greatest possible promptness;

7. Recommends the member countries to seek additional resources in order to finance activities they plan to carry out with ILPES, also using, in so far as possible, resources from the UNDP indicative national planning figures;

8. Renews the expression of its special gratitude to UNDP for the whole-hearted support given to ILPES since its establishment, and urges it to continue to give the Institute its valuable technical and financial support;

9. Reiterates its satisfaction at the support given by the whole region to ILPES, at the co-operation agreements which the Institute is signing with some member governments, at the important backing given to it by the Inter-American Development Bank, and at the collaboration of countries which are not members of ILPES, such as Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Japan, the Netherlands, and Spain;

10. Requests the Executive Secretary of ECLA to approach the relevant bodies of the United Nations with a view to expanding the technical staff of ILPES paid for from the regular budget of the United Nations;

11. Notes and approves the bases for promoting horizontal co-operation given in the report prepared on this subject for the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee \*/ and recommends national planning bodies to continue to promote the necessary measures to strengthen this co-operation in so far as they are able, in line with those bases;

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\*/ See ILPES, New services for horizontal co-operation, document VI-ST/5.

12. Notes with satisfaction and approves the report on the activities of ILPES during 1983 and its programme of work for 1984, as laid down at the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee (San José, 29-30 November 1982), the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Committee (Buenos Aires, 10 May 1983) and the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee (Mexico City, 28-29 November 1983);

13. Also notes with satisfaction the greater emphasis which will be given by ILPES to programmes for Central America and the Caribbean, including the carrying out of specific technical and financial studies with a view to the decentralization of its activities in these areas;

14. Takes note with satisfaction of the recommendations of the Third Meeting of Caribbean Planning Experts (Port of Spain, 28 April-2 May 1983) and repeats its request to ILPES and the Governments of the Caribbean to ensure, in so far as it is possible for them to do so, conditions such as to permit greater activity in the region, including the initiation of activities in the Caribbean in conjunction with the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean;

15. Likewise notes with satisfaction that the Government of Brazil has proposed that the Seventh Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee, to be convened in the second half of 1984, should be held in Brasilia and that the Government of Mexico has offered to host the Fifth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Committee, which will consequently be held in Mexico City in the first half of 1985.

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