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**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS RECENTLY ADOPTED BY CDCC AND  
RESOLUTIONS OF ECLAC AND OTHER ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
WHICH MIGHT BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MEMBER COUNTRIES OF  
ECLAC/CDCC**

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## INTRODUCTION

This paper brings to the attention of member countries of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) resolutions adopted by past sessions of the Committee, since 2000, and the process of their implementation. Resolutions 55 to 66 for the period 2000-2006 have been extracted from the reports of the eighteenth to twenty first sessions of the CDCC

Also included for the information of member countries are selected resolutions recently adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and other organs of the United Nations. These resolutions greatly influence the preparation of the programme of work and are expected guide the day-to-day functioning of the secretariat. It is a great source of information for delegations, given the perceived special relevance of the resolutions to the membership of the CDCC. The resolutions listed in this document are pertinent to all subprogrammes of ECLAC and indeed the CDCC subprogramme 12 of ECLAC. However, the content of these resolutions either marked no real advance on the outcomes of the corresponding conferences that were held within recent times or were cast in a globally relevant context that did not address specific concerns of Caribbean countries to any significant extent.

**I. SUMMARY OF CDCC RESOLUTIONS 55-66 AND  
ACTIONS TAKEN FOR THE PERIOD 2000-2006**

<b>Resolution #</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Main Decision</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
55(XVIII):	Chaguaramas Declaration	The resolution reiterated the continuing relevance of ECLAC/CDCC in supporting its members to meet the challenges presented by the impact of the globalisation process on our countries which necessitates increased unity and cooperation among ourselves, through the strengthening of dialogue and the articulation of positions to be adopted in relation to third countries, groups of countries and conferences and meetings of the United Nations. It called upon the CDCC to agree on the need to undertake a comprehensive review of the Constituent Declaration of the CDCC with particular reference to the specific objectives, goals, structures, mechanisms and processes of the organ, including its relationship with other organs; To agree further that in the context of the review, special consideration be given to the roles of other regional and subregional organizations with the aim of more meaningful cooperation.	The Revised Text of The Constituent Declaration and Functions and Rules of Procedure of the CDCC was revised in 2005. LC/CAR/G.780. Rev.1 published 4 April 2005. A working group was set up at the 13th meeting of the Monitoring Committee to further explore the role of the CDCC. This result of this work will be presented to the 22nd Session of the CDCC
56(XIX):	Development and implementation of a Public Awareness Strategy	Proposal presented by the Secretariat for the development and implementation of a Public	Agree that the main messages of the Strategy should include the building of awareness of the main messages of the

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		Awareness Strategy for the SIDS Programme of Action	SIDS POA across the subregion; and the development of capacity within selected publics to promote the Programme of Action; and that information on the Programme of Action should be made widely accessible to all publics using the most appropriate media;
57(XIX):	Development of a Social Vulnerability Index	<u>Request</u> the relevant international organizations to contribute to the further development of the social vulnerability index, through the provision of technical, financial and other forms of assistance; <u>Agree</u> to promote the issue of the construction of a social vulnerability index during the remaining phases of the Preparatory Process leading to the WSSD and at the WSSD itself, in collaboration with the SIDS of other geographical regions and the wider international community in general;	During the period to June 2004 work was well underway on the development of the SVI under the Dutch-funded project. However, due to the absence of XB funds, high levels of vacant post and the unavailability of technical researchers in this area, work was stalled. This led to the absence of reliable data to construct the Index. However, it is expected that with the implementation of the Household Surveys and Informal Sector Projects work will resume in this area. Both projects are aimed at improving data collection processes.
58(XIX):	Support the training of national teams to conduct disaster assessment with national human resources	<u>Request</u> ECLAC to support training at national level to produce a cadre of nationals able to produce an assessment based on the ECLAC methodology for review by an ECLAC team and to provide the resources for such training at the national level.	ECLAC continues to train technical persons in affected countries to bring them up to date on the process for conducting disaster assessments. The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat has worked in conjunction with other technical persons in reviewing the ECLAC methodology for assessing the macroeconomic and social

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			impacts of natural disasters. A workshop on ECLAC damage and loss assessment methodology, as applied in the Caribbean, was convened in December 2007. Since the initiation of the training activities in 2000 some 548 persons from 18 countries received training in the use and application of the methodology.
59(XIX):	Convening of the Second Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the Implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action preparatory to SIDS + 10, in 2003	<u>Request</u> the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to convene the Second Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the Implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action in 2003, to prepare for the full and comprehensive review of the decisions of the twenty-second special session of the United Nations General Assembly and the implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action which is envisaged for 2004	The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat convened the Second Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Convened in conjunction with DESA, 6 - 10 October 2003
60 (XIX)	Strengthening national capacities in statistics	<u>Agree</u> to the active support of the CDCC governments and the international community, including donor agencies, for the funding and joint input and support of national and subregional project activities; <u>Urge</u> the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to continue to support through adequate resources the provision of	The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat has secured XB projects which are aimed at providing this support. The US State Department funded project on <i>Improving Caribbean Household Surveys</i> expects to build consensus among National Statistics Offices (NSOs) on common data collection protocols, and ensure comparability of social statistics produced in the Caribbean through household

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		technical assistance to member countries through activities mounted by the CDCC secretariat.	surveys. These activities will strengthen the capacity of NSOs to produce harmonized household survey data sets and improve electronic accessibility of systematized household micro level data sets via the Internet. Another project funded through the UN Development Account: <i>Interregional Cooperation on the Measurement of Informal Sector and Informal Employment</i> is geared towards improving data on informal sector and on informal employment for the promotion of evidence-based social policies at the national and interregional levels. A pilot programme is underway in St Lucia
61(XX)	Filling of posts within the ECLAC/CDCC Subregional Office	<u>Reaffirms</u> the need for the secretariat to continue to utilize the experience of the subregion when fulfilling its obligations in this regard, <u>Requests</u> the secretariat to provide a report to the twelfth meeting of the ECLAC/CDCC Monitoring Committee.	A verbal report was provided to the twelfth meeting of the ECLAC/CDCC Monitoring Committee. Since then, a number of posts at the General Services and Professional levels have been filled by Caribbean experts. In addition, the secretariat had been using temporary staff and consultants selected from within the subregion. Note should be taken that filling of vacancies are subjected to geographic distribution .
62(XXI)	Assistance to CDCC associate member countries	<u>Decides</u> to create the Working Group of Associate Member Countries of CDCC to replace the previous Working Group of Non-Independent Caribbean Countries, and requests the Secretariat of the Economic Commission to	Efforts are being made to ensure that all aspects of development are included in the studies. Once information is available on the specific topic the NICCs are included, however, this is not always possible. During the 2006-2007 biennium, two special studies were completed on the

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		seek the necessary resources to implement fully the mandate on assistance to the associate member Governments contained in the relevant resolutions of CDCC	AMCs as well as for selected AMCs.
63 (XXI)	Temporary mechanism for regional follow-up of the Tunis phase of the World Summit on the Information Society and the eLAC 2007 Action Plan	The resolution decides to appoint, from among CDCC members, a regional focal point for the temporary regional mechanism for the implementation of eLAC 2007 following consultations among CDCC members.	This was addressed at the Caribbean ICT Policy Makers Seminar, Barbados, 4-5 September 2006. At this meeting, Grenada was nominated to act as the regional focal point for eLAC and to coordinate a Caribbean working group. Since then Trinidad and Tobago has served as the Caribbean representative on the temporary regional mechanism for the operation of eLAC.
64 (XXI)	Policy research in the area of social vulnerability and alienation	<u>Encourages</u> the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean to continue its efforts in the area of policy research aimed at reducing the vulnerability of the small island developing States (SIDS) of the Caribbean; <u>Also encourages</u> the Secretariat to support, through the mobilization of the necessary resources, the continuation of: The construction of a social vulnerability index for Caribbean SIDS; Encouragement for the inclusion of vulnerability analyses in crime and poverty reduction strategies; Technical assistance for the reduction of social vulnerability in disaster	The issues raised in this resolution are being addressed. Research continues in these areas, including the preparation of studies on youth, links between Crime, Violence and Poverty: towards a Research Agenda for the Caribbean, gender equality. Additional information is available on the ECLAC/CDC website and reports to the CDCC. Meetings were also convened to discuss the research results. With respect to the SVI for the Caribbean, the secretariat continues to seek XB resources to continue its activities. At a recent UN Heads of Agency Meeting in St Kitts/Nevis, it was agreed that there would be an inter-agency initiative to start the



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		assessment and risk reduction; and policy research in the area of social vulnerability and alienation.	next phase of the development of the SVI.
65 (XXI)	Establishment of a regional coordinating mechanism for the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy	<u>Agrees</u> that the establishment of the regional coordinating mechanism should be guided by the recommendations of the Core Group; <u>Requests</u> the Caribbean SIDS and ECLAC, in collaboration with other organizations, to mobilize the necessary resources to support the implementation of the Caribbean SIDS programme while utilizing the opportunities provided by existing processes both regionally and globally; <u>Agrees</u> , with immediate effect, to the formation of a regional coordinating mechanism for sustainable development in the Caribbean.	Following meetings of the Expanded Core Groups, proposals for the organizational structure and management of the RCM, proposed work programme and budget were accepted. At the 21st session of the CDCC, 16-17 January 2006, member countries agreed to the establishment of the RCM for the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy in the Caribbean. The meeting decided upon the principles, objectives and functions of the RCM. ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean is serving as secretariat for the RCM. Ministerial forum of the CDCC will serve as the Ministerial Council to provide oversight in directing the work of the RCM. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which will assist the RCM in coordinating and monitoring the implementation of the MSI has nominated and met via teleconference to plan for the TAC meeting 21 April 2008. Funding is still being sourced to operate the RCM.
66 (XXI)	Support for efforts in natural disasters	<u>Requests</u> that the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean extend	ECLAC continues to work with CEDERA in activities related to disaster

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		<p>its work in disaster assessment, in close cooperation with CDERA and other relevant regional institutions, to include risk reduction with the objective of strengthening the resilience of the people and societies.</p>	<p>assessments. A special workshop was convened to review the methodology use in undertaking these assessments. As a consequence, the information was used in the six training workshops convened in 2006-2007 having attracted 130 persons to the methodology. In the five assessments undertaken in the period special emphasis was placed on sustainable livelihoods. Work has started in developing the process for including risk reduction in our work. To this end, a Regional Advisor post, established in 2007, to undertake activities in this area.</p>

## II. RESOLUTIONS 55–66: DETAILS

### 55 (XVIII): Chaguaramas Declaration

Ministers and Heads of Delegations participating at the eighteenth session of the CDCC,

Recalling ECLAC Resolution 358(XVI) establishing the CDCC as a permanent organ of ECLAC for the development of Caribbean countries through cooperation on the basis of the priorities established by them;

Recognising the continuing validity of the basic principles and concepts contained in the Constituent Declaration of the CDCC;

Recognising also the role of ECLAC/CDCC in strengthening unity and cooperation among the countries of the subregion, in increasing dialogue among themselves, in adopting common positions in relation with other international forums, and in promoting and defending the interests of the Caribbean subregion;

Emphasizing in the context of the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ECLAC/CDCC the importance of active and sustained participation of the CDCC member States in the work programme and activities of ECLAC/CDCC in order to enhance the presence of the Caribbean countries in the international system;

Taking into account the proposals made at the eighteenth session with respect to the role, structure and rules of procedure of the main bodies of ECLAC/CDCC;

Taking into account also that the strengthening of the CDCC should start with a review of the Constituent Declaration, with particular attention to the precise definition of the objectives and functions of the Committee, its inter institutional linkages and its programmatic and organic structures;

Decide:

To reiterate the continuing relevance of ECLAC/CDCC in supporting its members to meet the challenges presented by the impact of the globalisation process on our countries which necessitates increased unity and cooperation among ourselves, through the strengthening of dialogue and the articulation of positions to be adopted in relation to third countries, groups of countries and conferences and meetings of the United Nations;

To emphasize the importance of the continuing existence of the Committee as a Caribbean entity for cooperation in support of the CDCC member States in recognition of its utility as a mechanism whose basic ideas as enshrined in its Constituent Declaration remain valid;

To agree on the need to undertake a comprehensive review of the Constituent Declaration of the CDCC with particular reference to the specific objectives, goals, structures, mechanisms and processes of the organ, including its relationship with other organs;

To urge the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to prepare a document embodying the review mentioned in the preceding paragraph for submission to governments for comments for the preparation of the comprehensive document to be examined by a Working Group to be convened before the end of 2000. The final report of the Working Group would be submitted to the Monitoring Committee for its consideration and approval in early 2001;

To urge the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to maintain and strengthen links with CARICOM and the ACS and also with SELA, OLADE and the funds and programmes of the United Nations system to achieve the Caribbean goals;

To agree further that in the context of the review, special consideration be given to the roles of other regional and subregional organizations with the aim of more meaningful cooperation.

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### **56(XIX): Development and implementation of a Public Awareness Strategy**

**Recalling** the emphasis placed by the SIDS Programme of Action in its Chapter XV on the importance of Information and participation as an important element necessary for its effective implementation;

**Recalling also** the specific provision of the SIDS Programme of Action according to which “Efforts should be made to increase the awareness and involvement of non-governmental organizations, women, local communities and other major groups in national planning, the development of environmentally sound and sustainable technologies, and the implementation of sustainable development programmes...”

**Emphasising** the relevance of the decision adopted by the 1997 Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action on the need to develop strategies to improve the accessibility of data and information to all sectors of society as a means of promoting sustainable development;

**Recognising** that the absence of effective programmes of education and public awareness of the Programme of Action continues to present a major constraint to the sustained implementation of the Programme of Action;

**Welcome** the proposal presented by the Secretariat for the development and implementation of a Public Awareness Strategy for the SIDS Programme of Action

**Agree** that the main messages of the Strategy should include the building of awareness of the main messages of the SIDS POA across the subregion; and the development of capacity within selected publics to promote the Programme of Action; and that information on the Programme of Action should be made widely accessible to all publics using the most appropriate media;

**Further agree** to provide technical, logistical and other forms of support to the implementation of the Public Awareness Strategy within the CDCC member countries;

**Urge** the support of the international community, including donor agencies, for the implementation of the Public Awareness Strategy;

**Commend** the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat for taking this very important initiative taking into account, in particular, the new impetus to implementation that is expected to arise from the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 and also from the full and comprehensive review of the implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action that is envisaged for 2004.

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### **57(XIX): Development of a Social Vulnerability Index**

**Recognising** that the SIDS Programme of Action specifically addresses the development of vulnerability indices and other indicators that reflect the status of small island developing States and integrate ecological fragility and economic vulnerability;

**Recognising** also the social implications inherent in the many disadvantages identified in the Programme of Action as deriving from small size, including those arising from the unduly specialized nature of the SIDS economies and the vulnerability of SIDS to global events and to natural disasters; high population density; costly public administration and infrastructure; and limited institutional capacity;

**Recognising further** the explicit recognition by the twenty-second special session of the United Nations General Assembly of the need for the integration of economic, environmental and social components of action to achieve sustainable development;

**Conscious of** the need for efforts to be intensified towards the development of an index covering all the recognised aspects of the vulnerability of small island developing States and having it established as a central reference by the multilateral financial and trade institutions and the wider international community in their relations with SIDS, including the grant of assistance on concessional terms;

**Recalling** the appeal made by the AOSIS Inter-Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Singapore, 7-11 January 2002, for international support for the development of a social vulnerability index to complement the development of economic and environmental vulnerability indices for the promotion of the sustainable development of small island developing States and other vulnerable States;

**Endorse** the initiative taken by the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat for the development of a social vulnerability index covering a range of social variables, such as the social impacts of the intraregional movement of labour; the impact of poverty on crime and the use of illicit drugs; the correlation between poverty and education and the social costs of natural disasters; the formulation of composite social indicators; and assisting in the construction of a composite vulnerability index for application in developing countries;

**Request** the relevant international organizations to contribute to the further development of the social vulnerability index, through the provision of technical, financial and other forms of assistance;

**Agree** to promote the issue of the construction of a social vulnerability index during the remaining phases of the Preparatory Process leading to the WSSD and at the WSSD itself, in collaboration with the SIDS of other geographical regions and the wider international community in general;

**Urge** the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to make every effort to have the compilation of the social vulnerability index sufficiently advanced to significantly influence the discussions at the WSSD.

**Request** the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to report to the nineteenth session of the CDCC on the progress in implementing this resolution.

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**58(XIX): Support the training of national teams to conduct disaster assessment with national human resources**

**Recognising** that the Small Island Developing States of the Caribbean subregion are prone to extremely damaging natural disasters in the form of hurricanes and volcanic eruptions, among others;

**Aware** of the pervasive and long lasting economic, social and environmental impacts of such disasters on Caribbean SIDS;

**Keenly aware** of the inadequate manpower available within the region to undertake rapid assessments of the impacts of disasters;

**Conscious** of the recurrent need to undertake assessments of the macroeconomic, social and environmental impacts of such disasters;

**Aware** of the probability of damage to many small island developing States of the Caribbean subregion and the inability of ECLAC to provide assistance to many countries simultaneously;

**Recalling** the initiative of ECLAC in the production and maintenance of its methodology for the assessment of damage due to natural disasters in the region and its update to reflect the situation in small island States;

**Endorse** the ECLAC initiative and support training in the use of the methodology throughout the member countries of the CDCC;

**Request** ECLAC to support training at national level to produce a cadre of nationals able to produce an assessment based on the ECLAC methodology for review by an ECLAC team and to provide the resources for such training at the national level.

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**59(XIX): Convening of the Second Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the Implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action preparatory to SIDS + 10, in 2003**

**Recalling** paragraph 17:131 of Agenda 21 which provides for periodic and global meetings on sustainable development of small island developing States;

**Recalling** also the decision of the twenty-second special session of the United Nations General Assembly to the effect that a full and comprehensive review of its decisions and the implementation of the Programme of Action would be useful and required in 2004;

**Conscious** of the need for effective preparations at the subregional level for the review that will take place in 2004, particular taking into account the convening of the WSSD in 2002;

**Recognising** the need to ensure that the outcome of the subregional preparatory process for transmission to SIDS + 10 is adopted at an appropriate political level;

**Recalling** the critical contribution made by the 1997 Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action for the SIDS + 5 review process;

**Request** the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to convene the Second Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the Implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action in 2003, to prepare for the full and comprehensive review of the decisions of the twenty-second special session of the United Nations General Assembly and the implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action which is envisaged for 2004.

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**60 (XIX) Strengthening national capacities in statistics**

**Recalling** the mandate of the CDCC operating within the ECLAC system, to monitor the economic and social development of the Caribbean countries and to assist in the integration process;

**Recalling further** the capability of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to assist in all aspects of strengthening the data supply systems in member countries, including the organizational and modernization aspects of information collection and management;

**Emphasising** the need for quality statistics of relevance, delivered on a timely basis as being the prerequisite to decisions made on a sound information or knowledge base;

**Recognising** that the statistics required must of necessity be produced nationally and that the effort should receive the strongest support at national level;

**Agree** that the secretariat be enabled to carry its information re-organization to member countries in a proactive manner, in collaboration with member countries;

**Further agree** to provide technical, logistical and other forms of support to the implementation of inventory taking, data mapping and data collection strategies as a means of support to the information initiative;

**Commend** the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat on its dedication to promoting the CDCC member countries as countries in transition to becoming information-based societies;

**Agree to** the active support of the CDCC governments and the international community, including donor agencies, for the funding and joint input and support of national and subregional project activities;

**Urge** the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to continue to support through adequate resources the provision of technical assistance to member countries through activities mounted by the CDCC secretariat.

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### **61(XX) Filling of posts within the ECLAC/CDCC Subregional Office**

The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

**Noting** with concern the number of existing vacancies within the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, and its effect on the progress of the implementation process, approved by the CDCC at its nineteenth ministerial meeting held in Trinidad and Tobago, 14-15 March 2002,

**Encourages** the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to continue to utilize the expertise of the subregion when fulfilling its obligation in this regard, and promote the exchange of experience at the subregional level and to encourage coordination of efforts in this regard,

**Encourages further,** the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to expedite the recruitment process of filling the post of Director and other existing vacancies as soon as possible, taking into account representation of the subregion,

**Also encourages,** that transparency should be a guiding principle during the recruitment and selection processes,

**Reaffirms** the need for the secretariat to continue to utilize the experience of the subregion when fulfilling its obligations in this regard,

**Requests** the secretariat to provide a report to the twelfth meeting of the ECLAC/CDCC Monitoring Committee.

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### **62 (XXI) Assistance to CDCC associate member countries**

The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee,

**Recognizing** the historical, political and socio-economic realities of the associate member countries, the particular needs of their peoples and the importance of their greater integration into the international community, as part of the Caribbean subregion, in order to properly attend those needs,



Recalling resolutions 21(X) and 24(XI) on a programme of assistance for small island developing countries, in which CDCC called for, inter alia, the facilitation of access for its associate members to programmes and activities of the United Nations system with the aim of identifying areas within the system that could provide technical and other assistance in the furtherance of their development process,

Further recalling resolution 27(XII), whereby CDCC created a standing open-ended working group of non-independent Caribbean countries, as well as resolution 33 (XIII) on measures in support of the working group,

Noting resolution 37(XIV), by which CDCC requested support in carrying out an analysis of the criteria for non-independent Caribbean countries' participation in the United Nations system; in initiating contacts with the governing councils of the United Nations specialized agencies/technical organs to determine modalities for including non-independent Caribbean countries in their respective work programmes; and in working towards the inclusion of provisions extending observer status to CDCC associate member Governments in relevant meetings, programmes and activities of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other organizations of the United Nations system,

Also noting the inclusion of several of these activities in the 2006-2007 budget of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean,

Reaffirming the ongoing need for a coordinated effort to continue to promote and expand the participation of the associate member Governments in the wider United Nations system,

Aware of the decision of the Economic and Social Council in 2005 to take no action on ECLAC resolution 598(XXX), in which the Commission requested the establishment of necessary mechanisms for the participation of associate members of regional economic commissions in the work of the Economic and Social Council and in its subsidiary bodies,

Noting that seven of the ten eligible Caribbean Governments have achieved associate membership in CDCC,

1. Expresses appreciation for the completion of a portion of the mandate contained in the above-mentioned resolutions, while recognizing that other aspects have not yet been undertaken;
2. Also expresses its support for the implementation of ECLAC resolution 598(XXX), requests the Economic Commission to disseminate an information note on the background of the resolution at its thirty-first session and urges the Economic and Social Council to reconsider the matter at its 2006 session;
3. Decides to create the Working Group of Associate Member Countries of CDCC to replace the previous Working Group of Non-Independent Caribbean Countries, and requests the Secretariat of the Economic Commission to seek the necessary resources to implement fully the mandate on assistance to the associate member Governments contained in the relevant resolutions of CDCC;
4. Requests the Secretariat to report to the CDCC Monitoring Committee at its 2007 session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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**63 (XXI) Temporary mechanism for regional follow-up of the Tunis phase of the World Summit on the Information Society and the eLAC 2007 Action Plan**

The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee,

Recognizing the benefits to be derived from using information and communications technology to promote the development of the Caribbean in general and the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in particular,

Cognizant of the need to ensure full participation by Caribbean countries in the implementation of the eLAC 2007 Action Plan adopted in Rio de Janeiro,

Conscious of the importance of participation in the temporary regional follow-up mechanism for the implementation of eLAC 2007,

1. Recommends that CDCC and CARICOM finalize, with the European Commission and other possible donor agencies, the agreement to fund the Caribbean activities related to the follow-up of eLAC 2007 and the World Summit on the Information Society;
2. Decides to appoint, from among CDCC members, a regional focal point for the temporary regional mechanism for the implementation of eLAC 2007 following consultations among CDCC members.

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**64 (XXI) Policy research in the area of social vulnerability and alienation**

The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee,

Noting with concern the new and emerging challenges that confront our societies, rendering them in a sense borderless, particularly with regard to their youth, and eroding resilience in the face of growing social vulnerability and alienation,

Noting further that, in addressing social ills, past experience has demonstrated that lasting solutions are not to be found in paradigms that bear no cultural resemblance to our unique way of life and perspective and that strategies and solutions which spring from within our societies and acknowledge and respect both our cultural diversity and historical sameness are needed,

Recognizing and appreciating that CDCC, with its antecedents firmly rooted in our subregion's psyche and development efforts, and its links to the United Nations system, is an appropriate institutional mechanism for tailoring solutions and responses relevant to our local circumstances while drawing on the support and services available from within the wider United Nations system,

1. Encourages the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean to continue its efforts in the area of policy research aimed at reducing the vulnerability of the small island developing States (SIDS) of the Caribbean;

2. Also encourages the Secretariat to support, through the mobilization of the necessary resources, the continuation of:

- (a) The construction of a social vulnerability index for Caribbean SIDS;
- (b) Encouragement for the inclusion of vulnerability analyses in crime and poverty reduction strategies;
- (c) Technical assistance for the reduction of social vulnerability in disaster assessment and risk reduction; and
- (d) Policy research in the area of social vulnerability and alienation.

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### **65 (XXI) Establishment of a regional coordinating mechanism for the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy**

The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee,

Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of Agenda 21, the Barbados Programme of Action, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation and their principles to the sustainable development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS),

Reaffirming that sustainable development remains primarily a national responsibility,

Recognizing the increasing vulnerabilities of the small island developing States of the Caribbean and their consequences with regard to the availability of resources and opportunities to pursue sustainable development,

Considering the advantages that are afforded by effective cooperation and a sharing of resources within the Caribbean subregion,

Recognizing that the effect of such cooperation can be maximized by the formation of a regional coordinating mechanism to promote the most efficient and effective use of the available human and natural capital,

Underscoring the need for this mechanism to take into account the contributions of regional and global processes that recognize the work of SIDS, including the decisions made by the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean at their fifteenth meeting held on 31 October to 4 November 2005, and the University Consortium of SIDS,

1. Agrees that the establishment of the regional coordinating mechanism should be guided by the recommendations of the Core Group and, in particular:

- i. That the ministerial forum of the CDCC will serve as a ministerial council to provide oversight in directing the work of the regional coordinating mechanism, in collaboration

with existing subregional intergovernmental processes;

- ii. That a technical advisory committee should be established to assist the regional coordinating mechanism in coordinating and monitoring the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy within the Caribbean subregion;
  - iii. That a secretariat should be established at the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean with identified arrangements for sharing responsibilities with the subregional intergovernmental secretariats and with appropriate arrangements for sharing resources,
2. Requests the Caribbean SIDS and ECLAC, in collaboration with other organizations, to mobilize the necessary resources to support the implementation of the Caribbean SIDS programme while utilizing the opportunities provided by existing processes both regionally and globally,
  3. Agrees, with immediate effect, to the formation of a regional coordinating mechanism for sustainable development in the Caribbean.

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## **66 (XXI) Support for efforts in natural disasters**

### The Caribbean Development Cooperation Committee,

Noting the frequency of natural disasters, the impact which these natural disasters pose to Caribbean societies, the negative cumulative effects of such disasters on government resources, and the diversion of those resources from development priorities and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

Noting further the challenges which small Caribbean States face in addressing their development efforts in the light of natural disasters,

Recognizing and appreciating the assistance that ECLAC has provided to member and associate member countries in estimating the socio-economic damage and losses to their societies following natural disasters,

1. Encourages the Secretariat to continue providing assistance to member and associate member countries;
2. Requests that the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean extend its work in disaster assessment, in close cooperation with CDERA and other relevant regional institutions, to include risk reduction with the objective of strengthening the resilience of the people and societies.

Note of Special Resolution

**45 (XVII) SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE BARBADOS PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES**

The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee,

Reaffirming the principles and commitments to sustainable development embodied in the Barbados Declaration and the Barbados Programme of Action adopted at the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, 1994;

Bearing in mind the decisions of the First Caribbean Ministerial Meeting (Barbados 1997) on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, to ensure that follow-up action at the national, regional and international levels is achieved;

Recalling the Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on *Progress in the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*, as contained in document E/CN.17/1998/7 presented at the sixth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York, 20 April-1 May 1998;

1. Expresses appreciation for the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to facilitate national and regional efforts to implement the Barbados Programme of Action;
2. Requests the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to continue efforts to facilitate member States in the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action, at the national and regional levels, including assistance in the preparation of a portfolio of projects for the Donor Roundtable in early 1999, and to outline a programme of activities for the preparatory process for the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly to Review the Barbados Programme of Action in September 1999;
3. Requests the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat to ensure that the activities which it undertakes as the Interim Secretariat for the Regional Coordinating Mechanism are included in the work programme for the 2000-2001 biennium.

### III. RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION<sup>1</sup>

615(XXXI) International Migration

616(XXXI) Population and Development: Priority activities for the period 2006-2008

617(XXXI) Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

618 (XXXI) Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

619(XXXI) ECLAC Calendar of Conferences for the period 2006-2008

620(XXXI) South-South Cooperation

621(XXXI) Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

622(XXXI) Central American Economic Cooperation Committee

623(XXXI) Priorities and Programme of Work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the biennium 2008-2009

624(XXXI) Support for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

625(XXXI) Activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals

626(XXXI) Montevideo resolution on Shaping the future of social protection: access, financing and solidarity

627(XXXI) Admission of Japan as a Member State of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

628(XXXI) Admission of the Turks and Caicos Islands as an Associate Member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

629(XXXI) Follow-up to the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean

631(XXXI) Place of the next session

630(XXXI) Support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/pses31/noticias/paginas/8/24208/P24208.xml&xsl=/pses31/tpl-i/p18f.xsl&base=/pses31/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl>

#### **IV. RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE CDCC**

##### **621(XXXI) CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 358(XVI) of 1975 establishing the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee as a subsidiary organ of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to act as a coordinating body for activities relating to development and cooperation in that subregion,

Recognizing the important role of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee as a forum in which the Governments of the subregion can exchange information and share experiences with a view to meeting the primary challenges posed by the process of sustainable development in the economic and social fields,

**Bearing** in mind that, as a subsidiary organ of the Commission, the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its twenty-first session in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 16 and 17 January 2006, that the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its twelfth meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 12 May 2005 and that, on those occasions, they adopted a series of agreements and resolutions which appear in their respective reports,<sup>2</sup>

Takes note of the report and endorses the resolutions of the twenty-first session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee pertaining to the work of the Commission's Sub regional Headquarters for the Caribbean,

Calls upon the secretariat to support the mobilization of additional resources for the full and successful implementation of the Programme of Work for the Caribbean subregion.

##### **623(XXXI) PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR THE BIENNIUM 2008-2009**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations on the preparation and

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<sup>2</sup> Report of the twenty-first session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/L.86)

and report of the twelfth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/L.46).

consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 59/265 and Economic and Social Council decision 1984/101 regarding recurrent publications of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind also the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session,<sup>3</sup> the assessment of progress made and pending tasks as identified by the secretariat of the Commission to facilitate its implementation in the region<sup>4</sup> and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>5</sup>

Taking into account the fact that the Secretary-General will initiate the preparation of a proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 subsequent to the General Assembly's approval of the review of mandates older than five years and that, consequently, the proposal will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination in August or September 2006 so that its recommendations may be presented to the Assembly at its sixty-first session,

Having considered the proposed work priorities of the Commission as set out by the Executive Secretary in his introduction to the draft programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2008-2009 biennium, which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at its previous session,

Having considered also all aspects of the draft programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2008-2009 biennium, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, and in which the results-based programming and management approach is deepened and enhanced,

1. Endorses the proposed priorities for the work of the Commission for the 2008-2009 biennium presented by the Executive Secretary, which encompass the progressive consolidation of macroeconomic stability, improved integration with the world economy, an increase in social cohesion, an increase in the region's production potential, enhancement of sustainable development policies, gender mainstreaming in public policies and the strengthening of global institutions;
2. Approves the programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2008-2009 biennium,<sup>6</sup> which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning and which, with the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-first session of the

**628(XXXI) ADMISSION OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS AS AN  
ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA  
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution 55/2.

<sup>4</sup> *The Millennium Development Goals: a Latin American and Caribbean perspective* (LC/G.2231-P), Santiago, Chile, June 2005.

<sup>5</sup> General Assembly resolution 60/1 (24 October 2005).

<sup>6</sup> Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2008-2009 (LC/G.2297(SES.31/6)).



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 the Turks and Caicos Islands enjoy strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region and that they are 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 the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands that the latter be granted associate membership in the Commission,

Decides that the Turks and Caicos Islands shall be granted associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean.

## V. OTHER RESOLUTIONS OF RELEVANCE TO ECLAC/CDCC

### *General Assembly resolutions*

<b>Resolution #</b>	<b>Title of Resolution</b>
56/182	Science and technology for development
57/41	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community
57/261	Promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development
57/262	Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
S-22/2	Declaration and state of progress and initiatives for the future implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
58/148	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
59/230	Promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development
59/138	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community
60/130	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
60/136	In-depth study on all forms of violence against women
60/137	United Nations Development Fund for Women
60/138	Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas
60/189	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session
60/193	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
60/195	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
60/196	Natural disasters and vulnerability
60/205	Science and technology for development
60/211	Human resources development
61/196	Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable

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- 61/145 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
- 61/195 Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

**Resolution #****Title of Resolution**

- 61/200 Natural Disasters and Vulnerability
- 61/201 Protection of Global Climate for present and future generations of mankind
- 61/199 International Cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Nino phenomenon
- 61/198 International Strategy for Disaster Management
- 61/206 Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- 61/197 Towards the Sustainable Development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations

*Economic and Social Council resolutions*

- 2003/51 Implementation of the Declaration of the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations
- 2004/52 Long-term programme of support for Haiti
- 2004/53 Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations
- 2004/68 Science and technology for development

*Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions*

- 552 (XXVI) Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 574 (XXVII) Participation of ECLAC associate member countries in the follow-up to United Nations world conferences and in the work of the Economic and Social Council
- 587 (XXIX) Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

- 600 (XXX) Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee
- 606 (XXX) Support for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
- 615 (XXXI) International migration
- 621 (XXXI) Caribbean Developments and Cooperation Committee
- 624 (XXXI) Support for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
- 629 (XXXI) Follow-up to the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean