

610(XXX) FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recognizing the technical capacity of the Commission to compile statistics, produce analyses and provide technical support in areas linked to the development of an information society in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Reaffirming the content of the Bávaro Declaration, adopted in the Dominican Republic in January 2003, in which the Commission was asked “to support the countries in following up on the agreements adopted in this Declaration and in implementing the conclusions and recommendations of the World Summit on the Information Society”,

Recognizing the substantive contribution made by the Commission in supporting the countries of the region in the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Geneva in December 2003, which highlights, in particular, the importance of the regional dimension in promoting the emergence of a global information society,

Bearing in mind the need to promote a Latin American and Caribbean vision in the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, to be held in Tunis in November 2005,

Requests the Commission to provide support to prepare the countries of the region for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, taking as a frame of reference the goals agreed upon in the Plan of Action adopted in December 2003, by:

- (i) Developing and updating indicators for the ongoing assessment of progress in the region;
- (ii) Carrying out studies and analyses of issues relevant to the region;
- (iii) Supporting national initiatives and promoting subregional or thematic preparatory meetings;
- (iv) Supporting the organization and holding of a regional preparatory meeting for the purpose of defining goals and proposals for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society;
- (v) Developing a work plan that includes the monitoring of progress, the conduct of analyses, the development of networks of policy makers and the organization of meetings in follow-up to the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, with the aim of building an inclusive information society that facilitates social cohesion