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Santiago, Chile

FIFTH MEETING OF THE ILPES TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

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San Jose, Costa Rica, C.A.

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF THE FOURTH CONFERENCE
OF MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING

Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 1983

FOURTH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING OF

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

BUENOS AIRES, APRIL 1983

Projected organization

I. BACKGROUND - 1. At the third Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean (Guatemala City, November 1980), the Government of the Argentine Republic offered the city of Buenos Aires as the site of the next conference. This offer was unanimously accepted in plenary. In conformity with tradition, the Technical Committee of ILPES, made up of one representative of each member country, usually the Minister or Head of Planning, must also meet during the Conference.

- 2. The next Conference will be held at Buenos Aires, from 11 to 12 April next year. The Fifth Meeting of the Technical Committee of ILPES will be held at the same time. This document contains proposals related to these two events, for discussion and approval by the member governments.

II. DURATION - 3. This proposal represents an important change in the meeting schedule. Heretofore the Conference met for five days, devoting the first three days to the technical appraisal of the basic documents and the last two days to the official views of the member countries, with the direct participation of the Ministers and Heads of Planning. On this occasion, by advancing the date of the technical discussion and holding it at the session of the Technical Sub-Committee to take place at San José, Costa Rica, on 29 and 30 November 1982 and by sending the basic documents to the countries well in advance, an attempt is being made to cut the Conference down to two working days, focussing it on the official representation of the member countries, with the Ministers and Heads of Planning attending in person. It should be noted that this curtailment of the session is in accordance with the aspirations of the governments represented at the previous Conference.

III. AGENDA - 4. The Fourth Conference will again be held as the main forum of encounter and exchange of views of those responsible for planning and economic policy in each of the member countries. On the technical side, note will be taken of the work assigned to ILPES by the previous conference, concentrating on the state of affairs in the region where planning and economic policy are concerned. On the institutional side, enormous importance is attached to the meeting in that it provides an opportunity for global assessment of the 20 years in which the Institute has functioned as a permanent intergovernmental agency of Latin America and the Caribbean and provides for a regional dialogue in respect of the reorganization of ILPES and its reorientation towards the new needs expressed by the member governments.

- 5. The other topics chosen by the previous conference, the most notable of which is the compatibilization between short and long-term decisions in the decision-making process of the public sector, will be considered as they relate to the main technical topic -economic planning and policy in the years 1980-1981. With respect to the basic institutional topic -the results of the two decades in which ILPES has operated and the redistribution of its functions with an eye to the future-, a new and carefully defined ILPES project for the three-year period 1984-1986 will be presented.

IV. ATTENDANCE - 6. With respect to the participation of the member countries, it is also expected that there will be a large number of countries represented, especially from Central America and from both the Spanish- and the English-speaking Caribbean. In addition, it would be appropriate to consider the representation, in an observer capacity, of European countries with historical links with the Latin American and Caribbean region, which would profit by a greater exchange of ideas and experiences with those countries as regards planning and development.

- 7. Because, in going through its agenda, the Conference will need to hold simultaneous meetings dedicated to different topics, the attendance of a minimum of two representatives per country is recommended, with the suggestion that the Head of each national delegation be accompanied by someone who can represent him at meetings held to discuss the technical items.

V. INSTALLATION - 8. The Fourth Conference will be inaugurated on Monday morning and closed on Tuesday afternoon. This scheduling is also based on suggestions made by the representatives at the preceding Conference since it allows the delegations to make use of the week-end prior to the conference for travel to Buenos Aires.

- 9. Within the next few days, each of the member governments will be sent details concerning their stay in Buenos Aires, the location of the Conference, the preliminary agenda and the support services, which will serve as a point of contact in the preparatory period.

ANNEX I

General Plan of the Meetings

FIRST DAY (Monday)

First Plenary Meeting

- Registration, Election of Officers and Adoption of Agenda
- Opening Statements
 - Argentina: Government
 - Guatemala: Chairman, third Conference
 - Argentina: Chairman, fourth Conference
 - Executive Ssecretary, CEPAL
 - UNDP Regional Director
 - ILPES Director

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SECOND DAY (Tuesday)

FIFTH MEETING
TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE OF
ILPES
(Heads of
National
Delegations)

WORKING
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Second Plenary Meeting

- "Results and exchange of experience in planning and economic Policy in Latin America" - ILPES
- Statements by the Ministers and Heads of Planning of member countries.

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Third Plenary Session

- Report submitted by the Rapporteur of the fourth Conference: discussion and recommendations.
- Closing statements.
 - Representative of the Delegations
 - (to be determined)
 - Government of Argentina.

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ANNEX II

Proposal concerning special guests

It is suggested that consideration be given to inviting the following observers:

(a) Observers from countries outside the region

Spain: ICI

Portugal: IIEP

(b) United Nations observers

UNDP

FAO

DTCD

UNIDO

UNICEF

World Bank

UNESCO

ILO/PREALC

UNU

UNFPA

IDEP

IMF

APDI

UNEP

(c) Observers from international organizations

IDB

OAS

(d) Observers from integration arrangements

SIECA

OLADE

Caribbean integration arrangements

Andean Group

SELA

(e) Other observers

- IAPS (Inter-American Planning Society)

- CIAP (Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress)

- ECIEL