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REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE FOR ADMISSION OF FRENCH GUIANA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Note by the secretariat

At the thirty-second session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), held in New York on 30 January 2017, the secretariat brought the request of the Government of France that French Guiana be admitted as an associate member of the Commission (LC/L.4258(PLEN.32/3)/Rev.2) to the attention of the member States of ECLAC.

After reading the note sent by the Government of France, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented and submitted for consideration draft resolution 715(PLEN.32) entitled “Admission of French Guiana as an associate member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean”, in which the Committee of the Whole recommended that the request be approved.

The representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Ecuador and the Plurinational State of Bolivia requested more time to consider the draft resolution. The Committee of the Whole then decided to adopt the draft resolution under a 72-hour silent procedure ending at 1 p.m. on Thursday, 2 February (see annex 1). After that 72-hour deadline had passed, the silent procedure was interrupted by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Ecuador and the Plurinational State of Bolivia, who, in notes verbales contained in the report of the thirty-second session of the Committee of the Whole (LC/PLEN.32/INF), requested that the adoption of the resolution on the admission of French Guiana be postponed to the next session of the Committee of the Whole.

Therefore, the secretariat hereby brings the text of the resolution to the attention of the member States of ECLAC for their consideration and action at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.



DRAFT RESOLUTION
715(PLEN.32) ADMISSION OF FRENCH GUIANA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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

Recalling that paragraphs 3(a) and 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean state that, “Any territory, or part or group thereof, may on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be eligible for admission by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission,”

Recognizing that French Guiana enjoys strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region and that it is committed to strengthening these links wherever possible,

Aware that associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean will contribute strongly towards achieving this goal,

Welcoming the request made by France that French Guiana be granted associate membership in the Commission,

Decides that French Guiana shall be granted associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean.