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RESOLUTION 199 (IX)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTE FOR PLANNING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the importance and urgency of planning economic development in Latin America for fostering and securing the accelerated economic development of the region,

Considering the need for economic development training and advisory assistance in Latin America on a much larger scale than in the past to support these planning activities,

Considering that an economical and expeditious way of meeting this need is to expand the already existing ECLA activities in the fields of training, research and advisory assistance,

Being aware that, in spite of the increased contributions of United Nations technical assistance programmes, the resources at the Secretariat's disposal for carrying out economic development training and advisory activities are not adequate to meet all the requests received,

Considering that the United Nations Special Fund lends its assistance to planning, training, and other pre-investment activities like those referred to above,

Appreciating the specific interest expressed at this session of the Commission by the Managing Director of the United Nations Special Fund in economic development programming and planning,

Appreciating further the Managing Director's readiness to recommend to the Governing Council of the Special Fund that it approve a special allocation of funds to permit preparatory work for a draft request for the establishment of an institute for planning economic development in Latin America,

Noting that the Governments of Chile, Colombia and Venezuela have submitted a request to the Special Fund for the Establishment of such an institute, and that other Governments intend to do likewise,

Decides:

1. To recommend that ECLA's current training and advisory activities in the field of planning be expanded to the extent necessary, and that to this end the Executive Secretary of ECLA, in consultation with the Managing Director of the Special Fund, prepare the organization of the establishment of an autonomous institute for planning economic development under the auspices of ECLA, and so organized that it will be empowered to receive and administer funds from sources other than the Latin American Governments and the United Nations Special Fund;

2. To recommend that the said institute should aim at building up a permanent team of development planning experts to work at the regional or national level and at establishing close liaison with the planning institutions of the Latin American Governments, in order to maintain a continuous process of training exchange of experience and improvement of planning techniques;

3. To request the Executive Secretary of ECLA to give such assistance as may be requested by the Managing Director of the Special Fund and the Governments concerned dealing with all the procedures necessary for the establishment of the institute;

4. To express the hope that the Managing Director and the Governing Council of the Special Fund will give prompt and favorable consideration to the applications formulated by the Latin American Governments for financial support for this institute;

5. To request the Executive Secretary of ECLA to consult with the Managing Director of the Special Fund on the arrangements that might be made with other international and regional organizations for the functioning of the institute;

6. To draw the attention of the Latin American Governments to the desirability of supporting the work of the institute by placing at its disposal the local human and material resources required to ensure the maximum efficiency of its activities in the various countries;

7. To declare that it is confident that the institute established under the auspices of ECLA with the support of the United Nations Special Fund will in time become an agency directed and maintained by the Latin American Governments.

13 May 1961

RESOLUTION 218 (AC.50) LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting with satisfaction the note by the Executive Secretary on the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (E/CN.12/AC.50/7) submitted in compliance with the provisions of ECLA resolution 199 (IX), paragraph 1,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI), which invites the Governments concerned to establish development planning institutes closely linked to the respective regional economic commissions,

Expressing its appreciation to the United Nations Special Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank, whose contribution has made possible the establishment of an institute for development planning in Latin America,

Expressing gratification at the prospect that the United Nations, in discharging its responsibilities as Executive Agency, will act through ECLA,

Noting with satisfaction the Special Fund's agreement that the Institute be located at Santiago as an autonomous body under the aegis of ECLA, and the generous offer by the Government of Chile to provide appropriate premises,

Expressing the hope that the Regular and Expanded Programmes of Technical Assistance will give additional help by granting United Nations resources and fellowships for training at the Institute,

Considering the urgent need to speed up economic and social development in the Latin American countries,

Resolves:

A

1. To establish the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, which will be responsible for providing, at the request of the Governments concerned, training and advisory services to the countries and areas within the geographical scope of the Commission, and for undertaking research in planning techniques, in accordance with the following aims and functions:

(a) To raise the technical level of government officials and specialists through training programmes in the form of course and in-service training;

(b) To assist Governments in establishing the institutional and technical organization required for a more efficient programming of their economic and social development policies;

(c) To assist Governments at a purely technical level in preparing their economic and social development programmes;

(d) To carry out the theoretical studies required for the improvement of planning techniques used in Latin America;

2. To establish a Governing Council for the Institute, its functions to be as follows:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programme and the relevant budgets;

(c) To submit a progress report to ECLA each year on the work of the Institute;

3. To provide that the Governing Council shall be composed in the manner and subject to the stipulations laid down below:

(a) Eleven members of recognized technical ability elected by ECLA, of whom eight shall be nationals of eight different Latin American countries and three shall be from international organizations working in the economic and financial field in Latin America;

(b) In electing the eight members mentioned above, care shall be taken to ensure equitable geographical distribution;

(c) The eleven members of the Governing Council shall be elected for a term of two years at the regular ECLA sessions and be eligible for re-election;

(d) The Director-General of the Institute - referred to under paragraph 4 below - shall be an ex officio member of the Governing Council with the right to participate without vote in its deliberations;

(e) The Governing Council shall elect a chairman from among the eight members mentioned under (b) and shall adopt rules of procedure for its meetings, which shall be held at least twice a year;

4. To create the post of Director General, the incumbent to be appointed by the Secretary General of the United Nations after prior consultation with the Governing Council, and entrusted with the direction and administration of the Institute in accordance with the instructions given him by the Governing Council and subject to the following stipulations and functions:

(a) To submit the programmes and budget of the Institute to the Governing Council;

(b) To execute the programmes and to undertake the expenditure envisaged in the budget;

(c) To select and appoint the staff of the Institute;

- (d) To select the fellows for the training programme;
- (e) To make formal arrangements with Governments for making available the services of the Institute;
- (f) To accept on behalf of the Institute contributions from Governments, international organizations, private foundations and institutions for the purpose of financing its activities;
- (g) To co-ordinate the work of the Institute with that of other international, regional and bilateral programmes in related fields;
- (h) To attend the meetings of the Governing Council;
- (i) To report to the Governing Council on the Institute's activities and on the executing of its work programme.

In the exercise of his powers and the discharge of his responsibilities the Director General may reach agreement with the specialized agencies as to methods of co-operating with the Institute in their respective fields.

B

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Further resolves:

1. That the first election of the members of the Governing Council referred to in paragraph 3 (a) of part A of this resolution shall take place at an extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole, to be held at Santiago on 21 March 1962 with this exclusive end in view. The members thus appointed shall remain in office until the Commission's tenth session. To facilitate the convening of this extraordinary meeting it is agreed that the secretariat shall not be required to abide by the provisions laid down in the Commission's rules of procedure in respect of documentation, prior notice, and other arrangements;
2. That the Governing Council of the Institute shall approve a Plan of Operation for the United Nations Special Fund project in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution and, should the occasion arise, shall authorize the Chairman of the Governing Council to sign it;
3. That the Governing Council shall submit to ECLA, prior to its 1966 session, a proposal designed to ensure the continuity of the Institute, in accordance with the aims referred to in paragraph 7 of ECLA resolution 199 (IX);
4. That the Director-General of the Institute, after prior consultation with the Governing Council, shall reach agreement with the Executive Agency and the United Nations Special Fund on any change in the budget contained in the Plan of Operation of the Special Fund project;

5. That, as long as the Special Fund contribution continues, the Director-General of the Institute, in addition to reporting to the Governing Council, shall report directly to the Executing Agency in accordance with the provisions of the Special Fund project;

6. That the Director-General may also request the co-operation of the Resident Representatives of the Technical Assistance Board, who are also programme directors of the Special Fund, in regard to the provision of such training and advisory services as may be agreed on with the Government concerned;

7. That the Director-General, with the aim of furthering the Institute's aims, may in consultation with the OAS/ECLA/IDB Committee on Co-operation consider what co-operation might be afforded by these organizations with respect to any requests that Governments may make for training and advisory services;

8. To urge the Latin American Governments to submit separate requests for advisory services to the United Nations Special Fund, as provided in paragraph 5 of document E/CN.12/AC.50/7.

16 February 1962

RESOLUTION 219 (AC.50) FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, ON THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind that a resolution has been adopted at its current session establishing a Latin American Economic and Social Planning Institute,

Considering that it is a matter of the utmost urgency for the economic and social development of Latin America that the Institute should begin its work at once,

Mindful of article 10 of the Commission's terms of reference,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council will hold its thirty-third session in April 1962, when it will have an opportunity to consider the establishment of the Institute that has just been approved,

Resolves:

1. To request the Secretariat to transmit forthwith to the Economic and Social Council a special report on the Institute, giving an account of the discussions on the subject by the Committee of the Whole, and of their decisions and resolutions adopted thereon;
2. To ask the Economic and Social Council, at its thirty-third session, to devote special consideration to the Commission's decisions with respect to the Institute, in view of the urgent need for it to begin its operations.

16 february 1962

Fourth extraordinary meeting of the Committee of the Whole***(Santiago, Chile, 21 to 22 March 1962)**

The Committee of the Whole, reaffirming the terms of resolution 218 (AC.50), noted that members of the Governing Council of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) would be elected in their personal capacity and not as representatives of the countries of which they were nationals and pointed out that care should be taken to ensure equitable geographical distribution.

The Committee of the Whole found that paragraph 4 (g) of part A of resolution 218 (AC.50) and paragraph 7 of part B afforded the Director-General of ILPES the freedom of action necessary for making arrangements for co-operation with the organizations forming the OAS/ECLA/IDB Tripartite Committee, in consonance with the powers invested in him and with the instructions to be given him in due course by the Governing Council.

* No resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 220 (AC.52) LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING 1/

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting with satisfaction the document prepared by the Executive Secretary of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (E/CN.12/AC.50/7) and submitted in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) resolution 199 (IX), paragraph 1,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI), which invites the Governments concerned to establish development planning institutes closely linked to the respective regional economic commissions,

Expressing its appreciation to the United Nations Special Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank, whose contribution has made possible the establishment of an institute for development planning in Latin America,

Expressing gratification at the prospect that the United Nations, in discharging its responsibilities as Executing Agency, will act through ECLA,

Noting with satisfaction the Special Fund's agreement that the Institute, as an autonomous body under the aegis of ECLA, be located at Santiago, and the generous offer by the Government of Chile to provide appropriate premises,

Expressing the hope that the Regular and Expanded Programmes of Technical Assistance will give additional help by granting United Nations resources and fellowships for training at the Institute, and

Considering the urgent need to expedite economic and social development in the Latin American countries,

1/ Note: This resolution is based on resolution 218 (AC.50), with amendments approved at the ninth session of the Committee of the Whole.

Resolves:

1. To establish the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning which will be responsible for providing, at the request of the Governments concerned, training and advisory services to the countries and areas within the geographical scope of the Commission, and for undertaking research on planning techniques, in accordance with the following aims and functions:

- a) To raise the technical level of government officials and specialists through training programmes in the form of courses and in-service training;
- b) To assist Governments in establishing the institutional and technical organization required for the more efficient programming of their economic and social development policies;
- c) To assist Governments, at a purely technical level, in preparing their economic and social development programmes;
- d) To carry out the theoretical studies required for the improvement of planning techniques used in Latin America.

2. To establish for the Institute a Governing Council, having the following functions:

- a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;
- b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets;
- c) To submit to ECLA, each year, a progress report on the work of the Institute.

3. To provide that the Governing Council shall be composed in the manner and subject to the stipulations stated below:

- a) Eleven members of recognized technical ability; eight of these members shall be nationals of eight different Latin American countries and shall be elected by ECLA, one member shall be appointed by the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, one member shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and one member shall represent the Secretariat of ECLA, at international organizations working in the economic and financial field in Latin America;
- b) In electing the eight members mentioned above, care shall be taken to ensure equitable geographical distribution;

- c) Members of the Governing Council shall be elected or appointed at regular ECLA sessions, as provided for in sub-paragraph (a) above, for a term of two years, and may be re-elected or re-appointed for successive terms;
- d) The Director-General of the Institute, mentioned in paragraph 4 below, shall be an ex officio member of the Governing Council, with the right to participate, without vote, in its deliberations;
- e) The Governing Council shall elect a chairman from among the eight members mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) above and shall adopt rules of procedures for its meetings, which shall be held at least twice a year.

4. To create the post of Director-General, the incumbent to be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after prior consultation with the Governing Council and to be entrusted with the direction and administration of the Institute, in accordance with the instructions issued by the Governing Council and with the following stipulations and functions:

- a) To submit the programmes and budget of the Institute to the Governing Council;
- b) To execute the programmes and to undertake the expenditure envisaged in the budget;
- c) To select and appoint the staff of the Institute;
- d) To select the fellows for the Training Programme;
- e) To conclude with Governments and with other national or international agencies such contracts or other arrangements as may be necessary for making available the services of the Institute, it being understood that the arrangements with national bodies shall be with the approval of the Governments concerned;
- f) To accept on behalf of the Institute contributions from Governments, international organizations and private foundations and institutions for the purposes of financing its activities;
- g) To co-ordinate the work of the Institute with that of other international, regional and bilateral programmes in related fields;
- h) To attend the meetings of the Governing Council;
- i) To report to the Governing Council on the activities of the Institute and on the executing of its work programme.

In the exercise of his powers and the discharge of his responsibilities the Director-General may reach agreement with the specialized agencies as to methods of co-operating with the Institute in the respective fields of such agencies.

5. To establish an Advisory Committee, to be composed of a representative of the ECLA Secretariat, a representative appointed by the Inter-American Development Bank, a representative appointed by the Organization of American States, and representatives of other organizations substantially contributing to the activities of the Institute and invited by the Governing Council to be represented on the Advisory Committee.

The functions of this Committee shall be to advise the Director-General on matters relating to the work of the Institute such as the Training Course curriculum and fellowships, the work of the advisory groups, and, in particular, the co-ordination of the activities of the Institute with those of other international organizations assisting Latin America in economic planning and social development and in the training of specialists in these areas. The Advisory Committee shall be permanent in character, and shall meet at least once a month at the headquarters of the Institute.

B

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Further resolves:

1. That the first election of the members of the Governing Council referred to in part A, paragraph 3 (a) of this resolution shall take place at an extraordinary meeting of the Committee of the Whole, to be held at Santiago on 21 March 1962 with this exclusive end in view. The members thus appointed shall remain in office until the tenth session of the Commission. With a view to facilitating the convening of this extraordinary meeting, it is agreed that the Secretariat shall not be required to abide by the provisions laid down in the rules of procedures of the Commission in respect of documentation, prior notice and other arrangements.

2. That the Governing Council of the Institute shall approve a Plan of Operation for the United Nations Special Fund project in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution and, should the occasion arise, shall authorize the Chairman of the Governing Council to sign it.

3. That the Governing Council shall submit to ECLA, prior to its 1966 session, a proposal designed to ensure the continuity of the Institute, in accordance with the aims referred to in paragraph 7 of ECLA resolution 199(IX), paragraph 7.

4. That the Director-General of the Institute, after prior consultation with the Governing Council, shall reach agreement with the Executing Agency and the United Nations Special Fund on any change in the budget contained in the Plan of Operation of the Special Fund project.

5. That, as long as the Special Fund contribution continues, the Director-General of the Institute, in addition to reporting to the Governing Council, shall report directly to the Executing Agency in accordance with the provisions of the Special Fund project.

6. That the Director-General may also request the co-operation of the Resident Representatives of the Technical Assistance Board, who are also programme directors of the Special Fund, in regard to the provision of such training and advisory services as may be agreed upon with the Governments concerned.

7. That, for the purpose of furthering the aims of the Institute, the Director-General may, in consultation with the Tripartite OAS/ECLA/IDB Committee, consider what co-operation might be afforded by these organizations with respect to any requests that Governments may make for training and advisory services.

8. To urge the Latin American Governments to submit to the United Nations Special Fund separate requests for advisory services, as provided in paragraph 5 of document E/CN.12/AC.50/7.

6 June 1962

RESOLUTION 260 (AC.58) LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering the important contribution made to the Governments in their planning and development activities by the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, created in 1962 by virtue of an ECLA resolution and established as a project of the United Nations Special Fund with the aid of the Inter-American Development Bank,

Considering that the Commission has followed the progress of the Institute's work by means of the annual reports submitted by its Governing Council to ECLA,

Bearing in mind the report of activities and the report of the Director-General of the Institute on its past development and policy, as well as the other documents on the subject,

Considering that the Latin American Governments have been helping to finance the Institute, through the contribution of the Inter-American Development Bank and other resources and through the counterpart funds allocated for the intensive training courses and advisory groups on planning.

Considering that, in its resolution 220 (AC.52), the Committee of the Whole requests the Governing Council of the Institute to submit to ECLA, prior to its 1966 session, a proposal designed to ensure the continuity of the Institute,

Noting with satisfaction the resolution adopted on 17 December 1965 by the Governing Council of the Institute recommending the continuation and intensification of the activities of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning,

Considering that the functions of the Institute fill a permanent need in the field of development planning in Latin America,

Considering that the action being taken by the United Nations in Latin America through the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning is wholly consistent with the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 2084 (XX) of 20 December 1965).

Bearing in mind the recommendation made by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1079 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 to the regional economic commissions to continue and intensify their work on planning, in which express mention is made of the planning institutes established by these commissions,

Decides

1. To express, with particular satisfaction, its support for the Institute in the work it is doing, which has made a significant contribution, in the form of training courses, research and advisory services, to the progress of planning in Latin America;
2. To recommend to the Government that, in view of the increasing requirements deriving from the process of planning in Latin America, they take the necessary steps to continue and intensify the activities of the Institute in, among other fields, the economic integration of Latin America, and to support the proposals for financing made for that purpose to the United Nations Development Programme and the Inter-American Development Bank;
3. To transmit to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme its appreciation for the support extended to the Institute and to the Project, for the Expansion of Activities approved by the Special Fund, and to urge him to continue to assist it in future in order to ensure the continuity and expansion of the Institute's activities;
4. To transmit to the President of the Inter-American Development Bank and to its Directors its gratitude for the support they have given to the Institute, and to urge them to continue to assist it in future in order to ensure the continuity and development of the Institute's activities.
5. To express its appreciation of the valuable co-operation extended to the Institute by the International Labour Office, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (the regional office of the World Health Organization); the Organization of American States, the Agency for International Development of the United States Government, Resources for the Future, Inc., and other international, national, public and private organizations, and to recommend that such co-operation be continued, at the same time expressing its gratitude to the Government of the Netherlands, for the financial resources it has made available to the Institute for the implementation of its work;
6. To request the Executive Secretary of ECLA and the Director-General of the Institute to take such steps as may be required to ensure implementation of this resolution.

11 May 1966

RESOLUTION 286 (XIII) LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning was established by resolution 220 (AC.52) of 6 June 1962 ^{1/} as a project of the United Nations Special Fund with the support of the Inter-American Development Bank, which ensured its financing for an initial five-year period.

Bearing in mind that in its resolution 260 (AC.58) of 11 May 1966 ^{2/} the Commission expressed its support for the activities of the Institute, considered that the functions of the Institute filled a permanent need in Latin America, and adopted recommendations to continue and intensify the activities of the Institute in the future,

Considering that the second phase of the Institute's activities began on 1 July 1967, in accordance with the Plan of Operations of the United Nations Development Programme endorsed by the Latin American Governments, for a further period of four years as from that date,

Emphasizing that the tasks entrusted to the Institute are particularly important for the progress of planning in Latin America, and are closely associated with the activities planned by the United Nations Secretariat and the Governments of member States in the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Realizing that these tasks have greatly assisted planning agencies in many Latin American countries in their work of organization, strategy formulation, execution of studies and training of personnel,

Aware that there is a growing demand for the services of the Institute on the part of Governments and that these services fulfil long-term needs, and that the Institute should therefore become a permanent body when its second phase of activity comes to an end,

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the President of the Inter-American Development Bank for the support they are giving to the Institute;

2. Urges that the Secretary-General and the United Nations Development Programme should provide the necessary support in order to convert the Latin American Institute for Economic

^{1/} See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement N. 4 A (E/3649), part II.

^{2/} Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement N.4 (E/4181), para. 446.

and Social Planning into a permanent body and to ensure its financing over the long term, and also requests the Governments to continue to support it;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Director-General of the Institute, in collaboration with the Governing Council of the Institute, to take the necessary measures to implement the present resolution, and to enter into consultations with the Inter-American Development Bank with a view to ensuring that the close collaboration between the two institutions will continue after June 1971.

19 April 1969

RESOLUTION 287 (XIII) MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recalling that by resolution 220 (AC.52) of 6 June 1962 ^{1/} it established the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning under its auspices, and that operative paragraph 3 (e) of that resolution provides that the Governing Council of the Institute shall hold meetings at least twice a year,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1264 (XLIII) of 3 August 1967, which request all subsidiary organs and bodies of the United Nations to consider reducing the number of their meetings,

Noting the recommendation of the Governing Council of the Institute at its twelfth session that the Council should hold one meeting a year instead of the two prescribed in resolution 220 (AC.52),

Considering that it is advisable to reduce the frequency of meetings provided that this does not affect substantive work,

Decides to amend operative paragraph 3 (e) of resolution 220 (AC.52) to read as follows:

"The Governing Council shall elect a chairman from among the eight members mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) above, and shall adopt rules of procedure for its meetings, which shall be held once a year."

19 April 1969

^{1/} See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement N 4 (E/3649), part II.

RESOLUTION 296 (AC.62) LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Having studied the proposals submitted by the Director-General of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning to the Governing Council of the Institute and the resolution adopted by the Council at its meeting in January 1970 in which it gave full support to those proposals,

Bearing in mind that in the Plan of Operations of the United Nations Special Fund for Phase II of the Institute's activities, it was established that "there was the intention that the Institute should be a permanent body", and that intention had already been expressed in the Commission's resolution 220 (AC.52) of 6 June 1962 1/ whereby the Institute was set up under the Commission's aegis,

Recalling the Commission's resolution 286 (XIII), 2/ in which the member Governments gave their support to the work of the Institute and recognized the need to ensure the permanence and continuity of its activities, and bearing in mind also the role which the Institute should play in Latin America in the context of the tasks to be carried out by the United Nations during the Second Development Decade,

Conscious of the different linguistic groups that exist in the area and the need for the Institute's work to be extended to take this into account,

Expressing its appreciation of the important contributions made to the Institute throughout Phase II by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which, together with the support of other international, regional and national bodies, have enabled it to broaden and carry forward its activities,

Emphasizing with satisfaction that the work of the Institute, in the form of courses, advisory missions and research, is of great assistance to the Governments in their planning and development activities.

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 A, part II.

2/ Ibid., Forty-seventh Session (E/4639), para. 493.

Bearing in mind that this work of the Institute promotes directly and indirectly the formulation of plans, programmes and projects in the countries of the region and thereby facilitates the important work of co-operation for development -including pre-investment projects- being done by UNDP and other international and regional bodies,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the resolution adopted by the Governing Council of the Institute and welcomes the recommendations set forth therein with regard to the Director-General's proposals concerning the future activities and financing of the Institute;

2. Urges the Secretary-General of the United Nations to seek to provide to the fullest possible extent for the continuity and permanence of the Institute, ensuring that it will continue its essential activities in Latin America during the Second Development Decade;

3. Recommends the Latin American Governments to continue to give the Institute increasing support and to include its advisory and project activities in their national technical co-operation programmes under UNDP on the request of Governments;

4. Expresses once again its appreciation to UNDP and IDB for the support which they have been giving the Institute and emphasizes the value of the work which the Institute has been doing in co-operation with other bodies in the United Nations family and in the Inter-American system, and with national agencies and universities in and outside Latin America;

5. Requests UNDP to provide the financing required in such a way as to ensure the continued existence of the Institute as envisaged in paragraph 2;

6. Recommends IDB to continue giving the Institute its financial help and support in the same way as in the past, or by finding the requisite methods of financing those of its activities which may be of common interest;

7. Entrusts to the Director-General of the Institute -together with the Chairman of the Governing Council and in co-operation with the Executive Secretary of ECLA- the task of carrying out negotiations with a view to ensuring to the fullest possible extent the success of this resolution.

6 May 1970

**RESOLUTION 299 (XIV) ENLARGEMENT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE
LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
PLANNING**

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind that since the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning was established in 1962 the number of countries members of the Commission has increased and that it is necessary to ensure a more equitable geographical distribution of the members of the ILPES Governing Council who are elected by the Commission every two years,

Considering that three of the eleven present members of the Council are appointed by the President of the Inter-American Bank, the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America, and only eight are nationals of eight different Latin American countries and are elected by the Commission.

Decides to increase to ten the number of members of the Governing Council who are elected every two years at the regular sessions of the Commission, and requests that paragraphs 3 (a), 3 (b) and 3 (c) of resolution 220 (AC.52), by virtue of which the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning was established, should be amended accordingly.

159th Meeting
5 May 1971

RESOLUTION 318 (XV)

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNINGThe Economic Commission for Latin America,

Taking into account that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has been financing the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning, since its establishment in 1962,

Considering that the relationship between UNDP and the Institute transcends the functions of financing,

Considering that UNDP, in its technical assistance activities in the region, is closely linked with the activities of the Institute in that field and that it should have more information about its programme,

1 Decides that a representative of UNDP should be a member of the Governing Council of the Institute and that paragraph 3 (a) of resolution 220 (AC.52) establishing the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning should be amended accordingly;

2 Resolves that the Governing Council shall be composed in the manner and subject to the stipulations stated below:

- a) The Governing Council shall consist of fourteen members of recognized technical ability: ten of these members shall be nationals of ten different Latin American countries and shall be elected by ECLA; one member shall be appointed by the President of the Inter-American Development Bank; one shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States; one member shall represent the United Nations Development Programme and one member shall represent the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America, as international organizations working in the economic and financial field in Latin America;
- b) In electing the ten members mentioned above, care shall be taken to ensure equitable geographical distribution;
- c) Members of the Governing Council shall be elected or appointed at the regular session of ECLA, as provided in paragraph 2 (a) of the present resolution, for a term of two years, and may be re-elected or re-appointed for successive terms;
- d) The Director-General of the Institute shall be an ex-officio member of the Governing Council with the right to participate, without vote, in its deliberations,

- e) The Governing Council shall elect a Chairman from among the ten members mentioned in subparagraph (b) above and shall adopt rules of procedure for its meetings, which shall be held at least once a year.

177th Meeting
29 March 1973

RESOLUTION 319 (XV)

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNINGThe Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that ILPES was set up as a permanent agency under the aegis of ECLA to stimulate planning in Latin America and advise Governments on it,

Taking note of the reports of the Chairman of the Governing Council and of the Executive Secretary of ECLA, who is temporarily discharging the duties of Director-General of ILPES,

Considering that the advisory, research and training services of ILPES are of great utility to the countries of the region, as may be seen from the increased number of requests received from Governments,

Noting the statement made by the Assistant Administrator of UNDP concerning the co-operation given by this organization to ILPES and its future prospects,

Bearing in mind the increased needs for these and new types of services resulting from the decisions of Governments to strengthen and improve their systems of planning, internal appraisal, or appraisal in connection with the International Development Strategy,

Bearing in mind furthermore that the activities being carried on by the subregional integration groups tend to involve an increasing amount of co-ordination of development programmes and plans and that ILPES has already done valuable work in this field in collaboration with some of the integration systems,

Considering that the financial situation of ILPES, far from ensuring its proper operation, is tending to lead to a slowing down which could adversely affect its future efficiency,

1. Welcomes the reports submitted by the Chairman of the Governing Council of ILPES and Executive Secretary of ECLA;

2. Reiterates its belief in the value of planning systems as the most suitable instrument for co-ordinating development policies and programmes and its conviction that Latin America should have at its disposal the permanent services of a United Nations agency to support and stimulate such activities in the region;

3. Reiterates the content of earlier resolutions which take the view that ILPES should be the agency providing the services mentioned above and that it should therefore be provided with stable and adequate resources to carry out its tasks;

4. Recommends the member Governments of the Commission to increase their contributions in support of ILPES within their budgetary limitations;

5. Recommends those Governments through their permanent delegations to the United Nations, to give their full support to the Executive Secretary of ECLA in the efforts and initiatives he will have to undertake to obtain from the United Nations the funds necessary to fulfil the objectives described in the foregoing paragraphs;

6. Thanks the United Nations Development Programme for the support it has given ILPES through its relevant regional project and relevant requests it to continue to provide support to complement that of Governments, so that the Institute may enjoy greater stability in the discharge of its functions;

7. Also thanks the Governments of the Netherlands and Canada and some private institutions for their generous support;

8. Invites the Inter-American Development Bank to consider proposals for the financing of ILPES and requests Member States to initiate requests to that end;

9. Requests the Director-General of ILPES to convene a meeting of the Governing Council as soon as possible for the purpose of studying and making recommendations and submitting a report on the following aspects, among others:

- (a) The evaluation of the programme of work of ILPES and the establishment of guidelines for the Institution's activities, taking into consideration the tasks it will have to perform in the medium and long term, the appropriate combination of its activities in the provision of direct advisory services, training and research, and its collaboration with ECLA and other agencies,
- (b) The making of arrangements to permit the continuing participation of the Governing Council in the administration of the Institute and the drawing up of proposals for financing in the light of the considerations expressed in the preceding paragraph,
- (c) Suitable action to stimulate existing co-operation agreements or establish new ones between ILPES and the academic and research institutions of the region which are engaged in activities related to the functions of the Institute,
- (d) The adoption of any other measures to ensure the effective operation of ILPES on a suitably stable basis,
- (e) The establishment of close working relations between the integration schemes and the Governing Council of the Institute in whatever form may in due course be agreed upon by the Council.

10. Request the Director-General of ILPES and the Executive Secretary of ECLA to hold consultations with Latin American Governments, UNDP, IDB, and other appropriate bodies, with a view to carrying out the proposals of the present resolution, and

11. Requests the Executive Secretary of ECLA to submit the report prepared by the Governing Council to Governments together with his own recommendations, for evaluation by the Committee of the Whole of ECLA.

177th Meeting
29 March 1973

RESOLUTION 340 (AC.66) LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that under resolution 220 (AC.52), adopted by the Committee of the Whole of ECLA at its ninth session (June 1962), the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) was established in the form and with the organization which it has retained until the present,

Recognizing that the work done by ILPES has afforded effective assistance to the Governments of many Latin American countries in their efforts to organize planning machinery, prepare development plans and strategies and carry out research and personnel training activities;

Considering that the basic functions of ILPES respond to permanent needs of Latin America in the field of economic and social planning,

Judging that the complexity of the problems and circumstances surrounding the economic and social development of Latin America, as well as those that are apparent in the world as a whole, render it increasingly advisable that ECLA and ILPES should deal with them jointly, with the greatest possible unity of action and along common lines, while maintaining ILPES' own identity,

Recognizing that this unity of action requires a new framework for the Institute's activities and a change in the structure of its administrative authorities,

Bearing in mind that the responsibilities which the Governments wish to assign to ILPES and ECLA jointly are such as to require the establishment of a guiding body to serve as a permanent link with the national agencies responsible for planning in the Latin American countries,

Recalling that the Commission has repeatedly recommended that the United Nations should provide ILPES with stable and sufficient resources to carry out its duties,

Expressing its gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for its participation in and constant support of ILPES and to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for its contribution to and encouragement of the Institute's activities,

Taking into account resolution 319 (XV), adopted by the Commission at its fifteenth session, and the proposals contained in the report of the Governing Council of ILPES submitted to the Committee of the Whole at its Eighth extraordinary Session (E/CN.12/AC.66/2),

Resolves:

1. To direct that the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), established by resolution 220 (AC.52) of the ninth session of the Committee of the Whole, become a permanent institution of the Commission, with its own identity and responsible directly to the Executive Secretary of ECLA, who shall represent it before the member Governments;
2. To determine that, having regard to the opinions expressed by the Governments in the course of the discussion held by the Committee of the Whole and set forth in Section C.1 of Part I of the report of the present session, the broad objectives and functions of the Institute shall continue to be those indicated in paragraph 1 of the said resolution 220 (AC.52);
3. To provide that the Director of ILPES shall be appointed according to the procedure which the Secretary-General of the United Nations may determine, be in charge of directing the activities and operations of the Institute and be responsible for its management to the Executive Secretary of ECLA;
4. To provide also that the Executive Secretary of ECLA may negotiate with Governments or other national and international bodies the contracts or arrangements that may be necessary for the provision of the Institute's services on the understanding that contracts or arrangements with national agencies shall be made with the approval of the Governments concerned;
5. To determine that the Executive Secretary of ECLA, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, shall be authorized to accept such contributions to the financing of the Institute's activities from Governments, international agencies, foundations and public and private institutions as may help to finance the Institute's activities in accordance with its aims and purposes and with the guidelines laid down for it by the Governments;
6. To recommend to the Latin American Governments that they request the Administrator and Governing Council of UNDP to continue giving support to the activities of ILPES,
7. To request the Executive Secretary of ECLA to prepare, on behalf of the Governments of Latin America and in consultation with them and with UNDP, a preliminary project of assistance to the activities of ILPES, bearing in mind the guidelines laid down in this resolution, for submission by those Governments to UNDP before the eighteenth session of its Governing Council;
8. To recommend that the member countries should increase their voluntary contributions to the Institute;
9. To address, in addition, to the Governing Council of UNDP a request that the Executive Secretary of ECLA, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, be designated executing agent of the ILPES project;
10. To recommend also that UNDP should appoint a liaison officer of the appropriate level to ECLA headquarters.

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Further resolves:

1. To establish, on a provisional basis, a Technical Committee of ILPES consisting of representatives at the appropriate level of the ministries of the countries of the Latin American region having the following functions:

- (a) To act as the senior guiding body for the planning activities of ILPES in the fields assigned to it;
- (b) To serve as an advisory body for the Executive Secretary of ECLA, with respect to the implementation of the work programmes of ILPES and the evaluation of their results; and
- (c) To review and approve the work programmes of ILPES.

2. To thank the distinguished Latin Americans who have served as members of the Governing Council of ILPES in the course of its operations for their valuable contribution to the efficient conduct and guidance of its activities.

New York, 25 January 1974

**RESOLUTION 351 (XVI) FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE
FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING**

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Bearing in mind the Report of the Technical Committee of ILPES,

Considering that the efforts made by the United Nations through ILPES in Latin America and the Caribbean are in keeping with the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Taking into account the fact that the United Nations Development Programme has enabled the financing of ILPES to be assured for a further three-year period,

Considering the desirability of ensuring that the necessary resources are made available for securing continuity in ILPES' advisory, research and training services to the countries of the region,

Further considering that it is necessary to achieve closer relations between the planning bodies of the Latin American and Caribbean countries with a view to exchanging experience, practicing mutual co-operation, and integrating efforts,

Noting with satisfaction the Report submitted by the Technical Committee of ILPES,

1. Reaffirms the desirability of using planning as a suitable tool for speeding up economic and social development and the need to ensure that ILPES continues its activities in the region and, as a United Nations body integrated with ECLA, promotes, contributes to, helps to improve, and supports planning systems;

2. Thanks UNDP for the support which it is giving to ILPES through the relevant regional project;

3. Urges member countries to make voluntary contributions to assist in the financing of the Institute;

4. Decides that ILPES should co-operate in the exchange of experience and research results on global, sectoral and regional (area) planning between the planning bodies of member countries, so as to promote collaboration among them.

13 May 1975

RESOLUTION 371 (XVII) CREATION OF A SYSTEM OF CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION AMONG PLANNING BODIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND STRENGTHENING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Economic Commission for Latin America

Considering that the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), originally proposed by CEPAL resolution 199 (IX) and established by resolution 220 (AC.52) of the Committee of the Whole of CEPAL, has played and continues to play an important role in the development of planning in Latin America, through its basic functions of training, advisory services and research.

Bearing in mind that in view of its effective contribution to the governments of Latin America, it was decided in resolution 340 (AC.66) of the Committee of the Whole that ILPES should become a permanent institution with its own identity within the CEPAL system, directly under the Executive Secretary of CEPAL,

Taking into account that CEPAL resolution 351 (XVI) provided that ILPES should co-operate in "the exchange of experience and research results on global, sectoral and regional planning between the planning bodies of the member countries, so as to promote collaboration among them".

1. Notes with satisfaction the holding of the First Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning in Caracas, Venezuela from 13 to 16 April 1977, organized jointly by CEPAL, ILPES and the Government of Venezuela, as well as the report of that Conference and of the Technical Committee of ILPES,
2. Notes in particular the agreement of the Ministers and Heads of Planning to establish a System of Co-ordination and Co-operation among Planning Bodies of Latin America, which constitutes a major advance for regional co-operation and integration,
3. Notes further with satisfaction the existence of sub-regional machinery for bringing together those in charge of planning in the Andean Area, Central America and Panama, and that recently initiated within the framework of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,
4. Concurs that an annual Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin American constitutes a necessary and appropriate framework for the exchange of experience, the identification and definition of common actions designed to increase regional co-operation, and the achievement of the objectives proposed at the Caracas Conference,
5. Considers that it would be appropriate for future meetings of the ILPES Technical Committee, established under resolution 340 (AC.66) of the CEPAL Committee of the Whole to orient and evaluate the activities of ILPES, to be held within the framework of the annual Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning proposed by the Caracas Conference,

6. Resolves that, in fulfillment of its specific functions and in particular of the provisions of operative paragraph 4 of CEPAL resolution 351 (XVI), ILPES should assist the Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America in their joint co-operation efforts mentioned in numeral 2, Part Three of the report of the Caracas Conference,

7. Reiterates the recommendation previously addressed to the relevant United Nations bodies and authorities to furnish ILPES with stable and sufficient resources to carry out its duties,

8. Urges ILPES to promote the establishment of training centers in relatively less developed countries,

9. Endorses the recommendation made by the Caracas Conference that the temporary budgetary assistance approved by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session be placed on a permanent basis and increased as from January 1978, so far as is necessary to enable CEPAL to carry out, through ILPES, its basic functions related to planning,

10. Fully supports the recommendations of the Conference relating to the financing of ILPES in the short term, requests the Executive Secretary of CEPAL, together with the Chairman of the ILPES Technical Committee, to negotiate with UNDP a six-month extension of Phase Four of the ILPES Project from 30 June 1977, and also requests the countries of the region to make available for that period the voluntary contributions they have offered, so as not to reduce the level of ILPES activities in the countries in that period,

11. Likewise supports the continuation of the work of ILPES in the future, with the co-operation of the countries of the region, and consequently urges the Executive Secretary, together with the Chairman of the ILPES Technical Committee, to negotiate with UNDP Phase Five for ILPES to begin on 1 January 1978, in which connection it is recalled that the countries of the region must make a collective effort to contribute to the finance of ILPES, as indicated at the Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America, and also requests that administrative formulas be found whereby part of the UNDP regional funds for planning could be channelled through ILPES,

12. Thanks UNDP for the important financial support which it has given to ILPES hitherto; also expresses its gratitude for the contributions, made by countries within the region and outside it, particularly the Governments of Canada and the Netherlands, while asking them to continue giving ILPES the greatest possible support, which it urges other member States and relevant international organizations to give if they have not already done so.

201st Meeting
5 May 1977

RESOLUTION 397 (XVIII) LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Recalling resolution 340 (AC.66) of the ECLA Committee of the Whole, adopted on 25 January 1974, which provides for the incorporation of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) as a permanent institution of the Commission and establishes a technical committee of ILPES consisting of representatives at the appropriate levels of the planning ministries of the countries of the Latin American region,

Also recalling ECLA resolution 371 (XVII) of 5 May 1977 of the creation of a system of co-ordination and co-operation among planning bodies of Latin America and strengthening of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning,

Highlighting the contributions made by some governments of the region, by the United Nations Development Programme and by some governments of developed countries,

Recognizing that ILPES is fulfilling the important role of giving impetus to the planning process in the region through its training, advisory, research and co-operation activities among the planning bodies of Latin America,

Also recognizing that ILPES should play an increasingly important role in the promotion of co-operation among the countries of the region in the sphere of economic and social planning, within the framework of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;^{1/}

1. Notes with satisfaction the report on the activities of ILPES between 1977 and 1979 and future prospects;^{2/}

2. Expresses its satisfaction at the initiative taken by ILPES to co-operate actively with the member governments of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) in accordance with a minimum work programme adopted at the fourth session of the CDCC (Paramaribo, 21-27 March 1979) on the basis of the recommendations of the First Meeting of Planning Experts of the Member Governments of the CDCC (Havana, 25-31 January 1979);

^{1/} Adopted at the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (Buenos Aires, 20 August-12 September 1979).

^{2/} E/CEPAL/ILPES/L.1.

3. Notes with approval the resolutions adopted at the Second Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean, (Lima 15 - 18 November 1978);
4. Takes note of the report of the Technical Meeting of the Second Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America, (Lima 15 and 16 November 1978);
5. Endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the meeting of the Technical Committee of ILPES, held in Lima on 16 November 1978, pursuant to ECLA resolution 371 (XVII);
6. Stresses that the System of Co-ordination and Co-operation among Planning Bodies of Latin America set up at the First Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America (Caracas, 13-16 April 1977) has had very satisfactory results since its inception and has strengthened mutual co-operation links;
7. Requests the Executive Secretary of CEPAL to ensure that the work programme of ILPES for the forthcoming period includes, inter alia:
 - (a) Assignment of special priority to studies on the situation and evolution of planning in Latin America with a review of the progress made and the obstacles encountered, with a view to facilitating the formulation of lines of action aimed at the improvement of planning as a basic instrument for raising the levels of development of the countries of the region;
 - (b) Intensification of training activities, including joint activities with national or subregional training centers, giving high priority to projects aimed at the relatively less developed countries of Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (c) Intensification of advisory services to the less developed countries and the less developed areas of the developing countries;
 - (d) Intensification of support for the System of Co-ordination and Co-operation among Planning Bodies of Latin America by promoting mutual co-operation activities among the countries at the intra-regional and interregional levels.
8. Also requests the Executive Secretary of ECLA, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Technical Committee of ILPES, to approach the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to secure the necessary support to continue the activities of ILPES in a sixth phase as from 1 January 1980;
9. Acknowledges with gratitude the voluntary contributions made by some member governments of the Commission to finance part of the activities of the Institute, and urges them to continue to provide this support and to make the greatest possible effort to increase their contributions as much as they can;

10. Expresses particular gratitude to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the decided support given to ILPES since its establishment and urges him to continue this support as from 1 January 1980;

11. Thanks most sincerely the Governments of the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany as well as the International Development Research Center of Canada (IDRC) for the generous voluntary contributions made during the last biennium in support of ILPES' training and documentation activities, and invites them to continue to make contributions during the forthcoming biennium in order to strengthen certain specific top priority programmes.

209th Meeting
26 April 1979

RESOLUTION 435 (XIX) LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)

The Economic Commission for Latin America.

Recalling that the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), originally proposed in CEPAL resolution 199 (IX) and established under resolution 220 (AC.52) of the Committee of the Whole of CEPAL, was made by resolution 340 (AC.66) into a permanent United Nations body, with its own identity within the CEPAL system,

Further recalling that ILPES, in accordance with CEPAL resolution 371 (XVII), has expanded its responsibilities to cover assistance to planning bodies in operating the System of Co-operation among Planning Bodies,

Stressing the results of the Third Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning, held in Guatemala in November 1980, which provided further proof of the importance of the machinery to enable Latin American planners to promote mutual co-operation with a view to achieving higher levels of development in the region,

Recognizing that ILPES has fully complied with the guidelines for its activities set forth in paragraph 7 of CEPAL resolution 397 (XVIII),

Stressing the importance of the work of the ILPES Technical Committee and Sub-Committee in orienting the Institute's activities,

Recognizing that in the sphere of economic and social planning ILPES is playing an outstanding role in implementing technical co-operation among developing countries,

1. Notes with satisfaction the Report on the activities of ILPES in the period 1979-1981 and future prospects; 1/

2. Takes note of the resolutions of the Second Meeting of Caribbean Planning Experts, held in Kingston, Jamaica, from 29 May to 2 June 1980, and of the tasks that ILPES is carrying out in implementation of the corresponding recommendations, and urges governments and co-operation agencies to provide ILPES with the resources required for stepping up its action in the Caribbean;

1/ E/CEPAL/G.1169

3. Takes note with approval of the resolutions adopted at the Third Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Guatemala City in November 1980;

4. Endorses the recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of the ILPES Technical Committee, held in Guatemala on 29 November 1980, that:

- (a) The important support that UNDP has given ILPES since its establishment should be acknowledged with thanks;
- (b) UNDP should be requested to continue its financial support for the Institute so that the latter may continue to carry out its basic programmes;
- (c) All necessary efforts should be undertaken at the level of each government of Latin America and the Caribbean in order to consolidate the financing of ILPES;
- (d) The Chairman of the Technical Committee should be instructed to convene, as soon as possible, a meeting of the Technical Committee, which should give priority attention to the adoption of such measures as may be required in order to place ILPES on a stable and adequate financial footing;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary of CEPAL, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Technical Committee of ILPES, to arrange with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) the support needed for the continuation of the activities of ILPES as from 1 January 1982;

6. Praises and expresses its appreciation for the contributions which some member Governments of the Commission have made to the partial financing of the activities of the Institute and invites all governments to establish regular contributions to sustain and expand the activities of the Institute, in line with such suggestions as the Technical Committee may make at its next meeting;

7. Reiterates its special gratitude to the Administrator of UNDP for the solid support made available to ILPES since the time of its establishment and exhorts him to continue providing such support after 1 January 1982;

8. Also expresses its sincere appreciation to the Governments of the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany and to the International Development Research Center of Canada for the generous voluntary contributions made during the past biennium in support of the training and documentation activities of ILPES and invites them to continue making contributions during the next biennium in order to strengthen some specific priority programmes;

9. Expresses its satisfaction with regard to the co-operation agreements which ILPES is entering into with some governments which have received support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and note that this form of operation may eventually be of great significance in financing and expanding the activities of ILPES;

10. Notes with satisfaction the activities for promoting technical co-operation with Africa and recommends that they be intensified in future, using the experience accumulated by ILPES;

11. Recommends that the organization of periodic seminars of experts from planning offices of Latin America and the Caribbean be promoted so as to foster a constructive exchange of the ideas, research, studies and experience which are being developed in the various countries, thereby making it possible at the same time to orient specific aspects of the activities of ILPES related to training, advisory services, research and co-operation among planning bodies.

217th Meeting
15 May 1981

RESOLUTION 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 confirms 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 1/ 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;

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 requests 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.

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

**RESOLUTION 474 (PLE.18) CHANGE OF NAME OF THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE
FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)**

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Considering that the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) is a permanent body of the United Nations and part of the ECLAC system,

Recalling ECLAC resolution 455 (XX), adopted at the twentieth session of the Commission, on the change of name of the Commission.

Recalling also para.I-1 of United Nations Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/67, endorsing the aforementioned ECLAC resolution,

Bearing in mind the programmes and activities carried out by the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning in the Caribbean countries and the fact that ILPES, together with ECLAC, serves as the technical secretariat of the Caribbean planning system which operates within the framework of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC),

Bearing in mind also the decision to establish an ECLAC/ILPES Unit for the Caribbean,

Noting that at its sixth meeting, the Technical Committee of ILPES (Mexico City, 16 April 1985) unanimously endorsed the proposal concerning the change of name of ILPES approved at the seventh meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee of ILPES (Brasilia, 3-4 December 1984), as well as the proposal to maintain the acronym ILPES,

Endorses the recommendation made by the Technical Committee of ILPES at its sixth meeting, as follows:

1. To change the name of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning to Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning.
2. To maintain the acronym ILPES as the abbreviation for the name of the Institute, considering that it is generally used in all languages and that the Institute is known by this acronym throughout the region.

18th Meeting
23 August 1985

RESOLUTION 482 (XXI) SUPPORT FOR THE NEW INSTITUTIONAL PROJECT AND THE PROGRAMME OF 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 under the terms of resolution 340 (AC.66) of the ECLAC Committee of the Whole the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) was made a permanent institution of the United Nations with its own identity within the ECLAC system,

Likewise recalling that under the terms of resolution 474 (PLEN.18), adopted at the eighteenth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC in 1985, the Institute changed its name to the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, while maintaining the acronym ILPES in all languages,

Bearing in mind the valuable results of the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Committee of ILPES and the Fifth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean (the highest level forum of the System of Co-operation and Co-ordination among Planning Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean), which were held in Mexico City between 15 and 17 April 1985,

Recognizing that the Institute is rendering valuable services to the countries of the region and has become the main body of its type in the field of the planning and co-ordination of public policies, with its dual character as a permanent multilateral body of the United Nations and as an intergovernmental service agency,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report on the activities of ILPES in the period 1984-1985 and its Programme of Work for 1988-1989 and, in that connection:

- a) Expresses its satisfaction at the Institute's efforts to modernize its administration;
- b) Thanks bodies in member and non-member countries which made contributions to the New Institutional Project of ILPES and recommends their continuing support in order to stabilize the technical capacity of the Institute;
- c) Supports the minimum technical staff proposed in the New Institutional Project of ILPES;

2. Expresses once again its gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the financial backing given to ILPES for 1986 and the permanent support extended through the network of Resident Representatives, and asks that continued support should be given to ILPES in the new programming phase of UNDP (1987-1991), especially so that it can work in priority areas of the planning and co-ordination of public policies;

3. Recommends the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts to provide ILPES with stable resources and greater freedom of action as a multilateral agency for the provision of services;

4. Approves the suggestion that the proceedings of the Sixth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean should concentrate on the topic of the role of national planning bodies in regional co-operation, within the framework of a strategy for reactivation and development;
5. Reiterates the need to intensify ILPES' action in the Central American countries and for it to give support to the mechanisms for bringing together the planners of that subregion;
6. Expresses its satisfaction at the important tasks already undertaken by the recently established ECLAC/ILPES Joint Planning Unit for the Caribbean and supports its programme of work and new lines of operation;
7. Acknowledges the efforts made by ILPES to articulate its activities with those of various international and bilateral bodies of non-member countries and expresses its satisfaction at the support given to the Institute by the Inter-American Development Bank, the new activities undertaken with the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank, and the closer collaboration established with the United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and the Latin American Center for Development Administration;
8. Emphasizes the important capacity of mobilization of ILPES, which, despite its limited resources, has markedly increased its advisory assistance, training and research activities;
9. Recommends to member governments that, to the extent of their possibilities and within the framework of their national priorities, they should contemplate the use of multilateral, bilateral, public or private sources of co-operation for supporting specific activities which ILPES may be requested to carry out, and
10. Reiterates its gratitude to the governments of France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands and Spain for the support given to ILPES and invites them and the other countries outside the region to give their support to the execution of the future programme of work of the Institute.

230th Meeting
25 April 1986

RESOLUTION 493 (XXII) SUPPORT FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING ON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning is a permanent institution of the United Nations with its own identity within the ECLAC system and an intergovernmental service agency which functions in accordance with guidelines laid down directly by the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean,

1. Recognizes that ILPES has carried out a major task of conceptual and technical renovation in respect of planning, co-ordination of public policies and modernization of its management and organization structure;

2. Approves with satisfaction the reports of the activities of ILPES for 1986 and 1987 1/ and endorses the contents of the current programme of work and the draft programme of work for the period 1990-1991;2/

3. Agrees with the main lines of the New Institutional Project for the period 1987-1990,3/ which include:

- a) tripartite financing from the United Nations, the governments of member States and extra-budgetary resources attracted by the Institute;
- b) recognition that the direct contributions to the Institute by the governments of its member States should constitute the regular financing of its multilateral activities and that it is important that member governments should maintain the amount of the contributions committed and should regularize their timely payment;
- c) maintenance of a stable technical core staff of a size that is commensurate with the responsibilities entrusted by governments to the Institute, on the same terms approved by ECLAC at its twenty-first session; 4/

1/ See annexes 1 and 2 of document LC/G.1509 (SES.22/9).

2/ See document LC/G.1506 (SES.22/6).

3/ See paragraph 3 of document LC/G.1509 and paragraph 12 of annex 1 of that document.

4/ See operative paragraph 1 (c) of ECLAC resolution 482 (XXI).

4. Takes note of the establishment of the ILPES Office for Central America and Panama with the support of all the governments of the subregion and expresses its gratitude to the Government of Costa Rica for the resources made available for the installation of the Office in San José; urges the other governments to support the work of the new Office, and also supports the continuity of the ECLAC/ILPES Joint Planning Unit for the Caribbean.

5. Expresses its gratitude to the Executive Secretariat of ECLAC for the continued support provided to ILPES and requests it to maintain and if possible to intensify its technical support, as well as to continue with its efforts to provide the Institute with stable resources and to give it greater flexibility as a multilateral service agency;

6. Ratified the change of name of the Technical Committee to "Regional Council for Planning" and of the Technical Subcommittee to "Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning";

7. Notes with satisfaction that the Conferences of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean which are held within the framework of the System of Co-operation and Co-ordination among Planning Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean (SCCOPALC), as well as the meetings of the Regional Council for Planning, will be held every four years as from 1989 while also taking note of the possibility of holding extraordinary meetings of both forums in the period between two regular meetings;

8. Expresses once again its gratitude to the governments of the member States which have contributed to the financing of the Institute, as well as to the governments of States from outside the region (particularly France, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain) which support some of its activities through specific projects;

9. Expresses its satisfaction at the support provided by UNDP for the financing of specific projects executed by the Institute, which make it possible to fulfill requests from governments, and thanks UNDP's network of Resident Representatives for the co-operation which it provides to ILPES in the region;

10. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the Institute to articulate its activities with those of various international and bilateral bodies, and expresses particular satisfaction with the support provided to ILPES by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank;

11. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Uruguay for having offered the city of Montevideo as the venue for the Seventh Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean and for the eighth session of the Regional Council for Planning, to be held in 1989.

RESOLUTION 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 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;

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

**/ Resolution 493(XXII) of ECLAC.

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.

243rd meeting
11 May 1990

RESOLUTION 529 (XXIV) SUPPORT FOR THE REORIENTATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES) ON THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that the Institute was set up as a permanent United Nations institution with its own identity within the ECLAC system, pursuant to Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolution 340 (AC.66), adopted on 25 January 1974,

Bearing in mind the valuable contribution made by the Governments of the countries of the region, through the Regional Council for Planning, consisting of 39 member Governments, and its Presiding Officers, to the substantive orientation and financial support of the Institute,

Taking into account the recommendations emanating from the Ninth Regional Council for Planning, held in Madrid on 24 March 1992,

1. Notes with satisfaction the activities report of ILPES for 1990-1991 and the guidelines for its work in 1994-1995, and

a) Approves the proposal to make the programme of activities of ILPES more focused, within the guidelines for its future work, in order to give it greater specificity and specialization in the area of strategic State management;

b) Welcomes the efforts made to achieve better-defined complementarity and coordination with the substantive work of the ECLAC secretariat, and recognizes the need for the Institute to broaden its institutional links with public agencies directly related to its new substantive profile;

2. Renews its commitment to the regular system of government financing for ILPES, within the tripartite scheme of its budgetary base, and therefore

a) Recognizes and appreciates the institutional support and financial contributions provided to ILPES by:

i) Governments of the member States;

ii) Governments of European countries, including France, Italy the Netherlands and Spain;

iii) The United Nations Development Programme and the Inter-American Development Bank for financing regional projects and country activities;

b) Urges the above-mentioned national and international bodies to continue providing ILPES with institutional and financial support and giving to the Institute's activities the priority they deserve, in view of their quality and the contribution they are making to the countries of the region;

c) Also urges the member countries, whose financial inputs are fundamental in maintaining the continuity of the Institute's work, to bring their financial contributions, including those for 1992, up to date;

d) Expresses its satisfaction for the financial support provided to ILPES through the regular budget of the Commission, and requests the Executive Secretary to intensify his efforts in that regard;

e) Recommends that the United Nations consider including in its regular budget the items necessary for the convening of the intergovernmental forums of ILPES, to strengthen its operations;

3. Requests the Regional Council for Planning to make recommendations concerning the best way for ILPES to meet future challenges, and therefore draws attention to the need to undertake a study of the fields of operation of the Regional Council for Planning and of ILPES within the ECLAC system, and their relationship with the rest of the secretariat, no later than at the Fifteenth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council, to be held in the fourth quarter of 1992;

4. Thanks the Government of the Argentine Republic for its offer to host the Fifteenth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, to be held in Buenos Aires in the fourth quarter of 1992;

5. Thanks and congratulates the Government of Spain for its warm hospitality and its excellent organization of the Eighth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean, and of the Ninth Council for Planning, both held in Madrid from 22 to 26 March 1992;

6. Expresses its appreciation to the departing Director-General of ILPES, who held the post from 1982 onwards, for this administration and leadership which have ensured the ongoing success and quality of the work carried out so efficiently in this renowned planning body;

7. Expresses its support to his successor, whose capabilities and dedication are well-known, and its confidence that his leadership will be marked by the growing consolidation of ILPES.

14 April 1992

RESOLUTION 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.*/ 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

*/ LC/IP/R.121 and LC/IP/138.

Planning Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean (SCCOPALC) and the Government of the headquarters country of ILPES;

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.

27 april 1994

