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ABBREVIATIONS

ADC	Andean Development Corporation
ALIDE	Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions
CABEI	Central American Bank for Economic Integration
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CDCC	Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee
CELADE	Latin American Demographic Centre
CEMLA	Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies
CLADES	Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FLACSO	Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IICA	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
ILO	International Labour Organization
ILPES	Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INTAL	Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean
LAIA	Latin American Integration Association
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OLADE	Latin American Energy Organization
OLAMI	Latin American Mining Organization
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
SELA	Latin American Economic System
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

INTRODUCTION

The present report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) covers the two-year period since the last session of the Commission, held in April 1996. It outlines the activities carried out under the programme of work of the ECLAC system, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE). The report is divided into three parts and also has three annexes.

Part I describes the activities of subsidiary bodies and special committees, namely the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Presiding Officers of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning. A brief description is provided of the activities carried out by each entity and the decisions and agreements adopted.

The present report also summarizes the most salient aspects of the first, second and third meetings of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI); the twenty-first session of the Committee of the Whole of the Commission; the eighth meeting of the CDCC Monitoring Committee; the technical stage of the sixteenth session of CDCC; the twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean; the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean; the eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the Presiding Officers of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning; and the second joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters.

Part II summarizes the activities carried out under the programme of work of the secretariat. Section A covers the activities of substantive programmes and section B describes activities in support of substantive programmes.

The structure of part II, section A of the report basically conforms to the programming structure of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. It should be noted that it differs from that of the draft programme of work for the biennium 2000-2001, which will be considered by the Commission at its twenty-seventh session.

This part of the report opens with an account of the multidisciplinary studies carried out jointly by the substantive units of ECLAC. These took the form of documents prepared for the meetings of the Commission, special emphasis being placed on the secretariat's comprehensive approach to the choices and factors that determine the economic and social development of the countries of the region. Next, an overview is provided of the articles published in CEPAL Review, followed by a description of activities

carried out under the 14 substantive subprogrammes. This part of the report concludes with a summary of the work of the ECLAC/UNCTAD Unit on Transnational Corporations.

The information provided on each subprogramme consists of a descriptive summary outlining the general scope and most salient aspects of the work performed, followed by a detailed list of the resulting outputs, divided into four categories: (i) documents; (ii) meetings, seminars and conferences; (iii) technical cooperation; and (iv) training and fellowships.

Each of these categories has a number of subdivisions. The first category is subdivided into ECLAC publications, books published under publishing agreements and articles distributed through outside publications. Meetings, seminars and conferences are subdivided into those organized under the corresponding subprogramme and those sponsored or convened by other institutions to which ECLAC sends a participant. Lastly, technical cooperation activities are listed by recipient agency and country.

Part II, section B summarizes the main support activities carried out by the Programme Planning and Operations Division, which is in charge of technical cooperation, and by the Documents and Publications Division, the Library, the Computer Services Section, the Information Services Unit and the Conference Services Unit.

Part III summarizes the Commission's ongoing cooperation, coordination and consultation activities with specialized agencies and other organizations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, during the period covered by the present report.

Annex 1 lists the technical cooperation projects carried out during the biennium, indicating each project's starting and completion dates and sources of extrabudgetary financing. Lastly, annex 2 enumerates, in chronological order, the meetings organized by the ECLAC system, including the date and venue of each meeting and the subprogramme under which it was held.

I. ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

First meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553 (XXVI)

Pursuant to its resolution 553(XXVI), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean established an ad hoc working group open to all member countries with the mandate of defining, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, priorities for the work programme and of recommending to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities, taking into account the development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as budgetary considerations. The first meeting of the working group was attended by representatives of 31 member States and two associate members and was held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, from 29 to 31 July 1996.¹

The meeting focused on prioritizing the specific activities provided for in each of the thematic areas of the programme of work for the ECLAC system for 1998-1999 as approved by the Commission in resolution 559(XXVI) at its twenty-sixth session, held in San José, Costa Rica, in April 1996.

The presentations made by the secretariat regarding each subprogramme were followed by an in-depth debate. Based on this discussion, the secretariat then proceeded to alter the established priorities so as to reflect the specific proposals that were accepted by consensus at the meeting and its interpretation of the majority views of the attending delegations.

Second meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI)

The second meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI) took place in New York on 5 June 1997. Its sole objective was to review recent reform measures adopted by ECLAC.² In that connection, the secretariat presented a note entitled "Review of recent reforms adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean" (LC/G.1962) and a document entitled "Management pilot scheme" (LC/G.1964).

The debate revolved around the question of how the implementation of these measures might affect the substantive work of the Commission and its capacity to meet the needs of the Governments of its member countries. The representatives were in agreement as to the importance of the pilot management scheme being considered for adoption and endorsed the general thrust of the proposals made regarding decentralization, which they felt were innovative and substantive responses to the need to adapt to prevailing circumstances both within the Organization and in the world as a whole. It was then decided that the Committee of the Whole of the Commission should be convened on Friday, 6 June.

¹ Report of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI) (LC/G.1942).

² Report of the second meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI) (LC/G.1977).

Twenty-first session of the Committee of the Whole

The twenty-first session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC was held in New York on 6 June 1997 in accordance with the decision taken by the member countries at the second meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI).³ The only item on the agenda of the Committee was the consideration and approval of the resolution entitled “ECLAC in the context of the reform of the United Nations”, which it proceeded to do following a debate on the reform measures recently adopted by ECLAC based on the two notes prepared for that purpose by the secretariat.

In the text of this resolution, which was later submitted to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration, the Committee of the Whole took note of the work carried out by the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI) in defining priorities for all elements of the ECLAC work programme for the 1998-1999 biennium and in formulating additional strategic directions. It also noted the progress made by the secretariat in fulfilling the instructions of the Commission, as expressed in that resolution, particularly with regard to institutional matters, management improvement and the coordination of activities with other organizations in order to maintain its validity and relevance in the face of evolving circumstances affecting not only Latin American and Caribbean development, but also the United Nations. In the same resolution the Committee also recommended the establishment of a clear division of responsibilities with regard to regional activities in Latin America and the Caribbean between the Commission, on the one hand, and programmes, agencies and funds of the United Nations system, on the other.

Third meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI)

The third meeting of the ad hoc working group was convened in New York on 12 November 1997 for the purposes of examining the implementation of the steps agreed upon at the preceding meeting concerning the pilot management scheme and of reporting upon the contents and scope of the measures proposed therein. In fulfilment of this task, the secretariat presented a note entitled, “Progress in the implementation of the pilot management scheme” (LC/G.1983).

The discussions held during the meeting provided an opportunity for the member countries to voice a number of concerns regarding the implementation of the management decentralization measures outlined in the scheme. The secretariat will now proceed to implement, on a gradual and progressive basis, the relevant measures, taking into consideration the views expressed in the course of the highly significant exchange of ideas on the subject which took place at the meeting.

Eighth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)

The eighth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 21 and 22 March 1996.

The meeting was convened to review the secretariat’s fulfilment of its programme of work during 1994 and 1995 and to analyse and approve the draft programme of work of the ECLAC subregional

³ Report of the twenty-first session of the Committee of the Whole (LC/G.1976(PLEN.21/1)).

headquarters for the Caribbean for the 1998-1999 biennium. Among other matters, the Committee reviewed the items on the provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session of ECLAC, which focused on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC.

The main conclusions reached at the meeting were that the current reduction of resources should not adversely affect the priorities of ECLAC and CDCC for 1996-1997 and that any restructuring of ECLAC should not have a detrimental influence on its developing member countries. The Committee also endorsed the proposal to convene a meeting of Ministers of Social Development to consider poverty eradication issues in the Caribbean and a meeting of Ministers of Tourism and the Environment.

A full report of the meeting entitled "Report of the eighth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC" (LC/CAR/G.476) was prepared.

Sixteenth session (technical phase) of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

The technical phase of the sixteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 31 October 1996.

Among the issues addressed at the meeting were the progress made in implementing the work programme and other issues of interest to member Governments, the status of the CDCC in relation to the restructuring and downsizing of the United Nations, and the initiation of similar exercises by some Governments. The Committee also discussed the report of the meeting of the ad hoc working group established pursuant to ECLAC resolution 553(XXVI) and considered an application submitted by Anguilla for membership in CDCC.

The member countries of CDCC reached the conclusion that more attention should be given to the financing of its secretariat's operational activities. The Committee decided not to accept the report of the ad hoc working group as final and requested that the secretariat prepare a document setting out the concerns of the Caribbean subregion for presentation at the seventeenth session of CDCC.

Two documents were issued: the report of the technical phase of the sixteenth session of CDCC (LC/CAR/G.491), and a report entitled, "Implementation of the ECLAC/CDCC work programme - January to December 1996" (LC/CAR/G.485).

Twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Santiago, Chile, on 16 and 17 May 1996.⁴

⁴ Report of the twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.966(MDM.22/4)).

During the meeting, the Presiding Officers agreed to strengthen their liaison functions by establishing closer ties with government agencies responsible for women's issues in the countries of the region. They also decided to focus on the topics which the Commission on the Status of Women has identified as high priorities for the next few years in order to help ensure that member States will be better prepared to participate in international debates.

Twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 18 and 19 November 1996.⁵

During the meeting, the Presiding Officers accepted the offer extended by Chile to host the seventh session of the Regional Conference, selected the substantive topics to be examined and undertook an in-depth analysis of those issues, defined objectives and operational procedures for the session, and assigned tasks in the areas of promotion and dissemination.

Twenty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Mexico City on 27 and 28 May 1997.⁶

During the meeting, the Presiding Officers engaged in a detailed review of the logistical and substantive preparations for the seventh session of the Regional Conference. The annotated outlines of the position papers as proposed by the ECLAC secretariat were examined, and comments made by some of the countries serving as Presiding Officers were incorporated into them. In addition, it was proposed that a declaration or agreement should be adopted at the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the acceleration of changes on behalf of women, and the Presiding Officers agreed to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the first session of the Regional Conference and of the approval of the Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, as well as the fiftieth anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women.

⁵ Report of the twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.999(MDM.23/3)).

⁶ Report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1061(MDM.24/2)).

Twenty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean was held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, on 17 November 1997. The meeting, which was attended by delegations from the 10 countries whose representatives were serving as Presiding Officers, was devoted to a detailed analysis of the documentation prepared for the seventh session and the organization of the activities planned for the Regional Conference. As is customary, the meeting was also attended by representatives of specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system and of intergovernmental and non-government organizations.

Seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean was held as planned from 19 to 21 November 1997 in Santiago, Chile. The Conference, which concluded its seventh session with the issuance of the Santiago Consensus by the member countries of ECLAC, also had before it a political declaration submitted by the non-governmental women's organizations that had met on 18 November at the Commission's headquarters. The session was attended by a large number of countries and provided an opportunity for an in-depth exploration of the two topics selected for analysis: sustainable development, poverty and gender, and women's access to power and participation in decision-making. A new set of Presiding Officers were elected, with Chile serving as Chairperson, the Netherlands Antilles, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba, El Salvador, Paraguay and Venezuela serving as Vice-Chairpersons, and Mexico as rapporteur. In accordance with decisions taken at previous meetings of the Presiding Officers, new operational procedures had been implemented whereby the delegates of the countries represented by the Presiding Officers had been assigned responsibility for preparing substantive presentations for the session. Accordingly, Argentina and Mexico gave presentations on the subject of access to power and participation in decision-making, and Cuba and Honduras did so in relation to the topic of sustainable development, poverty and gender.

Eighteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES)

The eighteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES was held in Brasilia on 25 and 26 November 1996. The representatives of the participating countries reviewed the Institute's activities report covering the period from January 1995 to June 1996 and its draft programme of work for 1997 (LC/IP/R.172). In addition, the Presiding Officers assessed the Institute's financial status during the period 1995-1997 and analysed the topic of "strategic management: regulation and the market" (see LC/IP/R.173 and various resolutions on this subject).

Nineteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES

The nineteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES was held in Madrid on 20 and 21 November 1997. The representatives of the participating countries reviewed the Institute's activities report covering the period from July 1996 to June 1997 and its draft programme of work for 1998 (LC/IP/R.196). In addition, the Presiding Officers analysed the topic of "strategic design and basic infrastructure" (see LC/IP/R.197 and various resolutions on this subject).

Second joint OAS/ECLAC meeting on statistical matters

The second joint meeting held by the Organization of American States (OAS) and ECLAC for the purpose of considering statistical matters was held in Santiago, Chile, from 15 to 18 October 1996 (see LC/G.1951(SEM.86/6)).

Subjects analysed at the meeting included the following: proposed institutional follow-up actions in the field of statistics; regional and international statistical cooperation programmes to be implemented in 1997 and 1998; foreign trade statistics; the dissemination of statistical information; and training. Discussions were also held on topics selected by directors of national statistical offices of countries of the region.

The meeting was attended by 54 representatives of the following countries and territories: Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Also attending as guests were representatives of the following organizations: Caribbean Community (CARICOM), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI), Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and United Nations Statistics Division.

II. SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMES AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

A. SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMES

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Multidisciplinary studies are documents prepared jointly by substantive divisions of ECLAC, under the direction of the Executive Secretary, for submission to meetings of the Commission or in response to express requests from intergovernmental organizations in the region. They reflect the comprehensive approach taken by ECLAC in examining options for and factors that determine economic and social development in the countries of the region.

During the period covered by the present report, five such documents were prepared: two for the twenty-sixth session of the Commission (San José, 15-20 April 1996), one for the first Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (São Paulo, 6-9 April 1997) and another requested by the Business Forum of the Americas for its meeting in Belo Horizonte held in May 1997 within the framework of the third Ministerial Meeting on Trade in the Hemisphere. The last of these documents, which examines the challenges for public finances in Latin America and the Caribbean and contains a diagnostic analysis of the situation, will be presented at the twenty-seventh session of the Commission (Aruba, 11-16 May 1998). The titles of the five documents in question are as follows:

(i) Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics (LC/G.1898 (SES.26/3)); (LC/G.1898/Rev.1-P, revised version);

(ii) The economic experience of the last fifteen years. Latin America and the Caribbean, 1980-1995 (LC/G.1925(SES.26/17)); (LC/G.1925/Rev.1-P, revised version);

(iii) The equity gap, Latin America, the Caribbean and the social summit (LC/G.1954 (CONF.86/3)); (LC/G.1954/Rev.1-P, revised version);

(iv) Economic indicators (LC/L.1023);

(v) Public finance in Latin America and the Caribbean. Progress, shortcomings and challenges (LC/G.1997(SES.27/3)).

The two first documents were, for the most part, prepared in 1995; the summary and conclusions of the first and the final versions of both were completed in January and February 1996. Strengthening development assesses the progress made in the area of economic reform and specifically the advances, limitations and lessons that emerge from the wide variety of reform processes carried out in the region. Based on that assessment, the secretariat offers guidelines for consolidating the main achievements and overcoming the limitations, with the double objective of enhancing stability and stimulating economic expansion. The study focuses on three topics –savings, investment and productivity, and technical progress– considered from both the macroeconomic point of view and that of institutions and microeconomic performance. Using a novel approach, it examines the links between the macro- and the microeconomic contexts, with reference in particular to the institutional challenges posed by efforts to maintain stability while achieving stronger, sustainable growth.

The second document provides empirical support for the first. It examines the determinants of the economic reform processes under way, under three basic headings: (i) processes of macroeconomic stabilization and growth; (ii) saving and investment behaviour; and (iii) changing production patterns and trends in technical progress and productivity. The chapter on growth and stability looks at inflation and

stabilization policies, the trade gap and capital flows, and the fiscal situation and its impact on employment and social equity. The chapter on savings and investment considers their main determinants, the link between national savings and external savings, and financing and capital formation by public and private entities. The final chapter reviews recent changes in production and export trends, including productivity and competitiveness profiles; in this context, changes in the composition of output by sector are highlighted through a study of the impact of structural changes such as privatization, the new regulatory framework and the reactivation of foreign direct investment.

The third document was prepared in compliance with paragraph 95(h) of the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, in which the United Nations regional commissions are requested to convene biennial meetings to study the implementation of the outcome of the Summit. In this document, therefore, the secretariat analyses current situation in the region with respect to poverty, employment and social integration, the main issues addressed by the Summit. At the policy level, it reviews the most important trends for fulfilment of the commitments made in this area. Lastly, within the framework of the integrated approach to policy-making that is being promoted by the secretariat, it proposes guidelines relating to the content and scope of economic policy and social policies that could contribute to the fulfilment of the Summit's objectives. In particular, it examines patterns in the areas of poverty, income distribution, creation of productive employment, wages and social integration and undertakes an analysis of the economic and social reforms, including labour reforms, that are being implemented, with special reference to their implications for the job market. As regards social reform, the pattern of social expenditure is studied and achievements and challenges identified in education, health, housing and social insurance.

The fourth document was prepared for the third Business Forum of the Americas held in Belo Horizonte in May 1997 within the framework of the third Ministerial Meeting on Trade in the Hemisphere. In preparation for this meeting, the Business Forum, through the National Confederation of Industry (Brazil), requested the Commission to prepare a document providing a set of indicators of recent trends in the region in areas relevant to the integration process. Thus, the document contains information on the following issues: (i) growth, stability, employment and wages; (ii) poverty and income distribution; (iii) foreign trade, investment and external financing; (iv) structure and destination of exports. To the extent that information is available, tables are presented on each of these issues showing the regional trend and the trends by country.

The fifth document, which addresses the issue of public finances, was prepared largely in 1997 and is expected to be completed early in 1998. It contains a diagnostic analysis of the main achievements and deficiencies in this area and examines the set of fiscal reforms under way in the region. In this connection, it contains a review of institutional changes and recent patterns of public income and expenditure, and of public deficit and debt. In particular, it considers the processes of fiscal decentralization and the effect of privatizations on public finances and social security reforms. The document highlights major achievements in the area of public deficit reduction and the most effective practices applied for the purpose in the region. At the same time, close attention is paid to the deficiencies that still subsist with respect to fiscal and budgetary systems and policy and instrument design, and to the lack of transparency still associated with a number of fiscal operations. In conclusion, the document suggests possible policies for overcoming undercollection of taxes, rationalizing the sector and increasing cost effectiveness. With respect to quasi-fiscal operations and other weak aspects of fiscal management, it looks at issues such as the funding of contingent liabilities of the social security system, the effect of banking crises on the tax system and the possible implications of the slowdown in growth of privatization receipts and in the fiscal decentralization process.

CEPAL REVIEW

Six issues of the CEPAL Review containing a total of 65 articles were published. These articles, most of which related to the themes of the ECLAC proposal for changing production patterns with social equity, may be classified into five groups.

First, there were a number of articles dealing with policies to promote the development of production, including the absorption of technical progress and the necessary systemic conditions. Some of the issues considered were neo-liberal structural reforms; economic policy, institutions and productive development; changes in the region's industrial development process; the challenge of systemic competitiveness; the interplay of macro- and microeconomics; education in basic skills and training for productive work; local production and small-scale enterprises; the potential of biodiversity prospecting; water rights and rural land markets; reforms in the petroleum sector; non-market-based valuation of natural and environmental resources; public transport and urban traffic congestion; policies on capital goods in Argentina; restructuring of industrial groups and structural changes in the automotive industry in Brazil; the history of a Chilean metal products and machinery firm; and a second industrialization hub in northern Mexico.

A second group of articles was devoted to macroeconomic themes related to changing production patterns with social equity and, more specifically, macroeconomic policies for growth; debt and fiscal sustainability; the macroeconomic context and investment; inflation and stabilization in Central America; an integrated macroeconomic model for the Caribbean; convertibility and the banking system in Argentina, and recent experiences in that regard; fiscal policy indicators, fiscal policy and the economic cycle, and capital flows in Chile; the national development plan and current situation in Mexico, and the Mexican peso crisis; and the succession of economic turnarounds in Venezuela.

A third category is composed of articles on social development as part of an integrated approach: community and society in social development; social policy paradigms in Latin America; economic growth and social equity; equity in the public budget; pension system reforms, the capital market and saving; social investment funds; the contributions of applied anthropology to peasant development; virtues and limitations of census maps for identifying critical deficiencies; the measurement of poverty by the income method; indigenous organizations as emerging actors in Latin America; non-agricultural rural employment in Central America; marginality and social integration in Uruguay; social rifts in Colombia; and health management reform in Chile.

The fourth group of articles comprises essays on international economic linkages and, in particular, open regionalism. These articles deal with trade policy within the context of the World Trade Organization; trade and environment; the countries of the Caribbean, their non-traditional exports and their relationship with the Free Trade Area of the Americas; nominal anchors and macroeconomic coordination options in Mercosur; manufactured exports from small Latin American economies; export promotion in Central America; globalization and loss of autonomy by fiscal, banking and monetary authorities; financial assistance to Mexico; and foreign investment and regional development.

A fifth set of articles published in the Review deals with the political context of development and the model of State intervention. They discuss the evolution of development thinking and policies; forms of social coordination; the role of the public sector in Latin American development; the State, business

and the restoration of the neoclassical paradigm; and the public institutional system and explicit and implicit environmental policies.

Mention should also be made of the article on ECLAC and the sociology of development, and the tribute to Aníbal Pinto Santa Cruz and the valuable contribution he made as Director of the CEPAL Review from 1987 to 1996.

The titles of the articles contained in the six issues of the CEPAL Review published during the biennium are as follows:

CEPAL Review, No. 58 (LC/G.1916-P)

Aníbal Pinto Santa Cruz;
 Social policy paradigms in Latin America;
 Virtues and limitations of census maps for identifying critical deficiencies;
 Central America: inflation and stabilization in the crisis and post-crisis eras;
 The State, business and the restoration of the neoclassical paradigm;
 Globalization and loss of autonomy by the fiscal, banking and monetary authorities;
 The macroeconomic context and investment: Latin America since 1980;
 Property rights and the rural land market in Latin America;
 Mexico: the plan and the current situation;
 Foreign trade and the environment: experiences in three Chilean export sectors;
 The competitive challenge for Brazilian industry;
 Indicators of fiscal policy: design and applications for Chile;
 ECLAC and the sociology of development.

CEPAL Review, No. 59 (LC/G.1931-P)

The interplay of macro- and microeconomics;
 Economic policy, institutions and productive development in Latin America;
 Systemic competitiveness: a new challenge for firms and for government;
 Education in basic skills and training for productive work;
 Social investment funds in Latin America;
 Water rights markets: institutional elements;
 The Caribbean countries and the Free Trade Area of the Americas;
 The Argentine experience: development or a succession of bubbles;
 Potential and limits of health management reform in Chile.

CEPAL Review, No. 60 (LC/G.1943-P)

Development thinking and policies: the way ahead;
 Macroeconomic policies for growth;
 Capital flows: lessons from the Chilean experience;
 Changes in the industrial development of Latin America;
 Pension system reforms in Latin America: the position of the international organizations;

The contributions of applied anthropology to peasant development;
 Biodiversity prospecting: a new panacea for development?;
 Foreign investment and competitive development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
 The Mexican peso crisis.

CEPAL Review, No. 61 (LC/G.1955-P)

Three forms of social coordination;
 Social rifts in Colombia;
 The United States to the rescue: financial assistance to Mexico in 1982 and 1995;
 Convertibility and the banking system in Argentina;
 Manufactured exports from small Latin American economies: the challenges ahead;
 Why doesn't investment in public transport reduce urban traffic congestion?;
 Notes on the measurement of poverty by the income method;
 Fiscal policy and the economic cycle in Chile;
 An appraisal of capital goods policy in Argentina;
 The restructuring of the Brazilian industrial groups between 1980 and 1993;
 Restructuring of production and territorial change: a second industrialization hub in Northern Mexico.

CEPAL Review, No. 62 (LC/G.1969-P)

The State, the community and society in social development;
 Neo-liberal structural reforms in Latin America: the current situation;
 Indebtedness and fiscal stability: is history repeating itself?;
 Reforms in the oil industry: the available options;
 Indigenous organizations: rising actors in Latin America;
 Non-agricultural rural employment in Central America;
 Marginality and social integration in Uruguay;
 Trade policy within the context of the World Trade Organization;
 Trade and environment: green light or red light?;
 Nominal anchors and macroeconomic coordination options in Mercosur;
 Export promotion policies in Central America.

CEPAL Review, No. 63 (LC/G.1986-P)

The public sector's role in Latin American development;
 Equity in the public budget;
 Pension system reforms: the capital market and saving;
 The public institutional system and explicit and implicit environmental policies;
 Non-market-based valuation of natural and environmental resources in Central America and the Caribbean;
 An integrated macroeconomic model for the Caribbean;
 Turns and skids in the Venezuelan economy;
 How non-traditional are non-traditional exports? The experience of seven countries of the Caribbean Basin;

Trade openness and structural change in the Brazilian motor industry;
The ongoing history of a Chilean metal products and machinery firm;
The importance of local production and small-scale enterprises for Latin American development.

SUBPROGRAMME 1: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

During the 1996-1997 biennium, the work carried out by the Agricultural Development Unit, which is responsible for the execution of this subprogramme, focused on six subject areas: (a) coordination between agro-industries and agricultural producers; (b) the agricultural land market in the countries of the region; (c) technological innovation and national agricultural research systems; (d) the long-term outlook for the farm sector; (e) the rural labour market; and (f) the analysis of forestry/agricultural resource-based clusters.

Activities in the first of these areas were conducted under ECLAC/FAO/GTZ project FRG/94/S05, "Promotion of the economic and social integration of small and medium-scale farmers into agro-industry", which was completed during the biennium. In the course of this period, eight case studies were prepared and published (Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago), as were another five documents which provided an overall analysis of policy outcomes and presented a number of policy proposals. During the second half of 1996, nine meetings were organized in the above countries in order to present the project's findings and discuss them with national and sectoral authorities and representatives of business, peasant and academic organizations. The most significant documents produced under this project have been compiled in book form as a joint effort by ECLAC, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and are soon to be published in Spanish under the title *Agroindustria y pequeña agricultura: vínculos, potencialidades y oportunidades comerciales*.

In relation to the subject of the agricultural land market, a study was conducted in 1996 on the information system as it relates to the land market in Chile. This study, which was funded by FAO and sponsored by the Ministry of National Assets of Chile, was one of a series of activities leading up to the authorization of the ECLAC/GTZ project, "Policy options to promote the development of agricultural land markets with a view to facilitating land transfer to small farmers"; other activities undertaken in this connection included the compilation of bibliographic and census information and the establishment of contacts with other organizations working in the field.

In April 1997, a planning workshop for the above project was held. The workshop was attended by around 30 individuals from seven countries, by experts from the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), FAO and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and by GTZ staff. As part of this project, case studies on Bolivia, Guatemala and Peru were begun and others on Brazil, El Salvador and Paraguay are to be undertaken in the near future, as are limited-coverage studies in Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

In addition, studies on the land market were begun in various areas of Mexico, in collaboration with the ECLAC subregional headquarters in that country, and in north-eastern Brazil, in both cases with funding from FAO. Technical assistance in this field was also provided to Paraguay as part of a joint UNDP/World Bank project on rural development strategies.

With regard to the subject of technological innovation and national agricultural research systems, the Unit collaborated with the Southern Cone Technological Development Cooperative Programme for Agriculture (PROCISUR) on the preparation of documents for a meeting on technological demands and opportunities for cross-country cooperation and on the analysis of its upcoming activities. ECLAC has also been invited to sit on the PROCISUR Advisory Committee.

At the request of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), which is based at FAO headquarters in Rome, a study was carried out regarding the role and activities of international agricultural and forestry research centres in the region and how they interface with national research systems. Technical assistance in this area was also provided to Paraguay within the framework of the above-mentioned project.

In view of the need, as pointed out by the authorities of a number of countries in the region, for research into the long-term outlook for the farm sector, the Agricultural Development Unit prepared and issued a document entitled “Escenarios de la agricultura y el comercio mundial hacia el año 2020” (LC/G.1940). In collaboration with the IICA Office for the Southern Cone, the Unit developed indicators on the performance of the forestry/agricultural sector in Latin America and the Caribbean for use in a joint publication to be issued in early 1998. A report on the labour market in rural sectors of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.1961) was also prepared, and a Paraguayan sociological journal (Revista Paraguaya de Sociología) has requested a summary of the document for inclusion in its centennial issue.

Concurrently, at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Colombia, a study was prepared on subsidies and other forms of assistance for the food industry and agricultural sector in Chile as viewed from the standpoint of the integration process in Latin America and the Caribbean. This document was later included in a book that was published with IICA funding. At the request of the Chilean Potato Association (ACHIPA), a study was also done on the potato market in the region and on its treatment in trade agreements for presentation at the second Latin American seminar to be held on issues relating to this product (Puerto Varas, 18-22 March 1997).

Representatives of the Unit participated in numerous seminars and training courses focusing on the above subject areas during the biennium. In particular, at the request of various regional, trade-union and academic institutions, staff members of the Unit compiled information and took part in a number of meetings concerning the impact of Mercosur on the region’s economies and specifically on Chile’s agricultural sector.

Studies on dairy-industry clusters have also been undertaken under project HOL/97/S75, “A natural resource-cluster development strategy: its growth, distributive and environmental implications”. Four countries of the region are to be examined (Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay) and compared with a mature economy (Netherlands).

(i) Documents

Escenarios de la agricultura y el comercio mundial hacia el año 2020, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 38 (LC/G.1940).

El empleo agrícola en América Latina y el Caribe: pasado reciente y perspectivas, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 43 (LC/G.1961).

Comercialización de los derechos de aguas, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 47 (LC/G.1989).

Calidad y tecnología en el proceso hortofrutícola chileno, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 48 (LC/G.1990).

Exportaciones agroindustriales de América Latina y el Caribe: especialización, competitividad y oportunidades comerciales en los mercados de la OCDE (LC/L.964).

La cooperación vertical entre agricultura familiar y el complejo agroindustrial: observaciones sobre la experiencia alemana (LC/L.974).

Pequeña agricultura y agroindustria en el Perú (LC/L.975).

Agroindustria y pequeña agricultura: estudios de casos del Ecuador (LC/L.976).

Las cadenas agroindustriales y la diversificación agrícola en El Salvador (LC/L.983).

Linkages between agro-industry and small-scale agriculture in Guyana (LC/L.985).

Agroindustrial linkages for the improvement of small-scale farming in Jamaica (LC/L.988).

Agricultura de contrato en los países en desarrollo: aspectos teóricos y análisis de algunos ejemplos en México (LC/L.989).

Articulación entre los pequeños productores y las cadenas agroindustriales en Colombia (LC/L.991).

Agroindustry and small-scale agriculture: conceptual guidelines for a policy to encourage linkage between them (LC/R.1660).

Agroindustry and small-scale agriculture: a comparative synthesis of different experiences (LC/R.1663).

Exportaciones agroindustriales de Colombia: especialización, competitividad y oportunidades comerciales en los mercados de la OCDE (LC/R.1685).

Jamaica. Agroindustry in a changing global environment: international insertion and specialization, competitiveness and market opportunities (LC/R.1686).

Family farming and the agroindustrial chain: some notes on the German experience (LC/R.1690).

Subsidios y ayudas al sector agroalimentario chileno: integración con competitividad (LC/R.1724).

La papa en el comercio regional y en los acuerdos comerciales (LC/R.1725).

Demanda de trabajadores calificados y capacitación en la agroindustria: el caso de Chile (LC/R.1747).

Market and trade perspectives for the food and forestry sectors of Latin America in the Asia-Pacific Basin (LC/R.1760).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferencesOrganized by the subprogrammes

Presentation of the publication, “Las relaciones agroindustriales y la transformación de la agricultura” (Santiago, Chile, 30 April 1996).

National symposia on agro-industry and small-scale agriculture, experiences and policy proposals, held under ECLAC/FAO/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project FRG/94/SO5, with the participation of government authorities and representatives of employer, small-farmer and academic associations (Lima, 5 August and 12 September 1996; Quito, 14-15 August 1996; San José, 2-3 September 1996; Guatemala City, 5-6 September 1996; San Salvador, 9-10 September 1996; Mexico City, 26-27 September 1996; Bogotá, 27 November 1996, and Kingston, 4 December 1996).

Presentation of the document, “El empleo agrícola en América Latina y el Caribe: pasado reciente y perspectivas” (Santiago, Chile, 20 March 1997).

Planning workshop for the project on policy options to promote the development of rural land markets (Santiago, Chile, 28-29 April 1997).

Seminar on land tenure and rural development in Latin America (Antigua, Guatemala, 11-12 September 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar on regional economic integration within (Mercosur), organized by the Regional Intendancy of Araucanía and financed by UNDP, under the Regional Development Support Programme (PADERE) - Region IX. Made presentations on anticipated changes in the agricultural sector over the next 15-20 years and on Mercosur and agriculture in Chile, with special reference to sensitive products (Temuco, Chile, 24 April 1996).

Symposium on challenges for Mercosur, organized by the Union of Small-scale Farmers of Talagante. Made presentations on agribusiness and small-scale farming and on the challenges of Mercosur for Chilean agriculture (Talagante, Chile, 17 May 1996).

Second regional forum on productive development in the Valparaíso area, organized by the Regional Ministerial Secretariat of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction. Made a presentation on Mercosur and agriculture (Viña del Mar, Chile, 29 May 1996).

Meeting on technological requirements and prospects for cooperation between countries, organized under the Southern Cone Technological Development Cooperation Programme for Agriculture (PROCISUR) (Rio de Janeiro, 10-11 June 1996).

Seminar on the theme, “Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Southern Common Market (Mercosur): an opportunity for Paraguay?”, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay and the Institute for European-Latin American Relations

(IRELA). Made a presentation on possible repercussions on the agricultural and agribusiness sectors (Asunción, 27-28 June 1996).

Seminar on the impact of Mercosur on the economy of the Bío Bío region, organized by Bío Bío University. Made a presentation on the agricultural sector, world trends and challenges for Mercosur (Concepción, Chile, 4 July 1996).

Ibero-American agriculture forum, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 August 1996).

Fifth international congress on restructuring agricultural enterprise, organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Agricultural Economists (ALACEA). Made a presentation on the vertical coordination between farm producers and agro-based industry (San José, 16-19 September 1996).

Conference on food and agriculture policy challenges for the Asia-Pacific, organized by the Philippines Institute for Development Studies with the collaboration of the Philippine Private Sector - APEC Foundation. Made a presentation on progress and issues in agricultural trade liberalization in Chile (Manila, Philippines, 1-3 October 1996).

Fifth national congress of agronomy students, organized by Valparaíso Catholic University and the Isabel Casis de Brown Foundation (Quillota, Chile, 3 October 1996).

International seminar on agricultural trade competitiveness, organized by the Bolsa Nacional Agropecuaria S.A. of Colombia (Bogotá, 9-10 October 1996).

Seminar-workshop on the general short-term outlook for agriculture, organized by the Institute of Agricultural Research (INIA) (Santiago, Chile, 11 October 1996).

Seminar on the PROCHILE Agricultural Exports Development Fund, organized by the Department of Agrarian Economics of the Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry of the Catholic University of Chile (Temuco, Chile, 17 October 1996).

Strategy forum of the Southern Cone Technological Development Cooperation Programme for Agriculture (PROCISUR). Made a presentation on globalization, integration and open economies (Solís, Maldonado, Uruguay, 18-19 November 1996).

Forty-seventh congress on agronomy, organized by the Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry of the Catholic University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 29 November 1996).

National symposium of agrarian economists, organized by the Association of Agrarian Economists and the Department of Rural Development in the Faculty of Agrarian and Forestry Sciences of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 15-16 January 1997).

Seminar on the PROCHILE Agricultural Export Promotion Fund, organized by the Department of Agrarian Economics in the Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry of the Catholic University of Chile (Osorno, Chile, 17 January 1997).

Seminar for agricultural procedures, organized by the Department of Agrarian Economics of the Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry of the Catholic University of Chile and the Office for Export Promotion (PROCHILE) (Quillota, Chile, 22 January 1997).

Panel of experts on property rights and rural land markets in Latin America, organized and financed by the Víctor Giménez Landinez Foundation (FUNDAVIGILA). Made a presentation on the panel topic (Caracas, 11 February 1997).

Seminar on the specifics of sustainable forest management and global change, sponsored by the Inter-American Initiative Research Group (San José, 28 February 1997).

Second Latin American seminar on the use and marketing of potatoes, organized by the Chilean Potato-growers' Association (ACHIPA). Made a presentation on potatoes in regional trade and in trade agreements (Puerto Varas, Chile, 18-22 March 1997).

Workshop-meeting on identifying and responding to new technological demands: agribusiness and natural resource management, organized by the Institute of Agricultural Research (INIA), with the participation of the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) and IDB (Santiago, Chile, 1-3 April 1997).

International seminar on subsidies and aid to the agro-food sector in the Americas: integration and competitiveness, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Colombia with support from the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (Bogotá, 3-4 April 1997).

Workshop on the rural land market, organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 9-12 June 1997).

Seminar on the PROCHILE Agricultural Export Promotion Fund, organized by the Department of Agrarian Economics of the Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry of the Catholic University of Chile, for producers and exporters of different commodities from Region VI of Chile (Rancagua, Chile, 23 June 1997).

ECLAC/Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) meeting on understanding Latin American economies and a cooperation programme for Latin American economies. Presented a paper on the importance of Latin America as food supplier to Japan (Santiago, Chile, 4 July 1997).

Second international methodology workshop on the participatory research programme designed to create development alternatives for Latin American peasant organizations. Presented a paper on general trends in State assistance to peasant farmers in Latin America (Olmué, Chile, 25-30 August 1997).

Seminar on the agrarian situation and rural development in Latin America, organized by ECLAC, FAO and UNDP. Presented a paper on major current rural land problems (Antigua, Guatemala, 10-12 September 1997).

Twelfth Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference (PECC XII). Presented a document on market and trade perspectives for the food and forestry sectors of Latin America in the Asia-Pacific Basin (Santiago, Chile, 30 September-2 October 1997).

Ninth regular meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IICA) and second ministerial forum, on the theme, “Challenges and opportunities for agriculture in the Americas on the eve of the twenty-first century”, organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (Santiago, Chile, 13-16 October 1997).

Fifteenth Latin American meeting on agricultural financing, organized by the Banco de la República Oriental del Uruguay and the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE) and sponsored by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and FAO (Montevideo, 23-24 October 1997).

National symposium of agrarian economists, organized by the Department of Agrarian Economics of the University of Talca and the Association of Agrarian Economists (Talca, Chile, 20-21 November 1997).

Forum on regional rural development projects and natural resource management in Latin America, organized by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) (La Paz, 24-28 November 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Intergovernmental organizations

With the Southern Cone Technological Development Cooperation Programme for Agriculture (PROCISUR), in establishing the PROCISUR Advisory Committee.

Chile

With the Regional Intendancy of Araucanía, under the Regional Development Support Programme (PADERE) - Region IX, in support for the work of the commissions and in preparing documents for the workshop on managing regional development.

Paraguay

With the Ministry of Agriculture, through UNDP and the World Bank, in working out a strategic approach to solving land issues.

With the Ministry of Agriculture, in preparing an analytical study on the competitiveness of the country's main exports and the export potential of some non-traditional products.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Course on economic development of agriculture, given at the Department of Agricultural Economics in the Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry of the Catholic University of Chile, attended by 49 students from Chile and five from other Latin American countries (Santiago, Chile, first semester 1996).

Classes on agriculture, and food production and distribution given as part of a course on nutrition and public health, in the Master's Programme in Nutrition offered by the Faculty of Medicine of the Catholic University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 18 June 1997).

Course on the competitiveness of agricultural and processed food exports from Latin America, as part of the Master's Programme in Latin American Development at the Ibero-American Campus of the International University of Andalusia (Seville, Spain, 30 June-11 July 1997).

Computer training was provided to a group of persons attached to government agencies or private or academic institutes in the use of the CANAGRO computer program for measuring the competitiveness of agricultural and processed food products on the markets of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Asunción, 30 June-4 July 1997).

A short course was given on rural development, as part of the UNDP Regional Development Support Programme (PADERE) - Region IX (Temuco, Chile, 7-9 August 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This subprogramme includes both studies conducted by the Economic Development Division and the activities relating to information and documentation for economic and social development carried out by the Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES).

Economic Development Division

During the biennium under review, economic activity in Latin America and the Caribbean staged a recovery from the recession of 1995, though the unemployment rate remained higher than at the beginning of the 1990s. Inflation dropped to its lowest level in the past 50 years, with most countries recording only single-digit price rises. The inflow of capital continued to increase, and this made it possible to offset easily the ever widening gap in the balance-of-payments current account. The profile of these capital flows also showed a significant improvement, with the massive influx of foreign direct investment and the placement of bonds with longer maturities worthy of special note.

Among the programme activities of the Economic Development Division were the analysis of the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean, and dissemination of the results through its annual publications, Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean and Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as electronically via the ECLAC Web page. Both publications seek to provide an overview of the current state of the regional economy and, because they are released before any other publication on the subject, they are the two reports most quoted in the regional and international press and most sought after by countries, banks and international organizations.

In other subject areas under its responsibility, the Economic Development Division continued to study: (i) employment problems in the economies of the region, especially the impact of structural reforms on employment; and (ii) government policies aimed at changing production patterns and promoting sustainable development and social equity, with an emphasis on assessing their effectiveness in the different spheres.

At the same time, the Division continued to carry out operational activities in the area of fiscal policy and decentralization, and to implement the project on privatization processes in Bolivia and Nicaragua. In addition, two regional seminars were held on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment.

(i) Documents

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-1996 (LC/G.1929-P). Statistical annex on two enclosed diskettes. United Nations publication, Sales No. S.96.II.G.2.

Economic Panorama of Latin America, 1996 (LC/G.1937-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.96.II.G.9.

Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1996 (LC/G.1947-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.96.II.G.13.

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1996-1997 (LC/G.1968-P). Statistical annex on two enclosed diskettes. United Nations publication, Sales No. S.97.II.G.2.

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1996-1997. Summary (LC/G.1980).

Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1997 (LC/G.1984-P).

Estabilización, tipo de cambio real e ingresos fiscales, Política fiscal series, No. 75 (LC/L.941).

Estimación de la evasión en el IVA en Chile: 1980-1983, Política fiscal series, No. 76 (LC/L.942).

Impacto distributivo de presupuesto público: aspectos metodológicos, Política fiscal series, No. 77 (LC/L.943).

Incidencia impositiva y asignación de recursos. Un modelo de equilibrio general computado para la Argentina, Política fiscal series, No. 78 (LC/L.945).

Descentralización fiscal en América Latina. Balance y principales desafíos (LC/L.948).

Desafíos de la descentralización. Educación y salud en Argentina y Chile (LC/L.950).

Los modelos de equilibrio general computable en análisis de incidencia fiscal, Política fiscal series, No. 79 (LC/L.951).

Fuentes de información para asignar los impuestos y los gastos públicos por estratos de ingreso, Política fiscal series, No. 80 (LC/L.952).

Distribución del ingreso: el papel del gasto público social, Política fiscal series, No. 81 (LC/L.953).

Reseña de estudios sobre incidencia fiscal: aspectos metodológicos, Política fiscal series, No. 82 (LC/L.954).

Estudios de incidencia presupuestaria: el caso de Chile, Política fiscal series, No. 83 (LC/L.955).

La privatización en la industria manufacturera en Nicaragua: evidencia de estudios de caso para evaluar el impacto en la eficiencia y equidad, Reformas de política pública series, No. 42 (LC/L.959).

Nuevo marco regulatorio y privatización de las telecomunicaciones en Nicaragua, Reformas de política pública series, No. 41 (LC/L.960).

Análisis de las reformas a la industria eléctrica en Bolivia y Nicaragua, Reformas de política pública series, No. 39 (LC/L.961).

La experiencia de privatización y capitalización en Bolivia, Reformas de política pública series, No. 38 (LC/L.962).

Bolivia: nuevo marco regulatorio y privatización de las telecomunicaciones, Reformas de política pública series, No. 40 (LC/L.963).

Seminario internacional sobre descentralización fiscal en América Latina: mejores prácticas y lecciones de política, Política fiscal series, No. 84 (LC/L.967).

Estructura, funcionamiento y políticas de los fondos de cofinanciación en países seleccionados: práctica y principales desafíos, Política fiscal series, No. 85 (LC/L.968).

El nivel intermedio en el arreglo institucional: diagnóstico y perspectivas en el ámbito latinoamericano, Política fiscal series, No. 86 (LC/L.969).

Descentralización fiscal y política macroeconómica, Política fiscal series, No. 87 (LC/L.970).

La privatización y el marco regulatorio en Bolivia y Nicaragua: un análisis comparativo, Reformas de política pública series, No. 43 (LC/L.973). Cuadros estadísticos (LC/L.973/Add.1).

Las transferencias intergubernamentales y la equidad distributiva: el caso argentino, Política fiscal series, No. 88 (LC/L.977).

La asignación de funciones a nivel local en Argentina: el caso del Municipio de Santiago del Estero, Política fiscal series, No. 89 (LC/L.979).

Descentralización fiscal: el caso de Ecuador, Política fiscal series, No. 90 (LC/L.980).

Descentralización fiscal: el caso paraguayo, Política fiscal series, No. 91 (LC/L.981).

La economía política de la privatización en Nicaragua, Reformas de política pública series, No. 44 (LC/L.986).

La reforma estructural en los sectores petrolero y eléctrico de Bolivia, Reformas de política pública series, No. 45 (LC/L.987).

Vulnerabilidad del sistema financiero de América Latina (LC/L.998).

The Mexican peso crisis (LC/L.1001).

Descentralización fiscal: el caso de Perú, Política fiscal series, No. 92 (LC/L.1010).

Os estados e a descentralização no Brasil, Política fiscal series, No. 93 (LC/L.1011).

Descentralización fiscal y estabilidad macroeconómica en Venezuela, Política fiscal series, No. 94 (LC/L.1012).

La magnitud y la incidencia del gasto público social en Colombia, Política fiscal series, No. 95 (LC/L.1021).

Incidencia e impacto distributivo de subsidios directos e implícitos: guía metodológica. Una aplicación al caso ecuatoriano, *Política fiscal series*, No. 96 (LC/L.1026).

Incidencia del gasto público social en Ecuador, *Política fiscal series*, No. 97 (LC/L.1027).

Cuantificación y focalización del gasto social: el caso de Panamá, *Política fiscal series*, No. 99 (LC/L.1029).

Descentralización fiscal en América Latina. Nuevos desafíos y agenda de trabajo (LC/L.1051).

La gestión privada y la inversión en el sector eléctrico chileno, *Reformas económicas series*, No. 1 (LC/L.1070).

Descentralización de los servicios de salud en la Argentina, *Reformas de política pública series*, No. 47 (LC/L.1071).

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(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Eighth regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment (Santiago, Chile, 22-25 January 1996).

Seminar on privatization and regulation in Bolivia y Nicaragua (Santiago, Chile, 28-29 March 1996).

National technical seminar on taxation and transfer prices (Buenos Aires, 19-22 May 1996).

International seminar comparing two years of the Real Plan with other experiments in stabilization, organized by the ECLAC office in Brasilia under the cooperation agreement between ECLAC and the Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA) (Santiago, Chile, 30 January 1997)

Ninth regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment (Santiago, Chile, 17-30 January 1997).

Workshop on managing public expenditure, organized jointly with IPEA (Santiago, Chile, 30 January de 1997).

Workshop on growth, employment and equity: Latin America in the 1990s (Santiago, Chile, 13-14 March 1997).

Regional seminar on decentralization in education and health (Puebla, Mexico, 20-26 March 1997).

Seminar on the current Latin American economic situation (Santiago, Chile, 8 May 1997).

National seminar on decentralization in education and health in Nicaragua, organized jointly with the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (Managua, 11-15 June 1997).

Workshop on growth, employment and poverty in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 24-26 August 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar on a comparison of rates of saving in Latin America and South-East Asia, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 8 January 1996).

Seminar on the role of social investment funds in Latin America, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Santiago, Chile, 15 January 1996).

Seminar on development in the Andean countries to the year 2015, organized by CIEPLAN (Santiago, Chile, 7 March 1996).

Annual meeting of the Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrators (CIAT). Presentation on modernization of tax administrations (Santo Domingo, 16-25 March 1996).

Annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Buenos Aires, 23-26 March 1996).

Seminar on new challenges for the Latin American economy, organized by the Latin American Institute for Social Research (ILDIS) and sponsored by ECLAC, the Central Bank of Ecuador and the Catholic University of Ecuador. ECLAC presented a paper on the loss of autonomy by domestic authorities due to globalization of the world economy (Quito, 26-28 March 1996).

Central Bank of Chile internal seminar on the country's natural rate of growth (Santiago, Chile, 7 April 1996).

Conference on alternatives for generating employment in the context of globalization, organized by the Macroeconomic Policy Office of the National Development Council of Ecuador (CONADE) (Quito, 11 April 1996).

Work meeting on decentralization and municipalities, organized by the World Bank (Miami, Florida, 17-20 April 1996).

Conference on the topic, "Learning from the crisis: investment, growth, democracy and social justice in Latin America", organized by Georgetown University (Washington, D.C., 18-19 April 1996).

Lecture on structural reform in Latin America for the postgraduate programme in economics and finance, at the School of Economics of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 20 April 1996).

Seminar on the future development of Latin America and its implications for Swedish cooperation efforts, organized by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) (Stockholm, 26 April 1996).

National Congress advisory workshop (TASC) on growth and income distribution in Chile, organized by the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES) (Santiago, Chile, 29 April 1996).

Regional technical meeting on competitiveness in Latin America and economic relations between Latin America and Asia and the Pacific, organized by the Chilean Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction, UNDP and UNCTAD (Santiago, Chile, 6-7 May 1996).

Seminar on the future role of social investment funds in Latin America, organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 6-7 May 1996).

First seminar-workshop on modernizing municipal management, organized by the Centre for Municipal Studies for International Cooperation (CEMCI) (Córdoba, Argentina, 6-10 May 1996).

Seminar on globalization of the world economy, organized by the University of São Paulo. Presented a paper on the fiscal effects of globalization (São Paulo, Brazil, 22-25 May 1996).

National seminar on decentralization in Peru, organized by the Peruvian Senate Decentralization Commission (Piura, Peru, 23 May 1996).

Conference on globalization and democracy in relation to political reform in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by IDB (Mexico, City, 27-28 May 1996).

Conference on globalization and progressive economic policy, organized by the Economic Policy Institute (Washington, D.C., 21-23 June 1996).

Meeting of the MacArthur Consortium Program Committee, Elliott Program Center, Stanford University. Gave a lecture on growth, employment and equity, Latin America in the 1990s (Stanford, California, 23-24 June 1996).

Second World Bank Annual Conference on Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the World Bank, the Government of Colombia and the University of the Andes. Presented a paper on prospects for reducing poverty and improving equity in Latin America (Bogotá, 30 June-2 July 1996).

Meeting on the productivity measurement programme, organized by the National Centre for Productivity and Quality (Santiago, Chile, 17-24 July 1996).

Workshop on poverty and macroeconomic policy, organized by UNDP (Quito, 22-23 November 1996).

Workshop on the economic history of Latin America in the 20th century: the political economy of export economies, organized by the Latin American Centre of Oxford University (Lake Atitlán, Guatemala, 8-11 December 1996).

Conference on State and sovereignty, organized by the School of Social Sciences of the University of California, (Laguna Beach, California, 21-23 February 1997).

Forum on public policies for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) area and opportunities for APEC SMEs in South America, organized by the Production Development Corporation of Chile (CORFO) (Arica, Chile, 5-7 May 1997).

Seminar-workshop on economic growth and sustainable development in Latin America, organized by the World Bank Economic Development Institute and by the Centre for Public Policy Analysis of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 14-16 May 1997).

Third Latin American mayors' conference, organized by Florida International University (Miami, Florida, 28-30 May 1997).

Seminar on economic reform, free trade and democratization in Chile, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) (Santiago, Chile, 8-16 June 1997).

Conference on growth and equity in Latin America, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), (Santiago, Chile, 10 June 1997).

Seminar on the theme, "Chile in the eyes of Wall Street", organized by El Mercurio and the Council of the Americas (Santiago, Chile, 24 June 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina

With the Argentine tax authorities at the thirty-first annual meeting of the Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrators (CIAT), on tax policy.

Bolivia

With the Central Bank of Bolivia, in developing a negotiating strategy for reducing the country's external debt to Japan, using the Naples terms as a point of reference.

Brazil

With the Ministry of Finance, on fiscal policy.

With the Data Analysis System Foundation of the State of São Paulo (SEADE), on a survey of living conditions.

With the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), in the area of planning, on the following technical tasks:

(a) Support to the Executive Office and to the IPEA offices for public policy and for social development in carrying out specific research projects, organizing topical seminars, training technical staff and organizing an exchange of experts in various areas;

(b) Support to the Ministry of Foreign Relations through participation in debates on specific topics related to globalization, Brazil's future economic relations with other countries and the potential impact on Brazil of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA);

(c) Support to the Ministry of Agrarian Reform in the design of and the debate on specific policies for financing agrarian reform;

(d) Support to the Ministry of Health through the organization of a professional training course on evaluating social projects, with the participation of professionals from ECLAC and the Organization of American States (OAS).

Colombia

With the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, on quasi-fiscal policy and reform of the State.

With the members of the Commission on Rationalizing Public Expenditure of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, on fiscal decentralization.

Cuba

With the Ministry of Finance and Pricing, on fiscal policy and implementation of tax reforms.

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning, in examining the first draft of a document on recent trends in the Cuban economy.

Dominican Republic

With the tax authorities on the content and scope of the work on taxation and transfer prices to be done under the regional project on fiscal policy.

Ecuador

With the Central Bank of Ecuador and the Latin American Institute for Social Research (ILDIS), on challenges for Latin American economies.

With the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit and the Ministry of the Interior and Justice, on fiscal decentralization.

Guatemala

Technical assistance to the Central American Network, on decentralization and stronger municipalities.

With the Latin American Economic System (SELA) and UNDP, concerning a meeting of national technical cooperation directors of Latin America.

Netherlands Antilles

With the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA) and the Central Bank, on fiscal policy.

Nicaragua

With the Ministry of Education, on decentralizing education.

Paraguay

With the Government, on a study of fiscal decentralization.

With the Ministry of Finance, on regulating the decentralization process.

Peru

With the Government, on horizontal technical assistance between Peru and Central America.

Spain

With the Complutense University of Madrid, in consultation concerning the programme of Masters in Economics in Higher Ibero-American Studies.

Uruguay

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance, in the preparation of studies and support for the formulation of policies for economic and social development in Uruguay.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Classes on an assessment of fiscal decentralization in Latin America and the challenges ahead under an agreement between ILPES and University of Santiago de Cali (Cali, Colombia, 15 March 1996).

Classes on econometrics, given as part of the Postgraduate Programme in Economics and Finance offered by the School of Economics of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, March-June 1996).

Classes given as part of the course on fiscal decentralization in Latin America: characteristics and challenges, offered by the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 10 April 1996).

Classes on fiscal policy, given as part of a postgraduate course for the Master's Programme in Economics offered by the University of Havana, organized by Carleton University of Canada for 15 students in the Master's Programme and 15 officials from the Ministry of Finance and Pricing, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning and other agencies of the Cuban Government (Havana, 2-26 June 1996).

Classes on the distributive impact of social expenditure, given at the Data Analysis System Foundation of the State of São Paulo (SEADE) (Brasilia, 13 August 1997).

Classes on fiscal decentralization, given as part of the fourth international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 4-6 November 1996).

Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES)

Activities undertaken by CLADES under subprogramme 2 focused on information management for the purposes of economic and social development.

In the period under review, special emphasis was placed on substantive analysis of information management, in the context of new productive linkages in the information industry and competition and cooperation among the public and private entities involved.

The operational activities CLADES carried out in the 1996-1997 period were aimed particularly at strengthening information management in both public and private institutions in the region. With the aim of examining new aspects of information management for development and exchanging experiences to enable information systems directors and decision-makers to increase their awareness of the role of information in the socio-economic context, national seminars were conducted in Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Venezuela, and training seminars were held in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

(i) Documents

Gestión de la información: reseña de documentos, INFOPLAN: temas especiales del desarrollo series, No. 12 (LC/G.1939-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.96.II.G.11.

Políticas sociales: resúmenes de documentos II, INFOPLAN: temas especiales del desarrollo series, No. 13 (LC/G.1967-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.97.II.G.8.

CLADES, 25 años de investigación y acción (LC/L.995).

Tres enfoques sobre el nuevo gestor de la información, Información y desarrollo series, No. 8 (LC/L.1014).

Informativo terminológico, No. 39 (January-June 1996).

Informativo terminológico, No. 40 (July-December 1996).

Informativo terminológico, No. 41 (January-June 1997). (Also available on the ECLAC website).

Informativo terminológico, No. 42 (July-December 1997). (Publication available only on the ECLAC website).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

National seminars on information management: (i) sponsored by the Socio-economic Information Network (REDINSE) (Caracas, 11-15 March 1996); and (ii) by the Institute of Scientific and Technical Documentation and Information (IDICT) of Cuba (Havana, 13-20 May 1996).

National seminar on leadership in developing information systems, sponsored by the National Library of Venezuela (Caracas, 18-20 March 1996).

Seminars on leadership in developing information systems: (i) sponsored by the Information and Communications Division of the Central Bank of Venezuela (Caracas, 21 March 1996); (ii) by the Agrarian National University (Managua, 31 May 1996); and (iii) by the Central Bank of Nicaragua (Managua, 3 June 1996).

Meeting in follow-up to the national seminar on information management, sponsored by the Nicaraguan Institute of Public Administration (INAP) (Managua, 4 June 1996).

Meeting in follow-up to the national seminar on information management, sponsored by the National Health and Development Network (RENIDS) (San Salvador, 5 June 1996).

Training seminar on organizational change, sponsored by the Technical Institute for Training and Productivity (INTECAP) (Guatemala City, 18 August 1996).

Training seminars on organizational change in small and medium-sized private enterprises, sponsored by INTECAP: (i) in Guatemala City (20-22 August 1996); and (ii) in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, (23-24 August 1996).

National seminars on information management in the light of the new global phenomena: (i) sponsored by the National Council for Science and Technology of Guatemala (CONCYT) (Guatemala City, 26-30 August 1996); and (ii) by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (Managua, 2-4 September 1996).

Training seminar on institutional and national information policies, sponsored by ARCOS Professional Institute (Santiago, Chile, 23-25 October and 5 November 1996).

Training seminar on information management in the light of the new global phenomena, sponsored by the Faculty of Humanities and Education Sciences of the Catholic University of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina, 28-30 October 1996).

Training seminar on techno-economic intelligence in the light of the new global phenomena, sponsored by the Institute of Administration Sciences of the Catholic University of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina, 30 October-1 November 1996).

Leadership training seminar, sponsored by the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of Cuba (Havana, 25-26 November 1996).

Seminar on information management, sponsored by the Central University of Venezuela (Caracas, 8-16 January 1997).

Two seminars on information management and global changes, held during the Book Fair (Buenos Aires, 14-18 April 1997).

National seminar on information management, held at the National University of Asunción (Asunción, 17 -19 September 1997).

Training seminar on the use of the Internet in small and medium-sized firms, held at the Temuco Campus of the Austral University of Chile (Temuco, Chile, 17-18 October 1997).

National seminar on information management, held at the Information Training Centre (CECAPI) of the Office of the Assistant Chancellor of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 20-24 October 1997).

Expert meeting on trends and challenges in information management and information technologies in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago de Chile, 26-28 November 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

With regional and international organizations

With the Fontaina Minelli Foundation, in Montevideo, in designing a regional project for training employees who work with information.

With the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD), in Caracas, in formulating strategies for incorporating information management into programmes for modernizing public administration.

With the General Information Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in Caracas, in organizing a seminar in Havana .

With the International Centre for Education, Labour and Technology Transfer (CIET), in Rio de Janeiro, on the subject of emerging systems for information management.

Argentina

With the National University at Cuyo, in follow-up and evaluation of the project, "Integrated system for computerized libraries".

Brazil

With the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, on modernizing information systems and using them in computer network environments.

With the State University of São Paulo (UNESP), in the area of information management.

With the Brazilian Institute of Scientific and Technological Information (IBICT) and the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, in organizing a national seminar on information management.

With the Executive Secretariat for the 1997 Public Informatics Congress on informatics and telecommunications in public administration (CONIP'97) in preparing for the Congress.

With the Institute for Space Research in São Paulo, in coordinating a seminar on strategic planning in information services in science and technology.

With the Brazilian Information Science Research Association (ANCIB), on studies of the latest advances in the field in Latin America.

El Salvador

With the Office of the Vice President of the Republic, in designing the information management component of the UNDP project to strengthen the institution of the Office of the Vice President.

Guatemala

With the Technical Institute for Training and Productivity (INTECAP), in preparing for a seminar on information management.

Nicaragua

With the National Library, in designing a project to modernize the institution.

Venezuela

With the Central University of Venezuela, in designing a postgraduate course on information for development.

SUBPROGRAMME 3: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

During the 1996-1997 biennium, the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), guided by the instructions of the intergovernmental bodies which direct its work and its regular contacts with planning authorities in the countries of the region, sought to meet all the concerns and priorities of member Governments with respect to the central topic of strategic State management.

Among the seminars and meetings organized by ILPES, particular mention should be made of the following. The eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning were held in Brasilia on 25 and 26 November 1996 and in Madrid on 20 and 21 November 1997. At those meetings, in addition to considering topics relating to the functioning of the Institute, the Presiding Officers examined two substantive issues: the market and regulation at the eighteenth meeting and strategic design and basic infrastructure at the nineteenth. A seminar on political parties and strategic State management, sponsored by the Government of Brazil, was organized in Brasilia on 28 and 29 November 1997 with financial assistance from the Government of Italy. A technical seminar on strategy design and infrastructure was held in Santiago, Chile, on 29 and 30 September 1997 and a workshop on financial management of the State in Havana from 15 to 17 April 1996. In addition, ILPES staff members participated actively in some 50 seminars, forums, congresses and meetings organized by other bodies, and made presentations at many of them.

In the area of training, ILPES conducted nine international courses and an identical national course, providing in total more than 1,100 hours of teaching to over 300 participants from 14 countries. Other courses of varying duration were organized on issues of priority concern to the countries of the region. For example, in the framework of the technical cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation of Chile, 12 regional courses on project preparation and evaluation were held in 1996 and 14 in 1997, at which 800 professionals from the public sector received training. As usual, ILPES also supported the teaching activities of other agencies and bodies, in areas specifically related to its own research.

ILPES also carried out activities in the framework of the project on regulation, privatization and modernization of the State, financed by the Andean Development Corporation (ADF), the purpose of which is to provide the countries that are signatories of the Andean Pact with a set of strategic criteria and a methodology for analysing and developing regulatory systems. In the first stage of the project, the electricity, telecommunications and sanitation sectors were evaluated. The final documents of this stage of the project were published early in 1997.

In the area of technical cooperation, the Institute undertook 20 advisory missions to 20 central government and decentralized bodies and academic institutions in various countries in the region, including extensive assistance to the Government of El Salvador (Office of the Vice-President of the Republic) concerning institution strengthening, and assistance to the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget in Honduras for the submission of a project proposal for restructuring in the context of State reform.

ILPES issued studies on political parties and strategic management (LC/IP/L.135) and on confronting poverty at the level of the municipality (LC/IP/L.137), in addition to over 60 working documents on topics related to its field of interest, Cuadernos del ILPES series No. 42, "Modernidad y

territorio” and No. 43, “Desarrollo económico local y distribución del progreso técnico: una respuesta a las exigencias del ajuste estructural”, Boletín Nos. 2 and 3 in Spanish and a consolidated version of Nos. 1 and 2 in English.

In mid-1996, the REDILPES network was set up as a channel of communication for the exchange of experience and regular updating of information in areas related to strategic State management. Students and graduates of the Institute’s training courses participate in the network, as well as universities, study and research centres, non-governmental organizations and anyone interested in the work of ILPES. In the area of regional planning and policy, the REDLIDER network consists of 120 graduates of regional development management courses of the Integrated Laboratory on the Design of Regional Strategy (LIDER).

Information on institutional aspects of ILPES, its training and research activities and its publications is made available on the ECLAC Website.

(i) Documents

Modernidad y territorio, Cuadernos del ILPES series, No. 42 (LC/IP/G.90-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.96.III.F.1.

The elusive goal of regional development: between the black box and the political agenda (LC/IP/G.91 and Rev.1).

Ordenamiento territorial y proyecto nacional (LC/IP/G.93).

El ambiente competitivo de la región Arequipa: una visión panorámica (LC/IP/G.94).

Los estudios del futuro y la prospectiva: claves para la construcción social de las regiones (LC/IP/G.95).

Política regional en una era de globalización. ¿Hace sentido en América Latina? (LC/IP/G.96).

Boletín del Instituto, No. 2 (LC/IP/G.97).

Desarrollo económico local y distribución del progreso técnico una respuesta a las exigencias del ajuste estructural, Cuadernos del ILPES series, No. 43 (LC/IP/G.98-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.97.III.F.1.

Territorios en la globalización; cambio global y estrategias de desarrollo territorial (LC/IP/G.99).

Globalização e políticas regionais nacionais na América Latina: alguns pontos para debate (LC/IP/G.100).

La paradoja regional y regionalismos emergentes en México: entre la globalización y el centralismo (LC/IP/G.101).

La importancia de la producción local y la pequeña empresa para el desarrollo de América Latina. “Lo pequeño es importante, sea o no hermoso” (LC/IP/G.102).

Fly your kite: a metaphor for a theory of territorial development (LC/IP/G.103).

Fomento productivo municipal y gestión del desarrollo económico local (LC/IP/G.104).

Metodología para el desarrollo económico social (LC/IP/G.105).

Información y conocimiento para el análisis regional conducente a la toma de decisiones (LC/IP/G.106).

Sociedad civil, participación, conocimiento y gestión territorial (LC/IP/G.107).

ILPES Bulletin, Nos. 1 and 2 (LC/IP/G.108).

Boletín del Instituto, No. 3 (LC/IP/G.109).

El Leviatán acorralado: continuidad y cambio en el papel del Estado en América Latina (LC/IP/G.110).

Globalización, actores sociales y democracia en América Latina (LC/IP/G.111).

¿El Leviatán en extinción? Notas sobre reforma del Estado en América Latina (LC/IP/G.112).

Integración de América del Norte: implicaciones para la competencia y competitividad internacional de regiones (LC/IP/G.113).

Modernidad, medio ambiente y ética: un nuevo paradigma de desarrollo (LC/IP/G.114).

Descentralización: instituciones y financiamiento (LC/IP/L.121).

Guide for education project identification and formulation (LC/IP/L.96/Rev.1).

Manual para la toma de decisiones multicriterio (LC/IP/L.122).

Guía para la identificación de proyectos y formulación de estudios de prefactibilidad para el manejo de residuos sólidos urbanos (LC/IP/L.123).

Guía para la identificación y formulación de proyectos de agua potable y saneamiento (LC/IP/L.124).

Sistema de inversión pública y descentralización: el caso colombiano (LC/IP/L.125).

Catálogo de documentos 1988-1996 de la Dirección de Proyectos y Programación de Inversiones (LC/IP/L.126).

Visión ambiental del territorio en el desarrollo local. Un estudio de las comunas de la Cordillera de la Costa en la VI Región de Chile. Equipo SUD (LC/IP/L.127).

Los límites de la tarificación marginalista como instrumento de gestión de la demanda de electricidad (LC/IP/L.128).

Guía para la evaluación del impacto ambiental de proyectos de desarrollo local (LC/IP/L.129).

Guía metodológica para la evaluación ex-post de proyectos (LC/IP/L.130).

Guía para la identificación y formulación de proyectos de vialidad urbana (LC/IP/L.131).

Sistema nacional de inversión pública: la otra cara de la reforma (LC/IP/L.132).

Catálogo de publicaciones 1988-1997 de la Dirección de Proyectos y Programación de Inversiones (LC/IP/L.133).

Prospectiva y estrategia: compendio de trabajos presentados en el primer Encuentro de estudios prospectivos (LC/IP/L.134).

Partidos políticos y gestión estratégica (LC/IP/L.153).

Enfrentando la pobreza desde el municipio. Metodología para la identificación de programas de inversión social a nivel local (LC/IP/L.137).

Metodología para la identificación, formulación y evaluación de proyectos en el sector turismo (LC/IP/L.138).

Seminario internacional Desarrollo económico local: ¿alternativa necesaria de modernización productiva? (LC/IP/L.139).

Manual de identificación y evaluación de proyectos de riego (LC/IP/L.140).

Guía para la identificación y formulación de proyectos de mejoramiento de barrios en extrema pobreza (LC/IP/L.141).

Descentralización e instituciones de fomento económico: las agencias de desarrollo regional en España (LC/IP/R.163).

Contexto y prioridades de la cooperación internacional para el desarrollo sustentable en América Latina (LC/IP/R.164).

Descentralización, equidad y participación en América Latina: una aproximación económica (LC/IP/R.165).

Dos facetas del desarrollo económico y local: fomento productivo y políticas frente a la pobreza (LC/IP/R.166).

Marco regulatorio, privatización y modernización del Estado. Documento del Proyecto ILPES/CAF (LC/IP/R.167).

Sector agua potable y saneamiento: los casos de Chile, Perú y Venezuela (LC/IP/R.168).

Mercado y regulación en los servicios de infraestructura (LC/IP/R.169).

Nuevas tecnologías y relaciones laborales en América Latina (LC/IP/R.170).

Bibliografía sobre privatización y regulación (LC/IP/R.171).

Gestión estratégica, regulación y mercado (LC/IP/R.173).

Desarrollo económico local y distribución del progreso técnico: una respuesta a las exigencias del ajuste estructural (LC/IP/R.174).

Descentralización y participación en América Latina: cómo conciliar eficiencia con equidad (LC/IP/R.175).

Volatilidad y ciclo en América Latina. Debates, implicancias de política e instrumentos (LC/IP/R.176).

Regulación de telecomunicaciones en Chile, Perú y Venezuela (LC/IP/R.179).

El proceso de construcción social del territorio para el desarrollo económico local (LC/IP/R.180).

La municipalidad en Centroamérica (LC/IP/R.181).

Regulación del sector eléctrico en Chile, Perú y Venezuela (LC/IP/R.182).

Institucionalidad y procesos reguladores de los sectores agua, electricidad y telecomunicaciones en Chile, Perú y Venezuela (LC/IP/R.183).

Descentralización y reorganización de la esfera política liberal contemporánea (LC/IP/R.184).

Mercados laborales, encadenamientos productivos y políticas de empleo en América Latina (LC/IP/R.185).

Experiencias territoriales de desarrollo local (LC/IP/R.186).

Gestión de servicios públicos municipales (LC/IP/R.187).

Una experiencia de fortalecimiento municipal: Chuquisaca, Bolivia (LC/IP/R.188).

Planificación estratégica municipal y desarrollo local (LC/IP/R.189).

Strategic management (LC/IP/R.190).

Descentralización del Estado y gestión social: análisis y perspectivas (LC/IP/R.191).

Instrumentos municipales para promover el desarrollo económico local en El Salvador (LC/IP/R.193).

Municipio y desarrollo local rural (LC/IP/R.194).

El medio ambiente en la gestión municipal: objetivos e instrumentos (LC/IP/R.195).

Diseño estratégico e infraestructura básica (LC/IP/R.197).

Municipalización: ¿política de estado o práctica de gobierno? (LC/IP/R.198).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Workshop on high-level management of regional development for public officials and representatives of the private sector in Regions X, XI and XII, given under the Technical Cooperation Agreement between the Government of Chile represented by the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (SUBDERE) of the Ministry of the Interior and the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) (Coyhaique, Chile, 23-25 January 1996).

Workshop on financial management of the State (Havana, 15-17 April 1996).

Seminar on political parties and strategic management of the State, financed by the Government of Italy (Brasilia, 28-29 November 1996).

Seminar-workshop on high-level management of regional/provincial development, organized jointly with the Council for Development Planning and Action (COPADEV) of the Province of Neuquén, with the collaboration of the National University at Comahue (Neuquén, Argentina, 7-11 April 1997).

Technical seminar on strategic design and infrastructure (Santiago, Chile, 29-30 September 1997).

Participation in other meetings and seminars

Seminar, "Caribbean dialogue on labour studies", organized by the University of Puerto Rico. Presented a paper on work, workers and socio-economic development in Latin America: current issues in the sociology of labour (San Juan, 1-2 February 1996).

World symposium on sociology and labour studies, organized by the University of Puerto Rico and the International Sociology Association. Presented a paper on gender images and human resources policies in a context of modernization of production patterns (San Juan, 5-8 February 1996).

International symposium on the current state of decentralization in Latin America and France, organized by the Decentralization Commission of the Ministry of Finance and sponsored by the Chamber of Deputies of Paraguay (Asunción, 7-8 March 1996).

Workshop on high-level management of regional development for Region IX (Araucanía), financed by UNDP, through the Intendancy of the Region, under the programme to support regional development, Region IX (Temuco, Chile, 20-23 March 1996).

Seminar on budgeting and the legislative branch, organized by the Centre for Study and Cooperation on Legislative Matters (CECOL) and OAS. Presented a paper on the relationship between planning and budgeting (Córdoba, Argentina, 25 March-1 April 1996).

International seminar on globalization, social actors and democracy in Latin America, organized by the International Forum and the National Network for Ecological Action (RENACE) of Chile. Presented a paper on the seminar topic (Santiago, Chile, 29-30 March 1996).

Seminar on productive restructuring, linkages and labour skills in Latin America, organized by the Latin American Education and Labour Network. Presented a paper on technological change, production linkages and job skills in Chile: taking stock (Brasilia, 15-19 April 1996).

Panel discussion on modernization of the State, organized by the Chilean Financial Administration and the Public Budget Association. Presented a paper on emerging economic and financial public-sector reforms (Santiago, Chile, 16 April 1996).

Seminar on the methodology for the project on productive restructuring and skills-training, organized by the Centre for Studies on the State and Society (CEDES), the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development and Financiadora de Estudos e Projetos, S.A. (FINEP) (São Paulo, Brazil, 22-23 April 1996).

Meeting of the extended technical secretariat preparatory to the Summit Conference on Sustainable Development, organized by the national secretariat of the Conference to review technical progress in the preparation of the Conference (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 11-16 May 1996).

International seminar of the Federation of Secretaries of Chile. Presented a paper on the possibilities and limitations for women entering the job market in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 23-24 May 1996).

Seminar on constructing a new paradigm for regional development in the context of open, decentralized market economies, organized by the Faculty of Geography of the University of Guadalajara (Guadalajara, Mexico, 27 May-1 June 1996).

Seminar on new technologies and their impact on labour relations, organized by the Centre for Higher Studies of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón. Presented a paper on new technologies and labour relations in Latin America (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 4-5 June 1996).

International seminar on regional policy in an era of globalization, organized by the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Brasilia, 31 July-1 August 1996).

Eighth meeting of civil service and personnel directors of Central America, organized by the Central American Institute of Public Administration, the Office of the President of the Republic of Guatemala and the National Civil Service Office (Guatemala City, 7-9 August 1996).

Meeting of regional NGOs on local economic development in rural areas (Temuco, Chile, 28-31 August 1996).

International Congress on Distance Learning, organized by the Catholic University of the North (Antofagasta, Chile, 24-27 September 1996).

International seminar on the establishment of a modern national system for public investment, administration and programming, organized by the Technical Secretariat of the Office of the President of the Dominican Republic, the National Planning Office (ONAPLAN), IDB and UNDP (Santo Domingo, 17-18 October 1996).

Twentieth meeting of the National Association for Research and Postgraduate Study in the Social Sciences (ANPOCS) (Caxambú Brazil, 22-26 October 1996).

Forum on the role of the State in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Tinker Foundation (Cancún, Mexico, 24-28 October 1996).

First Latin American Congress on State Reform and Public Administration, organized by the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD) and IDB (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 8-9 November 1996).

First congress on international competitiveness: progress and prospects, and workshop on applications of the "Competitive Analysis of Nations" (CAN) software, organized by the University of Santiago de Cali, in association with ECLAC, ILPES, the Foundation for the Integrated Development of the Cauca Valley (FDI), the Cali Chamber of Commerce, the Office of the Governor of the Cauca Valley, the Municipality of Cauca, the Municipality of Palmira, the Administrative Department of Municipal Planning of Cali and the Regional Council on Economic and Social Planning (CORPES) of western Colombia (Cali, Colombia, 18-21 November 1996).

International seminar commemorating the creation of the Superintendency for the Development of the North-East (SUDENE), on the topic of globalization and regional development: scenarios for the twenty-first century (Recife, Brazil, 20-23 November 1996).

National symposium on regional government and administration, under the SUBDERE/ILPES agreement, with 60 participants drawn from the regional governments, the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) and the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (SUBDERE) of the Ministry of the Interior (Santiago, Chile, 21-22 November 1996).

National symposium on training and regional development, under the SUBDERE/ILPES agreement, for 30 officials responsible for training at the regional or ministerial levels (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 December 1996).

Second Latin American Congress on the Sociology of Labour, organized by the Latin American Association of the Sociology of Labour (Aguas de Lindoia, Brazil, 1-5 December 1996).

Seminar on challenges with respect to institutional framework and environmental policies, organized by the Commission on Natural Resources, National Assets and the Environment of the Chamber

of Deputies of Chile. Presented a paper on land management and environmental policy (Valparaíso, Chile, 9-10 January 1997).

Latin American seminar on study and research on the subject of women and gender in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the University of Central America and the National Women's Service (SERNAM) of Chile (Managua, 29-31 January 1997).

Latin American seminar on development and the environment in urban practice, organized by the Centre for Environmental Studies (CEDEA), Towns and Development and the Carl Duisberg Society. Coordinated a workshop on the topic of decentralization and sectoral application of environmental policies (Rosario, Argentina, 6-10 March 1997).

Regional meeting on decentralization, organized by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Presented a paper on decentralization, modernization of the State and social management (Valdivia, Chile, 16-19 March 1997).

International workshop on the role of the State in sustainable development and governability, organized by the Millennium Foundation, and sponsored by the World Resources Institute. Presented a paper on strategic management for sustainable development (La Paz, 11-12 April 1997).

Seminar-workshop on domestic solid waste management and its environmental impact, under the cooperation agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the University of Santiago de Cali. Presented a paper on the microeconomic bases for environmental impact assessment (Cali, Colombia, 13-23 April 1997).

International seminar on women in the working world: international experiences of affirmative action, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Latin American School of Sociology (ELAS), and the Central Labour Federation of Brazil. Lecture given on recent trends in female participation in the labour market in Latin America (São Paulo, Brasília, Rio de Janeiro and Atibaia, Brazil, 14-19 April 1997).

Seminar on the role of the modern State, organized by the Plácido Nosaglia Foundation and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, and sponsored by the Argentine National University at Misiones. Presented papers on the decentralization process in Latin America and on the public investment system (Posadas, Argentina, 24-25 April 1997).

Second international seminar on women in Mercosur, organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Gave a lecture on opportunities and new work experiences for women within the Southern Common Market (Mercosur) (São Paulo, Brazil, 29-30 April 1997).

Annual forum of regional councils of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, organized by the State of Rio Grande do Sul. Presented a paper on civil society, participation and information in relation to land management (Porto Alegre, Brazil, 7-9 May 1997).

International seminar on the economic and social development of the greater metropolitan area of Santo André, São Bernardo do Campo and São Caetano do Sul (ABC), organized by the Greater ABC Intermunicipal Association. Gave a lecture on technological innovation and regional development: boosting the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, experiences in Spain and Latin America (Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, 8-9 May 1997).

Workshop on techniques of regional analysis, organized by the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the National University at Cuyo (Mendoza, Argentina, 8-9 May 1997).

Third Congress of the Chilean Municipalities Association. Participated in the workshop on development and urban planning (La Serena, Chile, 8-11 May 1997).

Seminar on policies concerning local economic development, as part of the Master's Programme in Local Public Administration and Management, organized by the Sol Ciudad 2000 Foundation and financed by the Ibero-American Union of Local Government Experts, the Centre for Municipal Studies and International Cooperation of Granada and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI). Gave a lecture on local economic development (Córdoba, Argentina, 30 May 1997).

Second Congress of Municipal Health Departments of the Americas, financed by the Ministry of Health of Cuba. Presented a paper on the municipality and State reform (Havana, 2-6 June 1997).

Fourth symposium of female workers in the Central Labour Federation of Brazil. Gave a lecture on gender inequalities in the labour market (São Paulo, Brazil, 6 June 1997).

Symposium on decentralization, government and the democratic future of Venezuela, organized by the Foundation for Local Management and the Centre for Development Studies (CENDES) of the Central University of Venezuela. Presented a paper on decentralization, democracy and globalization in Latin America (Caracas, 16-20 June 1997).

Eleventh national seminar on the public budget, organized by the Argentine Public Budget Association (ASAP) and the Government of the Province of Salta (Salta, Argentina, 30 June-4 July 1997).

Seminar-workshop on productive development in the Valparaíso region, organized with the support of the SUBDERE institution-building programme (PROFI-SUBDERE 1997). Presented a paper on local economic development and the role of public institutions in regional economic development (Concón, Chile, 9 July 1997).

First training workshop for productive development agents in the Aconcagua Valley, organized by the governments of the Provinces of San Felipe and Los Andes, SUBDERE, the Regional Productive Development Forum, Region V and the 10 municipalities of the Aconcagua Valley (Los Andes, Chile, 18-19 July 1997).

Workshop on local sustainable economic development, organized by the German Development Agency (GTZ) in Chile. Presented a paper on local economic development and territorial development agencies (Lota, Chile, 24 July 1997).

Workshop on local economic development, organized by the Solidarity and Social Investment Fund (FOSIS) of Chile. Presented two papers, one on the competitiveness of microenterprises and another on local economic development (Iquique, Chile, 30 July 1997).

Latin American and Caribbean Regional Development Forum, organized by the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (Bogotá, Colombia, 1-3 December 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperationArgentina

With the Municipality of Coroya, Córdoba, on local economic development.

With the National University of Córdoba, in studying a distance training programme on municipal management and environmental impact.

Bolivia

With the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDA), in evaluating the programme of support to the National Department of Popular Participation (SNPP) regarding decentralization and popular participation.

Brazil

With the Department for Coordination of Amazon Treaty Matters, in formulating national policy on the Amazon and studying the possibility of a cooperation agreement with ILPES.

With the Faculty of Education of the State University at Campinas, as part of the project on restructuring, production linkages and labour skills, in developing methodologies for participatory research with workers and trade unions.

With the Earth Council and the Brazilian Forum of NGOs and Environmental Groups, in preparing for Earth Summit +5.

Chile

With the Intendancy of the Araucanía Region, in assisting commissions comprised of various regional agents (public managers, business people, universities) in preparing a regional productive development platform.

With the Austral University of Chile, in evaluating the postgraduate course on regional development.

With the Chilean Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN), under an agreement to implement a programme to strengthen capacity to use the National Investment System in the regional secretariats for planning and coordination.

Cuba

With the Ministry of Finance and Pricing, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning and the National Bank of Cuba (BNC), in organizing and conducting a workshop on financial management of the State.

El Salvador

With the Office of the Vice President, in developing capital markets and information management, and in the area of social policy under project ELS/96/001, “Support for strengthening the institution of the Office of the Vice President”.

With the Office of the Vice President of the Republic and the Chairman of the National Council on Sustainable Development, on decentralizing management of sustainable development and the environment (under project ELS/96/001).

With the Office of the Vice President, the National Commission on Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (CONAMYPE), the Association of Municipalities of El Salvador (COMURES) and the UNDP programme for sustainable human development in El Salvador, on local economic development, municipal institution-building and support to small and medium-sized enterprises (under project ELS/96/001).

Honduras

With the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget (SECPLAN), in preparing a proposal for institutional restructuring, as part of State reform in Honduras.

Jamaica

With the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), in activities under the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), UNDP, PIOJ and ILPES joint project.

Paraguay

With the Ministry of Finance, in formulating activities in the area of investment and project planning, and in assisting the Office of the Governor of Caballero with its local investment plan.

(iv) Training and fellowshipsInternational courses

Integrated laboratory on the design of regional strategies (LIDER), 1996, high-level international training programme in regional development, organized with the financial and technical support of the Ibero-American Cooperation Institute (ICI) of Spain and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECD), for 23 participants from 13 countries of the region (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 6 May-7 June 1996).

Course on decentralization and local management in the countries of Central America, organized jointly with the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget of Honduras and financed by UNDP, for 31 participants (Zamorano, Honduras, 23 September-18 October 1996).

Third international course on preparation, evaluation and management of local development projects, for 29 participants from 14 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 27 September-31 October 1996).

Fourth international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized by ILPES with the cooperation of the International Institute of Public Administration (IIAP) of the Government of France and the International Public Budget Association, for 30 participants from 12 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 8 November-13 December 1996).

International LIDER course 1997, a high-level training programme in regional development, organized by ILPES, for 29 participants from 9 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 8 August-12 September 1997).

International course-workshop on local economic development, decentralization and municipal management, organized by ILPES and the Ibero-American Training Centre of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation, Ibero-American Cooperation Institute (AECI/ICI), for 34 participants from 14 countries of the region (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 11 August-5 September 1997).

First international course on preparation and evaluation of public safety projects, organized by ILPES for 28 participants from 8 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 15 August-5 September 1997).

Fifth international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized by ILPES with the cooperation of the International Institute of Public Administration (IIAP) of the Government of France and with the technical collaboration of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance of the Government of Spain. The course was sponsored by the International Public Budget Association, and was attended by 33 participants from 14 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 3 October-7 November 1997).

Fourth international course on preparation, evaluation and management of local development projects, organized by ILPES, for 23 participants from 11 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 31 October-5 December 1997).

National courses

LIDER-Brazil, a high-level training programme in regional development, organized jointly by the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) and the ECLAC Office in Brasilia, with logistic support from the Training Centre for Economic Development (CENDEC) and funding by the Government of Brazil, for 21 participants (Brasilia, 9 September-12 October 1996).

Courses in specific areas

Course on identification, preparation, evaluation and management of local development projects, organized jointly with Development Associates, Inc., as part of a policy analysis, planning and execution project carried out under the agreement between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Government of Peru, for 40 participants, involving a total of 120 teaching hours (Abancay, Peru, 11-30 April 1996).

Courses given as part of the Master's Programme in Latin American Economic Development offered by the International University of Andalusia, Ibero-American campus at La Rábida (Seville, Spain, 27 May-26 July 1996 and 15-24 June 1997).

Course on identifying, preparing, evaluating and managing local development projects, organized jointly with the Regional Council on Economic and Social Planning (CORPES) and the University of

Santiago de Cali, for 40 participants, involving a total of 120 teaching hours (Cali, Colombia, 9-29 June 1996).

Twelve regional courses on project preparation and evaluation, under the technical cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) of the Government of Chile and ILPES, on building institutional capacity to use the National System of Investment (average of 30-35 students and 80 teaching hours per course) (Iquique, 15-26 April; Aysén, 6-17 May; Antofagasta, 22 May-4 June; Coquimbo, 17-28 June; Punta Arenas, 1-12 July; Valparaíso, 15-26 July; Concepción, 29 July-9 August; Talca 19-30 August; Copiapó, 23 September-4 October; Puerto Montt, 4-15 November; Rancagua, 18-29 November; and Santiago, 2-13 December 1996).

Two courses on project preparation and evaluation for officials of the Chilean police force (Carabineros), in response to a specific request by the force to MIDEPLAN, for 59 participants (Santiago, Chile, 29 July-9 August; 2-13 December 1996); and a pilot course on management of local development projects, for 32 participants (Santiago, Chile, 18-29 November 1996).

Course on the advancement of local development agents, conducted jointly with the Association for Development and Solidarity (DASS) of Valencia, Spain, in collaboration with the Government of Chile (SUDERE) (Quillota, Chile, 12-29 March 1997).

Course on macroeconomic models and public finance, for 20 public officials (Havana, 19-23 May 1997).

Third course on project preparation and evaluation for the Chilean police force, organized jointly by ILPES and MIDEPLAN, for 29 participants (Santiago, Chile, 14-25 July 1997).

Fourteen regional courses on project preparation and evaluation, under the ILPES/MIDEPLAN agreement, as part of the institution-building programme conducted by MIDEPLAN in relation to the National System of Investment. Each course lasted two weeks and was attended by approximately 30 participants (Temuco, 6-17 January; Bío-Bío, 31 March-11 April; Magallanes, 14-25 April; Antofagasta, 5-16 May; Valparaíso, 2-13 June; G.B.O'Higgins, 16-27 June; Los Lagos, 7-18 July; Maule, 28 July-8 August; Aysén, 18-29 August; Temuco, 29 September-10 October; Coquimbo, 6-17 October; Atacama, 20-31 October; Tarapacá 3-14 November; Metropolitan Region, 24 November-5 December 1997).

First international course on identifying and formulating international technical cooperation projects, organized jointly with the National University at Córdoba (Argentina), the Distance Learning University (UNISUR) (Colombia) and the Catholic University of the North (Chile), using the distance learning method (three stages; second half of 1997) for 1,200 students in Argentina, Chile and Colombia.

Support for national university programmes and teaching collaboration with other institutions

Participation in the panel on gender and the labour market in Latin America, as part of the second postgraduate course on gender, education and development for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the regional coordination office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the World University Service (WUS) (Santiago, Chile, 19 January 1996).

Series of six lectures for Colombian public officials and academics on the topics of the achievement and challenges of fiscal decentralization, economic development strategies and new approaches to efficient

planning and management of public investment under the project conducted jointly by the University of Santiago de Cali and ILPES (Cali, Colombia, March-April 1996).

Public lecture on conceptual disputes over sustainable development and implications for public policy-making, given at the third special meeting of the Brazilian Society for Scientific Progress (Florianópolis, Brazil, 30 April-2 May 1996).

Course entitled “Quantitative methods and models of analysis II”, given as part of the Master’s Programme in Regional Economics and Management (Valdivia, Chile, 18-23 August 1996).

Course on the sustainability of fiscal policy, given at the University of Antioquia (Medellín, Colombia, 28 September-4 October 1996).

Course on theories of regional development, given as part of the postgraduate programme on regional development in the Andean region, offered by the Bartolomé de las Casas Centre for Andean Rural Studies, Cuzco Office (Cuzco, Peru, 3-14 October 1996).

Classes on education and employment, given as part of the fourth international seminar on management of employment and income (Brasilia, 20-22 October 1996).

Course on management of regional development, given as part of the postgraduate programme on regional development in the Andean region, conducted by the Bartolomé de las Casas Centre for Andean Rural Studies, Cuzco Office (Cuzco, Peru, 20-27 October 1996).

Classes on regional management given as part of the Master’s Programme in Local and Regional Development, offered jointly by the Latin American Centre for Human Economics (CLAEH) and the Catholic University of Montevideo, (Montevideo, 3-7 November 1996).

Course on techniques of regional analysis, given as part of the programme on regional development in the Andean region, conducted by the Bartolomé de las Casas Centre for Rural Andean Studies, and the closing session of the programme (Cuzco, Peru, 23 November-1 December 1996).

Course on regional management, given as part of the Master’s Programme in Regional Economics and Management offered by the Austral University of Chile (Valdivia, Chile, 1-14 December 1996).

Course on local economic development in Europe and Latin America, given as part of the Doctoral Programme in Contemporary Latin American Studies offered by Complutense University of Madrid, organized by the Ortega y Gasset Foundation (Madrid, 11-24 April 1997).

Classes on sustainable development and public policy-making in Latin America, given at New York University (Syracuse, New York, 19-26 April 1997).

Support for the Master’s Programme in Political Science offered by the Institute of Political Science at the University of Chile (materials and academic guidance; 1996 and 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 4: INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

The main task of the Joint ECLAC/UNIDO Industrial and Technological Development Unit, which is responsible for this subprogramme, during the biennium 1996-1997 was to analyse the industrial restructuring process and to design policies to enhance the competitiveness of the countries of the region. The Unit's activities during this period, including the studies it carried out as part of various projects, resulted in the issuance of seven books through prestigious Latin American publishing houses, 17 articles in books and international periodicals, and 26 official ECLAC documents. The Unit also organized nine conferences and seminars, and its staff presented papers at 64 seminars as well as giving numerous lectures. In the sphere of training, the Unit conducted a number of courses, most of which were at the postgraduate level; in addition, it held 23 computer application training workshops and developed a total of seven versions of the relevant programs for that purpose. In the area of technical cooperation, 42 technical assistance missions were carried out in countries of the region.

Activities included:

(i) Under UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, "Policies to promote innovation and competitiveness in the Latin American and Caribbean business sector", activities relating to various countries of the region were carried out and technical assistance was provided in connection with policies on export promotion, human resource development, and technological innovation and diffusion. Government agencies were given support in the design of industrial policies, and the modernization of business associations was encouraged. Cooperative efforts were undertaken in this regard with the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) of Brazil; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, the Foreign Policy Analysis Unit (UDAPEX), the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, the Department of Industry and Trade and the National Academy of Sciences, in Bolivia; the National Centre for Productivity and Quality, in Chile; the Central Office for Coordination and Planning (CORDIPLAN) and the Ministry of Industry and Trade, of Venezuela; the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Technical Secretariat of the Office of the President, of the Dominican Republic; and the Ministry of Trade, of Costa Rica. Three seminars were conducted to disseminate the results of the project: one at the national level in Santiago, Chile, and two international seminars in Brasilia and Santiago. In addition, papers were presented at symposia and seminars, and articles were published in journals and books in the Americas and Europe. A book entitled Políticas de competitividad industrial: América Latina y el Caribe en los años noventa was published, and progress was made in the preparation of two others dealing with Latin America's leading firms and successful export strategies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

(ii) The first phase of ECLAC/International Development Research Centre (IDRC) project CAN/93/S41, "Productive restructuring, industrial organization and international competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean", was completed with the publication of four books under an agreement between ECLAC and Editorial Alianza: Estabilización macroeconómica, reforma estructural y comportamiento industrial. Estructura y funcionamiento del sector manufacturero latinoamericano en los años noventa; Reestructuración industrial y apertura económica. La industria de celulosa y papel de Argentina, Brasil y Chile en los años noventa; Apertura económica y desregulación en el mercado de medicamentos. La industria farmacéutica y farmoquímica de Argentina, Brasil y México en los años noventa; and Auge y ocaso del capitalismo asistido. La industria petroquímica latinoamericana. The second phase of this project was launched in 1997 with the start-up of research activities concerning the

forestry cluster in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico, and a working meeting on the development of forestry resources and related industries was held in Santiago, Chile, on 29 and 30 October 1997. In addition, a study was begun on new contractual ties between manufacturers of parts and accessories for motor vehicles and motor-vehicle assembly plants in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico; a working meeting was held on this topic in Santiago, Chile, on 20 and 21 November 1997.

(iii) A seminar was conducted on natural resource-based production linkages in order to present and examine a project aimed at evaluating the relevance and possibilities of implementing a development strategy along the lines of those used in Scandinavian countries and Canada, among others, that would reinforce and speed the development of activities that tend to cluster around a natural resource base.

In respect of this subject area, work began on project HOL/97/S75, "A natural resource-cluster development strategy: its growth, distributive and environmental implications", under which studies are to be carried out on dairy-product and energy clusters. In addition, a cooperation agreement was signed with the National Council on Competitiveness of the Office of the President of Colombia to prepare reports on forestry, dairy-product and petroleum-industry clusters; several other countries have already expressed definite interest in this subject. Also in relation to this field, a ZOPP ("project planning by objectives") workshop was organized jointly with the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and held in Santiago, Chile, on 24 and 25 September 1997. During this seminar, which was attended by government officials from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico, plans were made to launch and manage a project on the growth of natural resource-based clusters.

(iv) Work on the development of a methodology for evaluating the export competitiveness of countries or groups of countries in the markets of greatest importance to Latin America and the Caribbean culminated in the design of a range of computer programs that together comprise the Competitive Analysis of Nations (CAN) software system. During the biennium under review, a number of different versions were released of two programs for evaluating the export competitiveness of 89 countries (Competitive Analysis of Nations - CAN) and industrial performance in the region (Industrial Performance Analysis Program - PADI). Numerous training courses in the use of the CAN and PADI applications were held at the request of public- and private-sector agencies and academic institutions in the countries of the region and in Spain.

(v) Work began on project HOL/97/S93, "Small and medium-sized industrial enterprises in Latin America and the Caribbean and international competitiveness", whose aim is to assess such firms' competitiveness and development and to propose means of strengthening their ability to compete. To date, progress has been made in the design of a research methodology.

(vi) Under the terms of an agreement between ECLAC and the Latin American Confederation of the Pulp and Paper Industry (CICEPLA), a study was undertaken on trends in extraregional imports of pulp and paper products by Latin American countries and another was conducted to explore the reasons why that demand is not met by firms from the region. Both studies were delivered to CICEPLA and their contents discussed at a plenary meeting of the Confederation held in Rio de Janeiro in April 1997. The information gathered and the analytical work performed in the course of the study were also used to prepare a monograph of a more academic nature which is due to be published in the near future in a number of specialized journals.

(vii) Project FRG/96/S38, "Policies to improve the quality, efficiency, and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean", entered on stream. The project, which is

funded by GTZ, seeks to introduce and promote successful models of human resources training and development in order to enhance productivity and competitiveness in the region. With a view to formulating proposals for training policies, a start was made in late 1997 on forming consultative committees for the project in Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru.

(viii) During 1997, activities were conducted under the terms of an agreement signed between ECLAC and the Technical Cooperation Service (SERCOTEC) of Chile with the aim of coordinating and supplementing efforts to optimize the use of the available resources for promoting and developing microenterprises and small and medium-sized businesses. As part of this agreement, ECLAC and SERCOTEC held a joint meeting in Santiago, Chile, on 4 July 1997 to publicize the National Programme for the Promotion of Microenterprises and Small Businesses in Chile and to encourage the exchange of experiences relating to the development of the production sector in Latin America. The meeting was attended by representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru.

(ix) ECLAC/Netherlands project HOL/93/S91, "New emergent actors for technical cooperation among developing countries: linkages between government and the private sector in selected countries in Latin America", was completed during the biennium, and a book was published on experiences relating to the creation of such links.

(x) The Unit provided support to the Economic Development Division in connection with project HOL/96/S34, "Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s". The Unit's contribution took the form of collaboration in the execution of the modules "Reforms and macro and social policies", "Reforms, technical progress and growth" and "Reforms, social policies and equity". The project calls for the analysis of relevant conditions in nine Latin American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru).

(xi) The Unit collaborated with UNIDO on the following activities: organization of a training workshop on the industrial dimension of national sustainable development strategies (Santiago, Chile, 6-11 October 1996); preparation of the 1997 report, "The Key Role of Industrial Investment in Economic Development", to which it made two contributions (an analysis of the outlook for industrial investment in the region and a report on 10 short case studies of investments in countries of the region); and the preparation of "Industrial Policy Outlook", scheduled for publication in 1997, to which it contributed a study on the feasibility of implementing industrial policies in the region.

(xii) As part of interagency project UNI/93/S02, "Basic guidelines for joint UNICEF/ECLAC action over the medium term", a study on public investment benefiting children and three documents on specific aspects of the subject were published.

(xiii) In an effort to promote the exchange of information on industrial restructuring and policies, a regional network was set up for researchers concerned with these issues. The publication of a second annotated bibliography, including 55 abstracts of a general nature and 76 on Latin America and the Caribbean, furthered the consolidation of this network.

(i) Documents

Historia evolutiva de una planta metalmeccánica chilena: relaciones micro/macroeconómicas con la conducta innovativa, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 30 (LC/G.1887).

Nuevos problemas y oportunidades para el desarrollo industrial de América Latina, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 31 (LC/G.1910).

Sistemas de innovación y especialización tecnológica en América Latina y el Caribe, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 33 (LC/G.1913).

Industrial policy and competitiveness in open economies, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 34 (LC/G.1928).

Reestructuración y competitividad: segunda bibliografía comentada, vols. I and II, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 35 (LC/G.1933 and LC/G.1933/Add.1).

Encadenamientos, articulaciones y procesos de desarrollo industrial, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 36 (LC/G.1934).

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“Competitividad de las empresas chilenas, mexicanas y venezolanas: nuevas estrategias para los años noventa”, Productividad, competitividad e internacionalización de la economía, Competitividad series, National Bureau of Statistics of Colombia (DANE), April 1996.

“The competitiveness of manufacturing firms: the case of Venezuela”, Latin America's New Insertion in the World Economy, Rudolf Buitelaar y Pitou van Dijck (eds.), London, MacMillan Press, 1996.

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“Nuevas formas de encarar las políticas tecnológicas en América Latina: el caso chileno”, Revista de estudios sociales de la ciencia (REDES), Buenos Aires, Instituto de Estudios Sociales de la Ciencia y la Tecnología, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, 1997.

“El desarrollo industrial de la República Argentina entre los años 1940-1980: sus logros y limitaciones”, Historia económica de América Latina en el siglo XX, Rosemary Thorp (ed.), 1997.

“Aprendizaje tecnológico, desarrollo institucional y la microeconomía de la sustitución de importaciones”, Historia económica de América Latina en el siglo XX, Rosemary Thorp (ed.), 1997.

“Impacto de la modernización tecnológica”, Cambios estratégicos en la políticas industriales, Capítulos del SELA, No. 51, Caracas, July-September de 1997.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on productive linkages based on natural resources, organized jointly with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile and with the co-sponsorship of the Productive Development Forum of Chile under ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039, for 50 outside participants (Santiago, Chile, 12-13 June 1996).

Training workshop on the industrial dimension of national sustainable development strategies, organized jointly with UNIDO, for 33 participants from agencies in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru (Santiago, Chile, 6-11 October 1996).

Seminar on analysis of productivity in Chile, organized jointly with the National Centre for Productivity and Quality of Chile, under ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039 (Santiago, Chile, 5 November 1996).

International seminar on decentralized industrial policies, held under ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039, organized jointly with the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) and the ECLAC office in Brasilia, for 80 participants from government bodies, the private sector and universities in Brazil, Mexico, Chile and the United Kingdom (Brasilia, 11-12 November 1996).

International seminar on systems of innovation in Latin America and Japan, organized jointly with the University of Chile, the Sasakawa Foundation for Peace and the Chilean Foundation of the Pacific, for 60 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Japan, Mexico and Peru (Santiago, Chile, 5-6 March 1997).

Informal meeting on credit for micro-enterprises (Santiago, Chile, 27 May 1997).

Meeting on a special programme for foreign delegations, organized jointly with the Technical Cooperation Service of Chile (SERCOTEC), for participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru (Santiago, Chile, 4 July 1997).

Project-planning-by-objectives (ZOPP) workshop on development of natural resource-based industrial clusters, organized jointly with the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) (Santiago, Chile, 24-25 September 1997).

Work meeting preparatory to the seminar on exploitation of forest resources and development of related industries, held under ECLAC/IDRC project CAN/93/S41, "Productive restructuring, industrial organization and international competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean", with the participation of seven outside experts (Santiago, Chile, 29-30 October 1997).

Meeting of the advisory committee for project FRG/96/S38, "Policies to improve the quality, efficiency and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean", with the participation of five outside experts (Santiago, Chile, 30-31 October 1997).

Seminar on innovation and how it relates to sectoral production clusters, for 10 outside participants (Santiago, Chile, 4-6 December 1997).

International seminar on successful experiences with industrial competitiveness policies: the lessons for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile, for 30 participants (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 December 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Workshop on product development and quality control, organized by the Programme for Development Cooperation (PRODEC) of Finland and the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) (Lima, 12-23 February 1996).

Regional seminar on methodologies and tools for the improvement of competitiveness and environmental performance of small and medium-sized industries in the Caribbean States, organized by the OAS, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) (Port of Spain, 28 February-1 March 1996). Presented a report on modelling strategy for the improvement of industrial competitiveness in SMIs.

International seminar on development and financing of technology: experiences and outlooks, organized by the Financial Development Corporation (COFIDE) (Lima, 21 March 1996). Presentation on systems of innovation and technological specialization in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Meeting on ISO 14000 and exports to the OECD countries, organized by GAMMA and AMBAR (environmental consultants) (Santiago, Chile, 28 March 1996).

Technical meeting to analyse project document, "Study on the impact of the dual system in Latin America and the Caribbean", organized by the Inter-American Research and Documentation Centre on Vocational Training (CINTERFOR) of ILO (Montevideo, 28-29 March 1996).

Seminar on environmental management systems under ISO 14000, organized by the National Environment Commission (CONAMA). Presented a paper on ISO 14000 concepts (Antofagasta, Chile, 11-12 April 1996).

Meeting on evolving public-private roles in the pharmaceutical sector, organized by WHO (Geneva, 15-18 April 1996).

Meeting entitled "Distinguished economists analyse Chilean export development", organized by the Association of Exporters of Manufactures (ASEXMA) (Santiago, Chile, 17 April 1996).

First preparatory meeting for the Araucanía Regional Productive Development Forum, on the development of Araucanía in economic integration, organized by the office of the Intendant of Region IX of Chile. Presented a paper on competitiveness policies for the development of business know-how in the regions (Temuco, Chile, 24 April 1996).

Meeting on water and sanitation in Latin America, organized by AIC Conferences. Presented a paper on tools for environmental management in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 25 April 1996).

Conference on tools for environmental management in Latin America, organized by the Regional Environment Commission (COREMA) (Copiapó, Chile, 29 April 1996).

Conference on tools for environmental management in Latin America, organized at the Department of Chemical Engineering of the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 2 May 1996).

Regional technical meeting on competitiveness in Latin America and economic relations between Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile, UNDP, UNCTAD and ECLAC. Presented papers on competitiveness and industrial policy in open economies and on technological specialization in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 6-7 May 1996).

Working meeting on labelling (ISO 14000), organized by the National Institute of Standardization (INN) and the National Environment Commission (CONAMA) (Santiago, Chile, 10 May 1996).

Rural Social Summit, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Colombia. Presented a paper on peasants' organizations (Tibaitatá, Colombia, 20-22 May 1996).

Conference on the theme, "Strengthening Development: the Interplay of Macro- and Microeconomics", organized by IDB. Presented a paper on the productivity gap and its implications for a productive development policy (Washington, D.C., 6 June 1996).

Conferences on (i) tools for environmental management in Latin America, held in the Municipality of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina, 3 June 1996); and (ii) the impact of ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 on international competitiveness in Latin America, at the Association for the Development of Environmental Management (ADEGA) (Buenos Aires, 7 June 1996).

Congress of the Confederation of Venezuelan Industry (CONINDUSTRIA) on industrial strategy in Venezuela, organized by CONINDUSTRIA. Presented a paper on industrial policy in Latin America (Caracas, 20 June 1996).

Workshop on institutional change and economic behaviour, organized by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). Presented a paper on new problems and opportunities for industrial development in Latin America (Laxenburg, Austria, 21-23 June 1996).

Meeting on the national survey on technological innovation in manufacturing industry, organized by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) (Santiago, Chile, 5 July 1996).

Second summit on competitiveness: the challenge of competitiveness, organized by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Integration and International Trade Negotiations of Peru. Presented a paper on competitiveness policies in Latin America (Lima, 11 July 1996).

Symposia on growth and equity, organized by the Corporation for Justice and Democracy, the Corporation for the Year 2000 and the Chile 21 Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 1 August, 22 August, 12 September and 10 October 1996).

International seminar entitled "Local economic development: a necessary choice for productive modernization?", organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, ILPES and the SERCAL Foundation. Presented a paper on industrial and technological policies with territorial planning components (Santiago, Chile, 1-2 August 1996).

Conferences to promote management awareness and performance regarding quality and the environment (ISO 9000 and ISO 14000), for officials of the Department of Standards of the Ministry of Commerce and Industrial Development (SECOFI) (Mexico City, 12-13 August 1996).

Seminar on unemployment insurance, organized by the Institute for Development and Training of Chile. Presented a paper on international experience in unemployment insurance (Santiago, Chile, 20 August 1996).

Conference to promote management awareness and performance regarding quality and the environment (ISO 9000 and ISO 14000), for officials of the Technical Standards Institute of Costa Rica (INTECO) (San José, 22 August 1996).

Economics workshop for bishops, organized by the post graduate programme in economics of the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES)/Georgetown University. Lecture on basic concepts of economic analysis (Santiago, Chile, 10-12 September 1996).

Workshop for experts in industrial policy, organized by SELA. Presented a paper on the resurgence of industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s (Caracas, 16-17 September 1996).

Colloquium on technological training, innovation and industrial policy: national and international experience, offered by the Master's Programme in Economics and Management of Technological Change of the Autonomous Metropolitan University, Xochimilco (Mexico City, 25-27 September 1996).

Workshop on macroeconomic policies and exchange rate management: lessons and evidence from developing countries, organized by the International Center for Economic Growth (CINDE) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (Washington, D.C., 26 September 1996).

Workshop on economic history of Latin America in the 20th century, organized by the Latin American Centre, Saint Anthony's College, Oxford. Presented a paper on the long-term development process of manufacturing industry in Argentina (Oxford, United Kingdom, 30 September-2 October 1996).

Scientific conference at the sixth Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, on the theme, "Governance for effective participatory democracy", organized by the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT) (Santiago, Chile, 2-4 October 1996).

Annual meeting of industrialists, organized by the Confederation of Chambers of Industry of Mexico (CONCAMIN) (Guanajuato, Mexico, 3-6 October 1996).

Conference on the resurgence of industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, held at the National Government Service Institute (INAP) (Mexico City, 8 October 1996).

Twenty-fifth general meeting of the Latin American Confederation of the Pulp and Paper Industry (CICEPLA). Presented a paper on opportunities and challenges for Latin American paper manufacturers in the 1990s (Acapulco, Mexico, 9-12 October 1996).

Conference on economics and integration in Latin America, held at the Embassy of Finland (Santiago, Chile, 10 October 1996).

First international meeting of the Economics Association of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM). Presented papers on new problems and opportunities in the industrial development of Latin America and on the resurgence of industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s (Mexico City, 17-19 October 1996).

Meeting of the expert group to consider the annual report of UNIDO for 1997, on investment in the industrial sector, organized by UNIDO (Vienna, 21-22 October 1996).

Meeting preparatory to the first national meeting on technological innovation and meeting of the Technical Commission on the theme, "Human resources for innovation", organized under the technological innovation programme of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 October and 5-6 November 1996).

Symposium on unemployment insurance, organized by the Centre for Vocational Training of the Association of Industrialists of Valparaíso (ASIVA). Presented a paper on international experience in unemployment insurance (Viña del Mar, Chile, 31 October 1996).

Lecture on current themes in industrial policy, given as part of the international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 8 November-13 December 1996).

First cycle of lectures on economic trends in Latin America in the late twentieth century, organized by the Regional Economic Council (CRE), the Institute of Economics of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and ECLAC, with support from the National Economic and Social Development Bank (BNDES) of Brazil. Presented papers on the Chilean and Mexican economies (Rio de Janeiro, 13 November-4 December 1996).

Workshop on policy competition and foreign direct investment, organized by the Development Centre of OECD. Presented a paper on trends and impact of policy competition for FDI (foreign direct investment) in Latin America and the Caribbean Basin: Costa Rica, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic (Paris, 18-19 November 1996).

Symposium on international cooperation in research and technological development, organized by the European Commission. Presented a paper on emerging economies (Brussels, 19 November 1996).

Conference on environmental management systems, as part of the environmental training programme for companies and consultants organized by the Technological Research Institute (INTEC) of Chile (Concepción, Chile, 25-26 November 1996).

Seminar on the Opportunities and risks of Mercosur poses for the metallurgical and metal-working industries: analysis and relative competitive position of Chile, organized by the Corporation for Technological Development of the Association of Metallurgical and Mechanical Engineering Companies (ASIMET) and the Association of Metal-working Industrialists of Region VIII of Chile, sponsored by the Production Development Corporation (CORFO) and the Office of the Regional Intendant. Presented a paper on the evolution, performance and competitiveness of the Chilean metal-working industry: an international comparison (Concepción, Chile, 26 November 1996).

Second national conference on improvement of productivity, organized by the National Technical and Professional Training Institute (INFOTEP). Presented a paper on the challenge of competitiveness in the 1990s (Santo Domingo, 26-27 November 1996).

First meeting on technological innovation, organized under the technological innovation programme of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 29 November 1996).

Meeting to examine the project on evaluation of science and technology institutions in the health sector, organized by the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation of the Health Ministry of Brazil, and sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Presented a paper on institutional restructuring and government goods (Rio de Janeiro, 3-5 December 1996).

Meeting at the Institute for International Research Speakers' Club, organized by the Institute for International Research and the Embassy of Norway in Chile. Presented a paper on economic development based on the industrialization of natural resources (Santiago, Chile, 5 December 1996).

Workshop for experts in technological forecasting and prediction, organized by the Bolivian National Academy of Sciences (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 11-13 December 1996).

Seminar on growth, employment and sustainable livelihoods in Chile: a multi-agency report from the United Nations system, organized by the Multidisciplinary Technical Team of the Regional Office of the International Labour Organization and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 16 December 1996).

Lecture on the resurgence of industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, given to the Netherlands Business Association (Santiago, Chile, 17 December 1996).

Ad hoc expert meeting on experiences in enterprise development, organized by UNCTAD. Presented a report on new problems and opportunities for industrial development in Latin America (Geneva, 16-17 January 1997).

Discussion panel of the Committee on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, organized by UNCTAD to analyse the World Investment Report, 1997 (Geneva, 20 January 1997).

Workshop on benchmarking manufacturing competitiveness and industrial policy performance, organized by the UNIDO project, "Report on industrial development policy" (Vienna, 27-28 January 1997).

Seminar on industrial development in the Dominican Republic: towards the third millennium, organized by the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the National Planning Office (ONAPLAN) and the Industrial Technology Institute of the Dominican Republic (INDOTEC). Presented a paper on industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s (Santo Domingo, 6 February 1997).

International seminar on productivity, competitiveness and labour relations, organized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Colombia (Bogotá, 12 February 1997).

Seminar on regional integration and the challenges of competitiveness and convergence: requirements, strategies and outlooks, organized by the Training Centre for Regional Integration (CEFIR) in cooperation with SELA. Presented a paper on the resurgence of industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s (Caracas, 3-6 March 1997).

Seminar “FTAA 2005: business convergence towards Belo Horizonte”, organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Santo Domingo and the National Private Enterprise Council of the Dominican Republic. Presented a paper on competitiveness, export promotion policies and hemispheric integration (Santo Domingo, 10 March 1997).

Paper on export promotion policies to facilitate international linkages for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, presented at: (i) the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo, 10 March 1997); (ii) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Washington, D.C., 4-5 May 1997); and (iii) the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica (San José, 21 July 1997).

Meeting on institutional policies on science and technology in the health sector, organized by the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) (Rio de Janeiro, 8-10 April 1997).

Plenary meeting of the Latin American Confederation of the Pulp and Paper Industry (CICEPLA). Presented two studies on the evolution of pulp and paper imports by Latin American countries from outside the region (Rio de Janeiro, 9-10 April 1997).

International seminar on human development, outlooks and challenges, organized by the National University at General Sarmiento. Presented a paper on technology, economic globalization and their connection with human development (Buenos Aires, 10-11 April 1997).

Seminar on the challenge to industry of technological change and innovation, organized by the Latin American Association of Capital Goods Manufacturers (ALABIC). Presented a paper on the regional outlook (Santiago, Chile, 17 April 1997).

Twentieth international conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Presented a paper on industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s (Guadalajara, Mexico, 17-19 April 1997).

Twenty-third International Buenos Aires Book Fair on the theme, “Differences and likenesses at the close of the century”, organized by the “El Libro” Foundation. Presented the research findings of ECLAC/IDRC project CAN/97/S25 and various publications resulting from the project (Buenos Aires, 18 April-5 May 1997).

International meeting to assess technological policy, organized by the Bolivian National Academy of Sciences, with the support of UNIDO (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 5 and 7 May 1997).

Launch meeting of the Government of Paraguay/UNDP project, “Strategic plan for agricultural and rural human development”, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of Paraguay. Presented a paper on means of improving low agricultural productivity (Asunción, 6 May 1997).

Meeting on systems of competitiveness indicators for Mercosur, organized by Mercosur subgroup 7 (Industry) with the support of IPEA (Rio de Janeiro, 8-9 May 1997).

Seminar on economic growth and sustainable development in Latin America, organized by the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank and the Sustainable Development Programme of the

Centre for Public Policy Analysis of the University of Chile. Presented a paper on the industrial sector (Santiago, Chile, 14-16 May 1997).

Thirty-third meeting of the Technical Commission of the Inter-American Research and Documentation Centre on Vocational Training (CINTERFOR) of ILO and regional seminar on strategic alliances for training, organized by the ILO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Chile and the National Training and Employment Service (SENCE) (Santiago, Chile, 15-17 May 1997).

International seminar on economic integration and democratization: Latin America and Cuba, organized by the Institute of International Studies of the University of Chile, the Core Group for International Relations Research of the University of São Paulo and the Cuba Project of the City University of New York (Santiago, Chile, 26-27 May 1997).

Workshop on training and technological innovation, organized by New York University (New York, 16-18 June 1997).

Symposium on new strategic challenges for Chilean businesses, organized by the Productive Development Forum and the National Centre for Productivity and Quality (Santiago, Chile, 18-19 June 1997).

Round table on health system reforms, organized by the National University at La Plata. Presented a paper on economic openness and deregulation, market failures and the new roles of the State (La Plata, Argentina, 28 June 1997).

Regional workshop on programme assessment in science and technology, organized by IDB, the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research (CONICYT) of Uruguay and the Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay (Montevideo, 23-26 July 1997).

Second meeting of the Regional Forum on Industrial policy, organized by SELA. Presented papers on competitiveness policies in Latin America and the Caribbean and on employment, training and technology (Caracas, 30 July-1 August 1997).

Seminar given by Professor Eric Anderson on excellence in education for our time, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 4 August 1997).

Third national forum on productive development, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile (Reñaca, Chile, 21-22 August 1997).

Seminar on economics and health, organized by the Professor Dr. Juan P. Garrahan Paediatric Hospital in Buenos Aires. Talk on the restructuring of Garrahan Hospital in the context of current health-sector reforms in Argentina (Buenos Aires, 25 August 1997).

Seminar on social transformation and higher education in Latin America, organized by the regional office for the Southern Cone of the French Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (Santiago, Chile, 28 August 1997).

Seminar-workshop on competitiveness and employment in Mercosur, organized by CEFIR. Presentation on competitiveness policies in Latin America and Mercosur (Montevideo, 1-3 September 1997).

Seminar-workshop on opportunities for Chilean business in international cooperation, organized by the International Cooperation Agency (AGCI) of Chile, the Bolívar Programme and the National Centre for Productivity and Quality (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 September 1997).

Convention of Acer Latinoamérica Distributors ADM'97, organized by Acer Latinoamérica. Presented a paper on prospects and economic potential in Latin America (Barcelona, Spain, 6-10 September 1997).

Seminar on competition policy and integration: alternatives and necessities, organized by the European Union/Rio Group training programme for regional integration and CEFIR (Montevideo, 8-10 September 1997).

Launch meeting for the UNESCO/OECD pilot project on development of world education indicators, organized by UNESCO, the World Bank and OECD (Paris, 10-12 September 1997).

International working group on subnational economic governance, organized by Columbia University (New York, 12 and 14 September 1997).

Fifth meeting of the FTAA working group on competition policy, organized by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Integration and International Trade Negotiations of Peru (Lima, 24-26 September 1997).

Seminar on the impact of globalization on higher education, organized by the Ministry of Public Education of Chile and the Board of Chancellors of Chilean Universities. Presentation on economic globalization and its impact on universities (Viña del Mar, Chile, 6-7 October 1997).

Research meeting on globalization, local institutions and development, organized by the Social Science Research Council of New York. Presentation on industrial restructuring (New York, 9-11 October 1997).

Seminar on educational statistics in Mercosur, organized by the Ministry of Public Education of Chile and UNESCO (Santiago, Chile, 13-17 October 1997).

Seminar on trends and challenges in industrial policy, organized by UNIDO (Vienna, 16-17 October 1997).

Paper on natural-resource cluster development based on natural resource extraction activities, presented at the Department of Economics of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 17 October 1997).

First meeting of the statistics working group of women in informal employment, organized by the Harvard Institute for Institutional Development (HIID), the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (New York, 17-18 October 1997).

Conference on technology policy and less developed countries, organized by UNIDO. Presentation on new forms of technological policy in Latin America (Vienna, 17-18 October 1997).

Working group on social indicators, organized by the Fordham Institute for Innovation in Social Policy (New York, 22-23 October 1997).

First symposium on industrial development, organized by the Chamber of Industry of Uruguay. Presentation on industrial competitiveness in Mercosur (Montevideo, 27 October 1997).

Fourth German economic conference on Latin America, organized by the Peruvian-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Presentation on structural transformation of the industrial sector in Latin America (Lima, 5-6 November 1997).

Workshop on productive development policy in Chile, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile and ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 11 November 1997).

Seminar on industrial restructuring and business strategies in Brazil, organized by the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Presented a paper on technological training, institutional development and the micro-economics of import substitution (Rio de Janeiro, 11-12 November 1997).

Presentation on relative productivity gaps between the United States of America and various Latin American countries, given at Bocconi University (Milan, Italy, 13 November 1997).

Conference on national systems of innovation and the relationship between science and technology: current trends, future evolution and public policy implications, organized by the Alessandro Volta Centre for Scientific Culture. Presentation on the Latin American situation (Villa Olmo, Como, Italy, 14-15 November 1997).

Workshop for practitioners in cluster-formation, organized by Chihuahua Siglo XXI, CEO, and the World Bank (Chihuahua, Mexico, 17-20 November 1997).

Seminar on the theme, "Towards long-term industrial policy: achievements, challenges and opportunities", organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Industry of Costa Rica. Presentations on the resurgence of industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America and on industrial competitiveness policies for Costa Rica (San José, 28 November 1997).

Conference on integration and harmonization of financial markets in the Americas, organized by IDB and the Ministry of Finance of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 1 December 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental bodies

With the Latin American Confederation of the Pulp and Paper Industry (CICEPLA), on the assessment of pulp and paper imports by Latin American countries from outside the region.

With IDB and the World Bank, on export policies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

With the Mercosur group on competitiveness indicators, on international competitiveness policies.

Argentina

With the National Atomic Energy Commission (CNEA), on industrial restructuring.

With the Institute for Health, the Environment, the Economy and Society (ISALUD Foundation), on the structure and behaviour of markets for the provision of health services and regulatory frameworks for their supervision.

With the Ministry of Health of Argentina, on economic openness and deregulation, market failures and new roles of the State.

With the National University at Córdoba, in the realization of a study on technological transformation in the automotive industry, under ECLAC/IDRC project CAN/97/S25.

With the Energy Economics Institute (IDEE) and the Bariloche Foundation, in designing a research programme on energy use, the environment and industrial development, and on the impact of communications on production and transport.

With the Centre for Studies on the State and Society (CEDES), on restructuring the health sector.

With the Government, on the new science and technology plan.

Bolivia

With the Ministry of Foreign and Religious Affairs, on the analysis of sectoral competitiveness to identify difficulties facing Bolivian industry in the context of the liberalization programme to be negotiated under the economic complementarity agreement between the member States of Mercosur and Bolivia.

With the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, on setting up a forum on production, productivity and competitiveness.

With the Department of Industry and Trade, on the design of Bolivian industrial policy.

With the Under-Secretary for Gender Issues of the Ministry of Human Development, in formulating a programme to improve the productivity and competitiveness of small and micro- enterprises in Bolivia, while incorporating the gender perspective, under UNIDO project US/BOL/95/113.

With the Industrial Policy Division of the Department of Industry and Trade of the Ministry of Economic Development, on preparing a national plan for competitiveness and industrial development.

With the Bolivian National Academy of Sciences, on international competitiveness policies.

Brazil

With the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), on designing a network for decentralized industrial policies.

With the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ), on restructuring its budget and operational objectives.

With the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, on the impact of the promotion of productive clusters based on natural resource processing.

Chile

With Bío-Bío University, on the impact of Mercosur in Region VIII.

With the Productive Development Forum of Chile, on unemployment insurance.

With the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, on the preliminary unemployment insurance plan.

With the National Centre for Productivity and Quality, on the design and calculation of productivity indices at the national, sectoral and company levels.

With the Regional Development Support Programme (PADERE) - Region IX, on productive restructuring and competitiveness.

With the Ministerial Secretariat of Education for the Metropolitan Region, Southern Area, under the ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38, "Policies to improve the quality, efficiency and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean".

Colombia

With the National Planning Department (DNP), in the design of sectoral technology policy programmes.

With the Government, in the design and improvement of the participation of women in the manufacturing sector.

With the National Council for Competitiveness of the Presidency of the Republic, on the studies on production clusters conducted under ECLAC/Netherlands project HOL/97/S75, "A natural resource cluster development strategy: consequences for growth, distribution and environment".

Costa Rica

With the Ministry of Foreign Trade, to adapt the export promotion regime to changes in the hemispheric environment and to the rules of international trade.

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Industry, on international competitiveness policies.

Dominican Republic

With the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Santo Domingo, on competitiveness, export promotion policies and hemispheric integration and on the assessment of draft legislation on export promotion.

With the Technical Secretariat of the Office of the President of the Republic, on the elaboration of policies to develop the export sector.

With the Ministry of Industry and Trade, in industrial policy design.

Korea

With the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI), regarding its work programme on science and technology, with a view to developing a programme of cooperation between the Institute and ECLAC.

Mexico

With various authorities of the Federal Government of Mexico, the State of Jalisco, the Association of Electronics Manufacturers of Guadalajara and private companies, on the topic of training, under ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38.

Uruguay

With the Government, through the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, under project URU/96/011, "Support for the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining in the preparation of studies in the industrial sector", in designing and implementing measures to promote complementarity agreements among Uruguayan industrial companies, mainly small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and with companies in other countries, with particular emphasis on Mercosur.

Venezuela

With the Central Office for Coordination and Planning (CORDIPLAN), the Ministry of Economic Development and the Ministry of Industry and Trade, on competitiveness policies, under ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039.

With the Education Commission and the National Congress of Venezuela, under ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S03.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Courses on policies for adjustment and stabilization in Latin America and in theory of innovation and industrial development of Latin America as part of the Master's Programme in Economics of the University of Havana, organized by Carleton University of Canada and ECLAC, for 15 participants (Havana, 2-12 January 1996).

Postgraduate course on technological and industrial development and competitiveness challenges in Latin America, given as part of the Master's Programme in Latin American Economic Development offered by the Ibero-American Department of the International University of Andalusia, for 38 Latin American and Spanish participants (La Rábida, Huelva, Spain, 24-28 June 1996).

Course on technological change and innovation theory given as part of the Master's Programme in Economics and Industrial Development offered by the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the National University at Mar del Plata (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 5-6 September 1996).

Classes on reform of the health sector in Argentina, given as part of the course on regulatory frameworks and health markets organized by the Institute for Health, the Environment, the Economy and Society (ISALUD Foundation). Bibliographical support was also provided for the Master's Programme in Human Resources in Health offered by the Foundation (Buenos Aires, 7 September 1996).

Classes on reform of the health-sector system in Argentina, given at the School of Public Health of the University of the Aconcagua (Mendoza, Argentina, 20-22 March 1997).

Courses on policies for adjustment and stabilization in Latin America and on innovation theory and industrial development of Latin America, given as part of the Master's Programme in Economics offered by the University of Havana, organized by Carleton University of Canada and ECLAC, for 15 participants (Havana, 22-29 June 1997 and 7-13 July 1997).

Talk on contextualization of economic trends in Latin America for 21 Brazilian students from the Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos (Santiago, Chile, 29 July 1997).

Classes on competitiveness policies in Latin America and the local dimension, given as part of the international course-workshop on local economic development, decentralization and municipal management, organized by ILPES and the Ibero-American Cooperation Institute (Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 11-12 August 1997).

Talk on the ethics of maximizing income, for students of the course in economic ethics offered under the ILADES/Georgetown University postgraduate programme in economics (Santiago, Chile, 8 November 1997).

Classes given as part of the course on economic transformations in Latin America in the 1990s under the Master's and Doctoral Programmes in Economics offered by the Department of Economics of the National University of the South (Bahía Blanca, Argentina, 4-8 September 1997).

Course-workshops on the computer program "Competitive Analysis of Nations" (CAN) were given at the following institutions: University of Havana (Havana, 12-20 January 1996); University of the Pacific (Lima, 26-29 February 1996); United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Embassy of Sweden, Embassy of El Salvador, Embassy of Italy and Embassy of Germany (Santiago, Chile, 7 May 1996); Central Bank of Ecuador (Quito, 20-23 May 1996); Ministry of Foreign and Religious Affairs of Bolivia (La Paz, 29-30 May 1996); National University at Mar del Plata (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 1-4 July 1996); National University of Costa Rica (San José, 11 September 1996); Association of Metallurgical and Mechanical Engineering Companies (ASIMET) (Santiago, Chile, 17 October 1996); University of Santiago de Cali (Cali, Colombia, 18-21 November 1996); Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos (São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, 16-18 March 1997); University of Medellín (Medellín, Colombia, 6-7 May

1997); Chamber of Commerce of Medellín (Medellín, Colombia, 8-9 May 1997); International University of Seville (Seville, Spain, 1-4 July 1997); Department of Agrarian Extension Services of the Ministry of Agriculture of Paraguay (Asunción, 9-12 June 1997); Ministry of Foreign Trade of Colombia, organized by the Board of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC) (Bogotá, 7-8 July 1997); Ministry of Industry and Trade of Venezuela, organized by the Board of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC) (Caracas, 10-11 July 1997); Institute for Export Promotion of Paraguay (Pro-Paraguay) (Asunción, 7-8 August 1997); Regional Secretariat for the Maule of the Ministry of Agriculture of Chile (Talca, Chile, 12-14 August 1997); and the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) (Brasilia, 25-29 August 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 5: INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

International trade

During the biennium 1996-1997, the main focus of activities in the area of international trade continued to be the design of policies and mechanisms to foster the gradual expansion and improvement of the trade linkages of Latin America and the Caribbean with the global economy and their continued adaptation to the changes associated with current trends towards globalization in production and increasing trade and financial liberalization.

In 1996, the International Trade, Finance and Transport Division produced six documents and two publications on subject areas within its competence. One of these examines foreign trade of Latin America and the Caribbean in the global economy (LC/R.1622, in English and Spanish); two other documents study policies implemented in the region with respect to trade in goods and services (LC/R.1588/Rev.1 and LC/R.1672, each of which was issued in both English and Spanish); two documents contain studies of the economic links between the region and developed market economy countries (LC/R.1615 and LC/L.944, in English and Spanish); another study deals with food exports (LC/L.935); and one recurrent publication, issued in book form, describes trade patterns and trade policy of the countries of the region, with special emphasis on structural changes taking place in the global economy and their effect on trade and investment opportunities, the regional and subregional integration process and the implementation of multilateral trade agreements (LC/G.1941).

The last study deals with relations between Latin America and the European Union and the role played in this respect by Latin American trade in services, and contains proposals for possible ways of strengthening this role (LC/G.1915-P).

In 1997, seven documents and one book were produced on the different subject areas covered by this subprogramme. Three relate to Latin American and Caribbean trade policies, the first with reference to oilseed exports (LC/L.1015); the second to access of Latin American products to the United States textiles and garment market (LC/L.1076) and the third to access to product markets (LC/L.1085). Further studies were produced on access to service markets (LC/R.1762) and the promotion of economic ties between Japan and Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1718); the last two documents contain, respectively, a comparative analysis of industrial and trade policies of countries in the region and East Asia (LC/L.1080) and a study of the outlook for trade between Latin America and the countries of the Asian and Pacific region (LC/L.1082).

Lastly, the 1997 edition of Panorama de la inserción internacional de América Latina y el Caribe, 1997 (LC/G.1978) updates information published in 1996 on changes in national trade policies and the external context and examines issues such as access to merchandise markets, progressive liberalization of trade in services and market liberalization, regulation and competition.

Development financing

The main activities in this area during the two-year period covered by this report were: (i) a joint ECLAC/United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) regional project, RLA/92/003, "Financial policies for changing production patterns with social equity"; (ii) issues relating to savings, financial

institutions and capital formation; (iii) pension systems reform; (iv) a joint ECLAC/Government of the Netherlands project, HOL/94/S22, “Income distribution and poverty in recent stabilization and adjustment policies in Latin American and Caribbean countries”, and (v) a joint ECLAC/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project, “Reforms of the financing of health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean”.

Within the framework of project RLA/92/003, case studies were completed in two areas: regulation and monitoring of financial conglomerates and access of persons in the middle- and low-income groups to housing finance. The countries examined for the first of these studies were Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela; those for the second study were Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Costa Rica. In addition, a comparative study on housing finance subsidies in different countries of the region was undertaken. All these projects were published as part of the Financiamiento del desarrollo series. In the most recent phase of the project national seminars were held to disseminate the findings of these studies in the countries concerned; and the experiences of these countries were compared and conclusions and recommendations put forward on relevant policies.

With respect to savings, financial institutions and capital formation, the main activities consisted in: the preparation of a study in the Financiamiento del desarrollo series on the recent experience of countries of the region with high capital inflows and the macroeconomic implications of this trend; and the publication of an econometric analysis providing evidence of a high degree of substitution between national savings and external savings in countries that are recipients of high capital inflows. The latter study, “La relación entre el ahorro externo y el ahorro nacional en contextos de liberalización financiera”, is part of a book being published jointly by ECLAC and the Organization for Cooperation and Development (OECD), entitled: Flujos de capital e inversión productiva: lecciones para América Latina (R. Ffrench-Davis and Helmut Reisen, eds.).

In response to the great interest in the pension system reforms being implemented in the region and as a follow-up to the various case studies undertaken in earlier phases of the joint ECLAC/UNDP regional project, RLA/92/003, a regional seminar on the current situation and future prospects of such reforms in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in October 1996. The seminar addressed the main factors and problems in this area and the solutions envisaged by current reforms to pension systems in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Paraguay and Peru. A number of other seminars, publications and research programmes on the subject were organized in collaboration with various institutions.

Within the framework of the joint ECLAC/Government of the Netherlands project, HOL/94/S22, “Income distribution and poverty in recent stabilization and adjustment policies in Latin America and the Caribbean”, eight case studies on the issue were undertaken in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico. These case studies were used as the basis for a comparative analysis of the effects of economic shocks and macroeconomic policies on income distribution; another study, on typical income distribution patterns, was based on data obtained from household surveys in the five countries mentioned above and contains proposals for a policy of redistribution. All the documents mentioned were published in the Financiamiento del desarrollo series.

In 1996, two regional meetings were held at ECLAC headquarters to study the outcome of this project. In 1997, activities included the organization of national seminars in Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Mexico, jointly with academic institutions and public bodies, and participation in meetings of other regional bodies, at which the conclusions and recommendations arising out of the project were presented.

In the context of the joint ECLAC/GTZ project, FRG/95/S80, “Reforms of the financing of health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean”, case studies on Argentina, Chile, Colombia and on the United States and Canada were undertaken. A regional seminar sponsored by the Ministry of Public Health of Chile was held in November 1996 and attended by government authorities of countries of the region. In the course of 1997, the task of editing and revising the 12 case studies (four relating to Argentina, four to Chile, three to Colombia and one to Canada and the United States) was completed and the studies were published as part of the Financiamiento del desarrollo series. In addition, the first version of a document on gender and reform of the social security and health system in Colombia was completed and two national seminars were organized in Chile and Colombia and various international meetings were attended to disseminate the findings of the studies.

Lastly, the Development Finance Unit was represented at the Ibero-American Agriculture Forum, for which a document was prepared on the macroeconomic environment for development of the production sector in the context of foreign capital inflows; this document was later incorporated in the publication La apertura económica y el desarrollo agrícola en América Latina y el Caribe, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 81 (LC/G.1963-P).

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Entorno macroeconómico para el desarrollo productivo en el contexto de entradas de capitales externos, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 81, chapter III (LC/G.1963-P).

Panorama de la inserción internacional de América Latina y el Caribe. 1997 edition (LC/G.1978).

Panorama de las exportaciones de productos alimenticios de América Latina (LC/L.935).

Distribución del ingreso, asignación de recursos y shocks macroeconómicos: un modelo de equilibrio general computado para la Argentina en 1993, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 36 (LC/L.940).

Trade policy between Latin America and the United States: an analytical assessment (LC/L.944).

Operación de conglomerados financieros en Chile: una propuesta, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 37 (LC/L.949).

Efectos de los shocks macroeconómicos y de las políticas de ajuste sobre la distribución del ingreso en Colombia, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 38 (LC/L.965).

Nota sobre el aumento del ahorro nacional en Chile: 1980-1994, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 39 (LC/L.984).

Flujos de capital externo en América Latina y el Caribe: experiencias y políticas en los noventa, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 40 (LC/L.1002).

Surgimiento y desarrollo de los grupos financieros en México, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 41 (LC/L.1003).

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Financiamiento de la vivienda de estratos de ingresos medios y bajos: la experiencia chilena, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 46 (LC/L.1008).

La reforma de la seguridad social en salud de Colombia y la teoría de la competencia regulada, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 47 (LC/L.1009).

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Las exportaciones latinoamericanas de oleaginosas: tendencias y perspectivas (LC/L.1015).

Eficiencia y equidad en el sistema de salud chileno, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 49 (LC/L.1030).

La competencia manejada y reformas para el sector salud de Chile, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 50 (LC/L.1031).

Mecanismos de pago/contratación del régimen contributivo dentro del marco de seguridad social en Colombia, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 51 (LC/L.1032).

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Mujer y salud, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 58 (LC/L.1041).

Tendencias, escenarios y fenómenos emergentes en la configuración del sector salud en la Argentina, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 59 (LC/L.1042).

Reformas al financiamiento del sistema de salud en Argentina, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 60 (LC/L.1043).

Acesso ao financiamento para moradia pelos extratos de média e baixa renda: a experiência brasileira recente, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 62 (LC/L.1044).

Acceso a la vivienda y subsidios directos a la demanda: experiencias latinoamericanas, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 63 (LC/L.1045/Rev.1).

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(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar-workshop on reform of health system financing in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized under ECLAC/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project FRG/95/S80 (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 January 1996).

Seminar on distributive consequences of macroeconomic shocks and stabilization policies, under project HOL/94/S22 (Santiago, Chile, 13 May 1996).

Regional seminar on the status and prospects of pension reform in Latin America and the Caribbean, hosted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 7-8 October 1996).

Seminar on evaluation, experiences and objectives with regard to public policies on income distribution in Latin America, organized jointly with the Social Development Division and the Statistics and Economic Projections Division (Santiago, Chile, 18-19 November 1996).

Seminar on reform of social security as it relates to health in Argentina, Colombia and Chile, under ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/95/S80, sponsored by the Ministry of Public Health of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 20-22 November 1996).

National seminar on income distribution in Argentina: long-term factors, shocks and macroeconomic policies, held jointly with the Argentine University of Administration Sciences, under project HOL/94/S22 (Buenos Aires, 14 May 1997).

National seminar on long- and short-term aspects of income distribution in Colombia, held jointly with the Foundation for Higher Education and Development (FEDESARROLLO) (Colombia), under project HOL/94/S22 (Bogotá, 11 June 1997).

Regional seminar on trade policy (Santiago, Chile, 3-4 July 1997).

National seminar on long- and short-term income distribution factors in Chile, held jointly with the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) of Chile, under project HOL/94/S22 (Santiago, Chile, 10 July 1997).

National seminar on short- and long-term income distribution factors in Mexico, held jointly with the Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL) of Mexico, under project HOL/94/S22 (Mexico City, 24 July 1997).

National seminar on public policy and the market in the housing sector, sponsored by the Ministry of Housing and Human Settlements of Costa Rica, under ECLAC/UNDP joint regional project on Financial policies for development (San José, 4 August 1997).

International seminar on the new view of the State in relation to housing finance, organized and sponsored jointly with the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, the National Finance Corporation, the Ecuadorian Housing Bank, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and IDB, as part of the joint ECLAC-UNDP regional project on financial policies for development (Quito, 11-12 September 1997).

Seminar-workshop on reform of social security as it relates to health in Chile, organized jointly with the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES) and the Inter-Faculty Programme in Health Administration of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 22-23 October 1997).

National seminar on social equity and financing of health services: the experience of some Latin American countries, organized jointly with the Ministry of Health of Colombia (Bogotá, 25-27 October 1997).

Seminar on Latin American experiences in housing finance for medium- and low-income strata, organized jointly with the Universidad Externado de Colombia, under ECLAC/UNDP project RLA/92/003 (Bogotá, 25-27 October 1997).

Seminar on regulation and supervision of financial conglomerates, organized jointly with the Banking Superintendency of Colombia, under ECLAC/UNDP project RLA/92/003 (Bogotá, 6 November 1997).

Seminar on income distribution patterns in Latin America: the evidence of five countries, organized jointly with the Faculty of Administration and Economics of the University of Santiago (Santiago, Chile, 25 November 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

National seminar on pension reforms in Latin America, organized by the Finance and Social Security Reform Unit of the Government of Honduras (Tegucigalpa, 24 January, 1996).

First international seminar on pension funds, organized by the Office of the Superintendent of Retirement and Pension Fund Management Firms in Argentina. Presented a paper on pension system reforms in Latin America (Buenos Aires, 16-18 April 1996).

Twenty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly of the Latin American Association of Development Finance Institutions (ALIDE XXVI) (Asunción, 5-7 May 1996).

Seminar on emerging financial markets: implications for economic development, organized by American University (Washington, D.C., 6 June 1996).

Conference on strengthening development in Latin America: the interplay of macro- and microeconomics, organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 6 June 1996).

Twenty-fourth national forum on State administration and reform, including pension funds, organized by the Ministry of Federal Administration and State Reform of Brazil (Goiana-Goias, Brazil, 13-14 June 1996).

Albert Fishlow international seminar on economic development and income distribution, organized by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Colombia (Bogotá, 11-12 July 1996).

Seminar on pension system reforms, sponsored by the Centre for Studies on the State and Society (CEDES) of Argentina. Made a presentation (Buenos Aires, 12-13 August 1996).

Seminar on privatization of social security: a mechanism for promoting savings, organized by the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA), the Institute for International Economic Studies (IEEI) and the European Commission. Presented a paper on pension reform and savings, the Chilean experience (Lisbon, 23-24 September 1996).

Fourth Congress on Political Science, organized by the Political Science Association. Participated in the panel discussion on Latin America and Asia-Pacific, (Viña del Mar, Chile, 3-4 October 1996)

Seminar on coordination of economic and social policies, organized by the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD), the Latin American Economic System (SELA) and UNESCO (La Paz, 8-12 October 1996).

Seminar on the new pension system, workers' interests and implications for Latin America, organized by the Programme for the Economy of Labour (PET), the University of the Academy of Christian Humanism and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Chile made a presentation on pension system reforms (Santiago, Chile, 15 October 1996).

Seminar on health system reforms in Latin America, organized by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ). Made a presentation on the seminar topic (Bonn, Germany, 2-9 November 1996).

Workshop on analysing the impact of the Uruguay Round agreements on development, organized by UNCTAD (Geneva, 3-4 March 1997).

Technical meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Twenty-four on International Monetary Affairs, organized by the Central Bank of Venezuela. Made presentations on macroeconomic shocks and income distribution and on policies to promote saving (Isla Margarita, Venezuela, 3-8 March 1997).

Seminar on emerging issues in international trade relations, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), with support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Buenos Aires, 21-22 April 1997).

Project-planning-by-objective (ZOPP) technical workshop on social security reforms and their economic and social viability in Latin America, organized by GTZ (Santiago, Chile, 21-22 April 1997).

Seminar on pension funds: a new development factor in Latin America, organized by the Brazilian Pension Fund Association (ABRAPP) (São Paulo, 22-23 April 1997).

First Congress of Binational Chambers of Commerce in Latin America, organized by the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry under the auspices of the European Commission (Montevideo, 2-3 May 1997).

Plenary Congress of Chile, organized by the Government of Chile (Valparaíso, Chile, 21 May 1997).

International seminar on health sector reforms in countries of Latin America and Europe, organized by PAHO and the Ministry of Public Health of Ecuador (Quito, 14-17 July 1997).

Third national meeting of the Productive Development Forum, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile (Reñaca, Chile, 21-22 August 1997).

Forum on trade and investment policy between Mercosur/Chile and Asia-Pacific, organized by the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL) (Mendoza, Argentina, 1-2 September 1997).

Seminar-workshop on microenterprises and social security, organized by the Integrated Pension Programme of the Office of the Second Vice President of the Republic of Costa Rica. Made a

presentation on social security coverage with reference to problems of incentives or social exclusion (San José, 2-6 September 1997).

Seminar on health and social security, organized by the Venezuelan Congress and the Governor's Office of the State of Aragua. Made a presentation (Caracas, 5 November 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Brazil

With the Ministry of Health, through PAHO, on financing health care.

Costa Rica

With the Government, in the area of micro-enterprises and social security, as part of the comprehensive pension reform project.

Chile

With the Central Bank of Chile, under the agreement between ECLAC and the Central Bank on bank regulation and subordinated debt.

Cuba

With the Government, in conjunction with ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico, on the preparation of a study on the labour sector and social security policy in the Cuban economy.

With the Ministry of Finance and Pricing, on quantitative methods for working out macroeconomic planning models.

El Salvador

With the Office of the Vice President of the Republic, in support of its modernization initiatives in connection with reforms to the financial system, under project ELS/96/001, "Support for strengthening the institution of the Office of the Vice President".

Guatemala

With the General Secretariat of the National Council for Economic Planning (SEGEPLAN), the Bank of Guatemala and the Ministry of Public Finance on the evaluation of available macroeconomic planning models and proposals for possible improvements, under the joint project between SEGEPLAN and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ).

Honduras

With the Central Bank of Honduras, in assessing existing pension schemes and options for reform.

Mexico

With the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, the Ministry of Health and the Mexican Social Security Institute, on health sector reforms.

Venezuela

With the Ministry of Planning and Coordination, in an analysis of the macroeconomic adjustment policy.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Classes for the Master's Programme in economic development in Latin America, offered at the Ibero-American Campus of the International University of Andalusia, in collaboration with the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) (Seville, Spain, 10-19 June 1996).

Classes for the employment and social security module of the international postgraduate course in population and sustainable development, organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, June and July 1996).

Classes for the modules on pension system reforms; health system reforms; regulation of financial institutions and access by small firms to the financial system; and poverty and income distribution; as part of the fourth international course on economic reforms and strategic public management offered by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, October and November 1996).

Classes on the theory of international trade and open-market macroeconomics given as part of the Master's programme in economics offered jointly by Carleton University and the University of Havana (Havana, 28 June-20 July 1996; 3-24 May 1997).

Classes in monetary policy and social and income distribution policies given as part of the Master's Programme in Public Policy of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, May, June and August 1997).

Course in international trade given at the National University of Central Buenos Aires Province (Tandil, Argentina, 26-27 November 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 6: NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

The work of this subprogramme continued to be focused on improving institutional management; defining the functions of the State, especially with respect to privatization and regulation; contributing to the design and application of public policies for integrated natural resource management; and providing support for the regional implementation of international agreements relating to natural resource and energy management.

In the area of negotiating and implementing international agreements on the environment, analysis continued of a number of agreements with the aim of improving countries' capacity to prepare for and participate in future debates, applying the strategies set forth in Agenda 21.

During the biennium, efforts were directed at strengthening regional technical mechanisms of analysis and consultation charged with ensuring implementation of international legal and political instruments relating to sustainable development, among them the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the agreements on the implementation of its provisions relating to high seas fisheries and seabeds; the Agreement on Biological Diversity, particularly as it applies to coastal and marine ecosystems; the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, including support for the regional cooperation network for technology development and transfer; the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities; and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, particularly with respect to the need to predict the impact of natural phenomena.

The subprogramme has developed substantial technical assistance capability in integrated coastal zone management, employing an approach that incorporates the concept into a country's general sustainable development strategy and takes into consideration the interrelationship between coastal zones, interior watersheds and the wide ecosystems, in keeping with the objectives of chapter 17 of Agenda 21.

Advisory assistance was provided for the drafting of legislation on mining, energy, water resources and marine resources. In this regard, the subprogramme not only participated in debates on these topics at universities, but also provided direct support to national legislatures and ministries. Laws on natural resources and energy in the region were compiled and subjected to comparative analysis.

On the subject of reform, regulation and privatization of public utilities, papers were presented at seminars in Brazil, Costa Rica, Peru and Venezuela.

In the area of water resource management, advisory assistance was provided on privatization of public utilities, especially with respect to regulation of monopolies. As in the past, the subprogramme supported the formation of watershed authorities to promote multiple use of water resources and followed up on implementation of the recommendations of chapter 18 of Agenda 21 in the countries of the region.

The subprogramme continued to contribute to the Inter-American Dialogue on Water Management and gave courses on management for sustainable development at a number of institutions in the region. Especially valuable was the support provided to several municipalities in the management of watersheds, coastal areas and other natural zones.

ECLAC, along with the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE), continued to support an ongoing project on energy and sustainable development funded by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ). The project is broad in scope and covers such areas as energy and equity; energy and economic growth; energy and the environment; and reform, privatization and regulation of the energy sector.

(i) Documents

Progress achieved by the Latin American and Caribbean countries in the implementation of the recommendations made in chapter 18 of Agenda 21 on integrated water resources management (LC/G.1917).

Report of the Meeting of the Group of Experts on the implementation of Agenda 21 with respect to integrated water resources management in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 12-14 December, 1995) (LC/G.1927(SEM.85/3)).

Reflexiones sobre estrategias territoriales para el desarrollo sostenible (LC/G.1944).

Las reformas energéticas en América Latina, Medio ambiente y desarrollo series, No. 1 (LC/L.1020).

Private participation in the provision of water services. Alternative means for private participation in the provision of water services, Medio ambiente y desarrollo series, No. 2 (LC/L.1024).

Management procedures for sustainable development (applicable to municipalities, micro-regions and river basins) (LC/L.1053).

El Acuerdo de las Naciones Unidas sobre Pesca en Alta Mar. Una perspectiva regional a dos años de su firma, Medio ambiente y desarrollo series, No. 4 (LC/L.1069).

Informe del seminario regional “El papel de las fuentes nuevas y renovables de energía en el desarrollo sustentable de América Latina y el Caribe: el caso de la geotermia” (Santiago, Chile, 18-20 October 1995) (LC/R.1617).

Las fuentes de energía nuevas y renovables (FENR): una opción energética (LC/R.1619).

Conceptualización, modelaje y operacionalización del desarrollo sustentable: ¿tarea factible? (LC/R.1620).

La geotermia: una opción energética para el desarrollo sustentable (LC/R.1621).

Tendencias del mercado petrolero mundial y sus implicancias en la inversión extranjera de la industria petrolera de los países de América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1628).

Reformas mineras y políticas para promover la inversión en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1634).

Regulation of the private provisions of public water-related services (LC/R.1635).

Energía y desarrollo en América Latina y el Caribe: síntesis del estudio de caso sobre Chile (LC/R.1644).

Uso eficiente de la energía en la minería chilena del cobre (LC/R.1648).

Informe del Taller de trabajo “Reformas y alianzas estratégicas para el uso eficiente de la energía en América Latina y el Caribe” (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 May 1996) (LC/R.1661).

La política de borde costero como un instrumento de desarrollo sostenible. Análisis desde la normativa ambiental internacional y regional (LC/R.1662).

Progress in the privatization of water-related public services: a country-by-country review for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1697).

Progress in the privatization of water-related public services: a country-by-country review for South America (LC/R.1697/Add.1).

La minería de América Latina y el Caribe en el contexto mundial (LC/R.1702).

El Convenio sobre la Diversidad Biológica y la agenda marina internacional: tres escenarios negociadores para la conservación y uso sostenible de la biodiversidad costera y marina (LC/R.1714).

La variable ambiental en la inversión minera transnacional. El caso del cobre en Chile (LC/R.1719).

La legislación minera de los países de América Latina (LC/R.1720).

Globalización, reformas y competitividad en la minería de América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1721).

Proceedings of the Workshop on issues in the privatization of water utilities in the Americas (Santiago, Chile, 4-6 October 1995) (LC/R.1722 and Add.1).

Contribuciones al Taller sobre aspectos de la privatización de las empresas de servicios públicos relacionadas con el agua en las Américas (LC/R.1723).

Análisis de la legislación eléctrica en América Latina (LC/R.1726).

Creación de entidades de cuenca en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1739).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Workshop on reforms and strategic alliances for efficient use of energy in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 May 1996).

Regional workshop on conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine biodiversity (Tamandaré, Brazil, 6-11 October 1996).

Workshop on protected coastal and marine areas at the first Latin American Congress on National Parks and Other Protected Areas, organized jointly with FAO and the World Conservation Union (Santa Marta, Colombia, 26-28 May 1997).

Regional seminar on the project “Development of geothermal energy in Latin America and the Caribbean”, organized with Directorate-General XVII (SYNERGY Programme) of the European Union (Santiago, Chile, 10-12 November 1997).

Second workshop for managers of watershed authorities in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France (Santiago, Chile, 11-13 November 1997).

Regional seminar on economic aspects of coastal and marine biodiversity (Santiago, Chile, 1-3 December 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar on environmental impact as an indicator of regional development, organized by the Department of Research and Development of the Austral University of Chile (Valdivia, Chile, 15-16 January 1996).

Workshop on opportunities and challenges in the dynamic Latin American mining sector, organized by the Institute of the Americas, the United States Agency for International Development, the National Mining Association (United States) and the Colorado School of Mines (Arizona, United States of America, 6-8 February 1996).

Seminar on the regulatory framework for geothermal energy, organized by the Department of Energy of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 12 March 1996).

First general meeting of the International Network of Watershed Authorities, organized by the National Water Commission of Mexico and the Government of France (Morelia, Mexico, 26-29 March 1996).

Conference on electric power: Peru 96, organized by the Ministry of Energy and Mines of Peru (Lima, 15-19 April 1996).

Seminar on regulation of the electric power industry and of utilities, organized by the National Electricity Service of Costa Rica (San José, 23-26 April 1996).

Third session of the Committee on Natural Resources of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (New York, 4-17 May 1996).

World Meteorological Organization (WMO) conference on evaluation of water resources in Latin America and the Caribbean: national outlooks (San José, 6-7 May 1996).

Consultative workshop on strategies for integrated management of water resources, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (San José, 6-7 May 1996).

Regional workshop on economic appraisal of biological diversity, organized by the Government of Canada and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 6-9 May 1996).

First Conference of Ministers for Mines of the Americas, organized by the Ministry of Mining of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 15 May 1996).

Seminar entitled “Water, a sustainable outlook”, organized by the Municipality of Coyhaique and the Asociación Chilena de Municipalidades (Coyhaique, Chile, 4-5 June 1996).

Seminar on the incorporation of environmental factors in coastal management, organized by the National Environment Commission of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 June 1996).

Regional seminar on energy and development, organized by the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) (Rio de Janeiro, 22-25 June 1996).

Third Energy Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean (ENERLAC 96), organized by OLADE (Rio de Janeiro, 24-27 June 1996).

International seminar on strategic urban planning and design, organized by the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and the Santiago Development Corporation (Santiago, Chile, 26-28 June 1996).

Conference on “Latin America and the European Union: partners in energy”, organized by the Ministry of Energy and Mines of Venezuela and the European Commission (Caracas, 27-29 June 1996).

Seminar on national policy on the use of the Chilean coastline, organized by the Department of the Navy (Santiago, Chile, 30-31 July 1996).

Second Inter-American Dialogue on Water Management, organized by the Department of Natural Resources and Human Environment, the National Institute of Water Sciences and Technology of Argentina and the Organization of American States (OAS) (Buenos Aires, 1-6 September 1996).

Workshop on freshwater ecosystems, organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature (Buenos Aires, 2-3 September 1996).

International week for energy efficiency: a European-Andean seminar on competitiveness and rational use of energy in industry, and an international symposium entitled “Energy efficiency: a strategic option to improve competitiveness in productive enterprise”. Organized by the Energy Conservation Centre (CENERGIA) and the Ministry of Energy and Mines of Peru, the World Bank, the Peruvian Centre for the Promotion of Copper (PROCOBRE), the Board of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC), the School of Engineering, the National Association of Industries, Electricidad del Norte (ELEDNOR) and Luz del Sur (Lima, 23-28 September 1996).

Conference on reform and modernization of the drinking-water sector, organized by the IDB (San Pedro Sula, Honduras, 29 September-1 October 1996).

Regional initiative for an environmental research programme for the Lake Maracaibo river basin, organized by the Institute for the Conservation of the Lake Maracaibo River Basin (ICLAM) (Maracaibo, Venezuela, 7-11 October 1996).

Seventh Brazilian energy conference and second Latin American energy seminar, organized by the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the Latin American Association of Energy Planners (ALAPE) (Rio de Janeiro, 22-25 October 1996).

National Network for River Basin Management (REDNAMAC), organized by REDNAMAC (Lima, 22-26 October 1996).

Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, organized by the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Buenos Aires, 4-15 November 1996).

Tenth Meeting of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (Buenos Aires, 11-12 November 1996).

International seminar on gold mining in Argentina, organized by the magazine Panorama minero and the office of the Under-Secretary for Mining of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Public Works and Services of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 12-19 November 1996).

Inaugural meeting of the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Rural Energy Group for Sustainable Development (GLAERS), organized by the National Electricity Plants and Distribution Administration (UTE) of Uruguay and by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (Montevideo, 20-22 November 1996).

Twenty-seventh Ministerial Meeting of OLADE (Guatemala City, 21-22 November 1996).

Seminar on management of water resources, organized by the Department of Water and the Department of Irrigation of the Ministry of Public Works of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 2-5 December 1996).

Workshop on sustainable development and management of watersheds, organized by the National Department for Water Resources and Electric Energy (DNAEE) of the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Brazil, the Ministry of the Environment, Water Resources and the Amazon Treaty Region and the Bureau for Regional Cooperation for the Southern Cone of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France (Rio de Janeiro, 4-6 December 1996).

Symposium on water sector capacity building, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Economic Development Institute (EDI) of the World Bank (Delft, the Netherlands, 4-6 December 1996).

Second meeting of the Regional Coordination Centre for Training and Technology Transfer of the Basel Convention, organized by the National Department of the Environment of Uruguay (Montevideo, 20-23 January 1997).

Twenty-fourth annual conference of the Water Resources Planning and Management Division of the American Society of Civil Engineers of the United States of America (Houston, Texas, 5-10 April 1997).

National workshop for the implementation of the Basel Convention and management of hazardous wastes, organized by the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of Cuba and the secretariat of the Basel Convention (Havana, 28 April-1 May 1997).

Seminar-workshop on the work of watershed bodies on water resources management: experience in Latin America, organized by the National Council for Water Resources of Ecuador, and sponsored by the Embassy of France in Ecuador (Quito, 2-6 June 1997).

Interparliamentary Conference on Mining and Energy in Latin America, organized by the Mining Committee of the Senate of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 4-6 June 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

On the organization and development of the consultative workshop on integrated management strategies for water resources; legal aspects and the social and economic role of water, and preparation of a draft on water rights.

World Bank

On legal and institutional aspects of water resources management.

Inter-American Center for Development and Environmental and Territorial Research (CIDIAT)

In the area of privatization of water-related utilities and appropriate regulatory frameworks.

Permanent South Pacific Commission (CPPS)

Concerning subregional and regional cooperation arrangements for the implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

European Union

With the programme "Latin America for Rational Energy Use" (ALURE)

Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Through the Small Grants Programme, on project assessment.

Global Water Partnership (GWP)

On institutional aspects of water resources legislation and on integrated management of water resources in Latin America.

Truman Institute-Hebrew University

On legal aspects of water resources management.

Latin American Mining Organization (OLAMI)

Relating to mining legislation.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

(i) on preparing a proposal for a rural development project in dry areas of the coastal mountain range of the Sixth Region of Chile; and

(ii) on drafting guidelines for the administration of the coastal and marine systems of protected areas.

Latin American Fisheries Development Organization (OLDEPESCA)

With the Executive Secretariat of OLDEPESCA, on legal and business aspects relating to the administration of fisheries resources.

Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE)

On aspects relating to OLADE/ECLAC project FRG/94/S03 on energy and development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and on coordination and review of the documents “Energy and sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean; approaches to energy policy” and “Modernización del sector energético: privatización, integración y comercio exterior en América Latina y el Caribe”.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

On legal and institutional aspects relating to water resources management.

Argentina

With the Mendoza Department of Irrigation, in the area of legislation and management of underground water and the evaluation of the water-use plan for the province.

With the office of the Under-Secretary for Mining of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Public Works and Services, regarding the development of geothermal resources and mining legislation.

Brazil

With the Companhia de Gestão de Recursos Hídricos (COGERH), on legal aspects of water rights and integrated management.

With the Technical Agency for the Southern R o Para ba Basin, regarding river-basin water management systems.

With the Ministry of Mines and Energy, regarding energy policies in connection with sustainable development.

Bolivia

With the Department of Energy of the Ministry of Economic Development, concerning energy policies in connection with sustainable development and aspects related to the ECLAC/European Commission project on geothermal resources development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

With the Foreign Policy Analysis Unit of the Ministry of Foreign and Religious Affairs, for the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea relating to access to the sea for landlocked States.

Cambodia

With the Government, in the area of legislation and institutional aspects of water resources management.

Chile

With the Empresa Metropolitana de Obras Sanitarias, on the preparation of a workshop-course on watershed management and on privatization of water-related utilities.

With the Regional Ministerial Office for Housing and Town Planning of Region VIII, for cooperation on the project "Management of sustainable development of the greater municipal area of Concepci n".

With the Caleta de Pescadores Artesanales de Quintay, on a project to elaborate an environmental management plan for the development of the community of Quintay as a result of the construction of a tourist complex, financed by UNDP and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

With the National Environment Commission (CONAMA), relating to incorporation of environmental factors in coastal management.

With the Ministry of Public Health, on legal aspects concerning the interpretation and implementation at the national level of the Basel Convention and negotiation in related forums.

With the Municipality of San Pedro de Atacama, relating to cultural and anthropological considerations in the assessment of environmental impact, and to the aspects of Agenda 21 related to the rural environment and the peasantry.

With the Confederación de Pescadores Artesanales de Chile, on the negotiation of new areas of activity of the Permanent South Pacific Commission.

With the Sindicato de Trabajadores Tripulantes de Naves Especiales de la Región XI de Chile, on the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing and the United Nations and the United Nations agreement on high seas fisheries.

With Fundación Chile, at a conference on the physical and institutional framework for resolving conflicts between supply and demand: watersheds, Latin American and worldwide experience.

With the Energy and Mining Committees of the Senate of Chile, on aspects relating to electric power reforms and regulatory frameworks in Latin America.

With the National Energy Commission, regarding water rights and their implications for electric power generation.

With the Association of Chilean Municipalities, on advisory services regarding local coastline management.

With the Centre for Information on Science and Technology of the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences of the University of Chile, on the elaboration of a proposal for the establishment of the Chilean focal point of the UNDP programme Sustainable Development Network.

China

With the Government, in the area of legislation for water and water-related utilities.

Colombia

With the Colombian Oceanographic Commission, on structuring an integral maritime policy for Colombia and the application of international environmental agreements and of Agenda 21 (continuing activity within the framework of the cooperation agreement between ECLAC and the Commission).

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines, on mining legislation.

Costa Rica

With the National Electricity Service, on legal and economic aspects of the regulation of utilities and water rights systems.

Cuba

With the National Energy Department of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning, regarding energy-saving measures, reforms and regulation.

With the Government, on analysis of institutional choices for the operation and maintenance of drinking-water and sanitation systems.

With the Centre for Environmental Management and Inspection, on the interpretation and implementation of the Basel Convention and its compatibility with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the conventions of the International Maritime Organization from the viewpoint of developing island States.

Ecuador

With the National Council for Water Resources, on the preparation of Ecuador's water legislation and the privatization of water- and sanitation-related utilities.

With the Office of the Under-Secretary for Electricity of the Ministry of Energy and Mines, on legislation governing geothermal resources.

El Salvador

With the Vice-Presidency of the Republic, on the design of strategies to promote sustainable development and of the basis for creating a watershed authority for the river Lempa.

Honduras

With the Department of Water Resources, on reviewing the text of a draft law on water, and on aspects concerning the structure of water rights, their connection with public services, the administrative regime, and the creation of a financial system for the efficient running of water-resources management services.

Italy

With the National Hydrocarbons Authority (ENI) of Italy and the Centre for International Political Studies, in the area of oil-industry restructuring, the new framework for the oil and gas business in the countries of Latin America, the development of new and renewable energy sources, and the promotion of foreign investment in the mining and oil industries.

With the Italian-Latin American Institute (IILA), in the running of a workshop on the formulation of projects in integrated watershed management for sustainable development. Participants in the workshop included IDB, Italian government officials, and heads of watershed bodies from the countries of the Southern Cone of Latin America.

Mexico

With the Department of Mines, regarding mining legislation.

With the Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries, on legislation concerning water and water-related utilities.

Netherlands

With the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Amsterdam, on the preparation of a study on the application of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the region, particularly regarding aspects related to access to genetic resources.

Nicaragua

With the Energy Committee of the Legislative Assembly, on the new electric-power law and the laws creating regulatory bodies for the energy sector, and with the Nicaraguan Energy Institute, on legal and institutional aspects of the geothermal-energy sector.

With the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, regarding water legislation.

Panama

With the National Environment Commission (CONAMA), concerning aspects relating to assessment of impact on the marine and coastal environment and the adaptation of the instruments of the Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South-East Pacific to the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

With the National Institute for Renewable Natural Resources (INRENARE), concerning water rights, their connection with public services, the quality protection system and the creation of a financial system for effective implementation of water-resources management services.

Paraguay

With the Government, concerning water legislation and institutional aspects of water-resources management.

Peru

With the Congressional Commission on Energy and Mines, the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Energy Conservation Centre (CENERGIA), concerning legislation on geothermal energy, efficient use of energy and promotion of renewable sources, and aspects relating to the ECLAC/European Commission project on geothermal resources development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

With the Government, the Ministry of Agriculture and the office of the Superintendent of Sanitation Services (SUNASS), concerning legislation and privatization in the area of water utilities; with the Mayor of Lima and the mayors of the river Rímac, on reducing pollution in the river Rímac; with the National Institute of Natural Resources and the National Environment Council, on the organization of watershed authorities and the design and implementation of an environmental management system; and with the water-resources management project of the Ministry of Agriculture, on the structure of a watershed body for the river Santa.

With the Regional Institute for Support of Water Resources Management (IRAGER), Grau Region, in the preparation of a master plan for the Chira-Piura integrated watershed.

With the Technical Committee of the National Network for River Basin Management (REDNAMAC), on integrated river basin management.

With the Congressional Commission on the Environment, on the elaboration of a draft constitutional law on use of natural resources.

South Africa

With the Government, on legal aspects of water resources management and on water-related utilities.

Spain

With the Centre for Energy and Water Research of the Technological Institute of the Canary Islands, on energy development.

Uruguay

With the National Department of the Environment, on aspects relating to the implementation of the Basel convention and negotiation in connected forums, and in relation to the establishment of the network of regional centres for training and technology transfer (a continuous activity requested by the Ministry of Housing, Land Management and Environment).

Venezuela

With the Electrical Development Foundation (FUNDELEC), on aspects of regulation, energy-sector reforms, privatization and water legislation.

With the Institute for the Conservation of the Lake Maracaibo River Basin (ICLAM), on the elaboration of a proposal for integrated management of the Lake Maracaibo river basin.

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines, the Central Office for Coordination and Planning (CORDIPLAN) and the Mining Association of Venezuela, in the area of mining legislation.

Yemen

With the Government, for the elaboration of water legislation.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Classes on models and functioning of sustainable development, as part of the postgraduate course on environmental training organized by the Latin American Faculty of Environmental Sciences (FLACAM), for participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (La Plata, Argentina, 11-13 April 1996).

Classes on management of watersheds and coastal areas in the Master's programme in Human Settlements and the Environment of the Faculty of Architecture and Fine Arts at the Catholic University of

Chile, for participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Spain (Santiago, Chile, April 1996 and April 1997).

Classes as part of the subregional course on integrated management for water-resources administrators, organized by the Inter-American Center for Development and Environmental and Territorial Research (CIDIAT), for participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (Lima, 1-28 July 1996).

Classes on integrated management of watersheds in the Masters programme in Economics, Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Concepción, for participants from Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru (Concepción, Chile, 29 August 1996).

Classes in local management of sustainable development in the course on decentralization and local management for the countries of Central America, organized jointly by the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Government of Honduras through its Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget (SECPLAN) and with UNDP support, for participants from Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Peru (Tegucigalpa, 1-5 October 1996).

Classes in management methods for guidance of rural sustainable development in the course-seminar on rural sustainable development and management of agricultural enterprise, organized by Austral University of Chile and the project "Management of Agricultural Enterprise and Rural Sustainable Development" (ALFA GEASUD), sponsored by the European Union, for participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru (Valdivia, Chile, 19-22 November 1996).

Classes as part of the twenty-sixth Latin American Course on Energy Economics and Planning, organized by the Energy Economics Institute of the Bariloche Foundation, for participants from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bariloche, Argentina, 12-14 December 1996).

Classes in theory and practice of regulation, such as water and electric power regulation, in the regional course in regulation of privatized utilities, organized by CIDIAT and IDB, for participants from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (Mérida, Venezuela, 14-18 July 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 7: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The work being conducted under this subprogramme continued to move forward within the overall framework of the region's efforts to implement Agenda 21, to follow up on the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and to fulfil the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Human Settlements.

The relevant activities were carried out in coordination with subprogramme 6 (natural resources and energy), particularly in those areas of the subprogramme's work relating to the implementation of multilateral agreements, with special emphasis on those concerning transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and the conservation of biodiversity. Many of the varied activities of the ECLAC and German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project on the environmentally sound management of urban and industrial waste also tied in with the analytical and other work being done to strengthen regional cooperation in connection with the implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal in collaboration with the Convention's secretariat. In relation to the Convention on Biological Diversity and chapter 15 of Agenda 21, a number of activities were conducted to further the application of these instruments in marine and coastal areas.

The question of environmental policy's repercussions on international trade has been an important area of cooperation between the Environment and Development Division and the International Trade, Finance and Transport Division. The activities undertaken in this field primarily concerned the analysis of environmental aspects of subregional economic integration agreements (particularly Mercosur) and of the interaction between international trade and the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The assistance of the Statistics and Economic Projections Division was invaluable in carrying forward the subprogramme's environmental information activities, since the country's statistical offices are the agencies in charge of coordinating and centralizing a wide array of indicators and other data and of exploring the possibility of integrating those statistics into national accounts systems that include environmental variables. Issues relating to the types of environmental information needed for purposes of urban management were examined under project ITA/95/S71 on urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America and the Caribbean, which is being funded by the Government of Italy. The project's first regional technical seminar was held in 1996 and was attended by officials from the participating municipalities (Córdoba, Argentina; Cuzco, Peru; Manizales, Colombia; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; Ouro Preto, Brazil; and Valdivia, Chile). In 1997, the second phase of the project was conducted and the second regional technical seminar was organized and held by ECLAC and the Government of Italy (Santiago, Chile, 4-5 December 1997).

In the field of human settlements, a joint project launched by ECLAC and the Government of the Netherlands to examine proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector of Latin America and the Caribbean was brought to completion with the publication of a document entitled, "Producción de vivienda en América Latina y el Caribe: áreas de interés para una política habitacional innovativa".

In addition, the document entitled "Human settlements: the shelter of development" was updated and revised for submission to the sixth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the

Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San José, Costa Rica, from 26 to 28 November 1997.

(i) Documents

Report of the Latin American and Caribbean regional meeting preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (Santiago, Chile, 13-17 November 1995) (LC/G.1889(Conf.85/4)).

Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Human Settlements (LC/G.1912).

Report of the regional seminar on economic instruments for environmental management in Latin America and the Caribbean (Oaxtepec, State of Morelos, Mexico, 18-20 July 1995) (LC/L.928).

Situación de la vivienda en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/L.971).

Producción de vivienda en América Latina y el Caribe: áreas de interés para una política habitacional innovativa (LC/L.972).

Los materiales de construcción: base industrial de la producción de viviendas en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/L.978).

Latinoamérica y el Caribe: vivienda para todos e innovación tecnológica (LC/L.982).

Ciudades intermedias y gestión urbana en Europa (LC/L.1022).

Report of the Fifth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean (Kingston, Jamaica, 12-15 November 1996) (LC/L.1050).

Situación de la vivienda en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1613).

Construcción de vivienda de bajo costo en Chile: el caso de Rancagua (LC/R.1616).

Aspectos económicos y sociales en la gestión de los residuos sólidos urbanos: situación y perspectivas en América Latina (LC/R.1618).

Bases para una política nacional de producción de vivienda en Bolivia: una propuesta participativa (LC/R.1627).

La industria de materiales de construcción para la vivienda en Chile (LC/R.1629).

Costo del crédito hipotecario para la vivienda en Chile (LC/R.1632).

Perú: políticas de vivienda (LC/R.1636).

Arquitectura pública en Chile: el caso del liceo agrícola de Máfil (LC/R.1637).

Recuperación y densificación urbana: el caso de Copiapó (LC/R.1638).

Actividades de cooperación técnica entre países de América Latina sobre la gestión ambientalmente adecuada de los residuos (LC/R.1647).

Gestión urbana en ciudades intermedias. Informe final del estudio de caso: Valdivia, Chile (LC/R.1649).

Gestión urbana en ciudades intermedias: avances y perspectivas de la gestión urbana; el caso del Municipio de la ciudad de Córdoba (LC/R.1650).

Gestión urbana en ciudades intermedias. Informe final del estudio de caso: Cuzco, Perú (LC/R.1652).

Gestión urbana en ciudades intermedias. Relatório final: Ouro Preto (LC/R.1653).

Gestión urbana en ciudades intermedias. Informe final del estudio de caso: Manizales, Colombia (LC/R.1654).

Report of the Fourth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 November 1995) (LC/R.1656).

Regulatory and economic instruments in Latin America and the Caribbean: A summary of 18 studies (LC/R.1659).

Intervenciones en vivienda y desarrollo urbano en Chile: un enfoque integral (LC/R.1673).

Hacia una política pública de conservación y de uso del patrimonio arquitectónico (LC/R.1674).

Construcción de vivienda de bajo costo en Perú: casos Los Precursores y Santa Rosa (LC/R.1675).

Cuba: un nuevo modelo productivo de viviendas bajo un enfoque sustentable (LC/R.1676).

La descentralización territorial en América Latina y el Caribe: elementos para la discusión (LC/R.1681).

Tarificación diferenciada de residuos sólidos domiciliarios: el caso de la tarifización por unidad en Chile (LC/R.1683).

El marco jurídico ambiental de la gestión de residuos en países seleccionados de América Latina (LC/R.1684).

Análisis comparativo de la gestión urbana en las ciudades intermedias de Cusco, Manizales, Ouro Preto, Puerto España y Valdivia (LC/R.1688).

La sensibilización, información y educación para el desarrollo sustentable en América Latina: su vínculo con la gestión ambientalmente adecuada de los residuos (LC/R.1689).

Aspectos económicos de la gestión de residuos (LC/R.1694).

Report of the regional technical seminar on the project, “Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America and the Caribbean”, Santiago, Chile, 24-25 July 1996 (LC/R.1703).

Reflexiones sobre la implementación de una política municipal de recuperación urbana (LC/R.1708).

El ordenamiento territorial como instrumento de la gestión ambiental: el caso de los residuos sólidos (LC/R.1709).

Informe del Taller regional sobre el Libro-Síntesis del proyecto “Políticas para la gestión ambientalmente adecuada de residuos sólidos urbanos e industriales”, Santiago de Chile, 5 al 7 de agosto de 1996 (LC/R.1712).

Las ciudades intermedias. Políticas y lineamientos para la acción (LC/R.1715).

Auditoría ambiental a una empresa metalmecánica (LC/R.1733).

El marco institucional ambiental para una política de gestión de residuos en países seleccionados de América Latina: análisis a la luz de la experiencia internacional (LC/R.1736).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Workshop to assess specific environmental management projects of the Intendancy of Metropolitan Quito (Quito, 22-23 January 1996).

National seminars on project ITA/95/S71, “Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America” (Valdivia, Chile, 27-30 March 1996; Manizales, Colombia, 10-16 April 1996; Cuzco, Peru, 17-21 April 1996; Ouro Preto, Brazil, 12-15 May 1996; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 22-26 May 1996).

National seminar under project HOL/90/S38, “Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America” (Córdoba, Argentina, 1-4 April 1996).

Project-planning-by-objectives (ZOPP) seminar on updating the environmental action plan for the City of Cartagena held under ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/95/S69, “Guidelines and consultancy services on controlled environmentally sound waste management” (phase III), conducted with the cooperation of the Regional Autonomous Corporation of the Canal del Dique (CARDIQUE) and the Environment Administration of the District of Cartagena (DAMARENA) (Cartagena, Colombia, 10-14 June 1996).

Meeting on rate-setting for household waste disposal, organized jointly with the National Environment Commission (CONAMA) (Santiago, Chile, 23 July 1996).

Regional technical seminar on project ITA/95/S71, “Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America” (Santiago, Chile, 24-25 July 1996).

Regional seminar-workshop on the summary document for ECLAC/GTZ project, “Guidelines and consultancy services on controlled environmentally sound waste management” (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 August 1996).

Talk by Mr. Karl-Göran Mäler of the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics on economic instruments, property rights and environmental policies (Santiago, Chile, 27 September 1996).

Seminar on the use of economic instruments and environmental impact assessments in environmentally sound management of urban and industrial waste, held jointly by ECLAC/GTZ and the Municipality of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina, 5-6 December 1996).

Fourth Expert Group Meeting on Financial Issues of Agenda 21, organized by the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations under the auspices of ECLAC and IDB, and sponsored by the Governments of the Netherlands and Chile (Santiago, Chile, 8-10 January 1997).

Meeting on recommendations for compliance with the Rio 92 commitments, organized jointly with UNDP and the United Nations High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development (Santiago, Chile, 18 June 1997).

Seminar-workshop on the impact of Mercosur on land use, organized jointly with the Ministerial Committee on Urban Development and Land-use Management of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 4-6 August 1997).

Second regional technical seminar on the project, “Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America” (Cuzco, Peru, 4-5 December 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Technical meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Regional Recycling Programme, promoted by the Government of the Metropolitan Region, organized by the National Environment Commission (CONAMA), the Manufacturers’ Association (SOFOFA) and the Municipality of La Reina (Santiago, Chile, 9 January 1996).

First Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, organized by the Department of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 24-26 January 1996).

Seminar on economic incentives for the control of environmental pollution, organized by the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States (Santiago, Chile, 5 March 1996).

Seminar on free trade and environment policies in Chile and their impact on pollution and urban health, organized by the Centre for Applied Economics of the Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 13 March 1996).

Fifth meeting of the Inter-American Group for Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Natural Resources (Patzcuaro, Michoacán, Mexico, 18-21 March 1996).

Seminar on the prevention and environmental management of solid industrial and mining waste, organized by the United States Embassy and sponsored by the National Environment Commission (CONAMA), the Manufacturers' Association (SOFOFA) and the National Mining Society of Chile (SONAMI) (Santiago, Chile, 21 March 1996).

Workshop on the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) foreign-trade data base, "Integrated Information System (SII)", organized by LAIA (Santiago, Chile, 16 April 1996).

Final meeting on the National Plan of Action, organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 19 April de 1996).

Seminar on consumer power, organized by UNEP and Tierramérica, at the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 23 April 1996).

Seminar on environmental constraints and challenges for international trade and development, organized by the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences and the Faculty of Science, Department of Ecological Sciences of the University of Chile. Presented a paper on trade and the environment (Santiago, Chile, 29-30 April 1996).

Third seminar in the serie "Dialogues on pollution control", organized by the United States Embassy (Santiago, Chile, 30 April 1996).

Regional workshop on economic valuation of biodiversity, organized by CONAMA, the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, and Environment Canada (Santiago, Chile, 6-9 May 1996).

Workshop for training municipal officers in urban management, organized by the Institute for Environmental Studies for Development (IDEADE) of the Pontifical Xaverian University of Colombia (Bogotá, 7-10 May 1996).

Seminar on environmental policy and international competitiveness in Chile, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 14 May 1996).

Meeting of the Inter-sessional Committee of the Ministerial Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 23 -24 May 1996).

Seminar on strategies for recycling solid waste, organized by the consultancy firm Consultora y Evaluadora de Proyectos y Programas CEDESCO Ltda., with the sponsorship of the Intendancy of the Metropolitan Region, the Council of the Americas and the University of Arts and Social Sciences (ARCIS) (Santiago, Chile, 1 June 1996).

Seminar on incorporating the environmental factor in coastal zone management, organized by the National Environment Commission (CONAMA) (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 June 1996).

Second Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, organized by the Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries (Mexico City, 17-19 June 1996).

Forum on housing and construction financing, organized by the Peruvian Construction Board (CAPECO) (Lima, 19 June 1996).

International seminar on planning and strategic urban management, organized by the Santiago Development Corporation, the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and the Regional Coordinating Unit for Latin America of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (Santiago, Chile, 26-28 June 1996).

Seminar on the theme, "Towards a State environmental policy-reflecting on the regional experience", organized by the National Environmental Commission (CONAMA) (Santiago, Chile, 27 June 1996).

Seminar on human settlements in Chile: post-Istanbul challenges, organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the technical and executive secretariat of Hábitat II-Chile (Santiago, Chile, 8 July 1996).

Panel discussion forum on Habitat II, organized by the Commission on Urban Development and the Environment of the Association of Architects of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 18 July 1996).

First meeting of postgraduates on development and land-use and urban development policies in Southern Cone countries, organized by the National University at La Plata (La Plata, Argentina, 2-3 September 1996).

Third Ajusco forum, organized by the College of Mexico, Harvard University and the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 4 -6 September 1996).

Symposium on housing research, organized by the School of Architecture of the Catholic University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 5 September 1996).

Seminar on agriculture, food and natural resources in Mercosur to the year 2020, organized by the Foundation of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology of Argentina (ARGENINTA) (Buenos Aires, 12-13 September 1996).

Latin American meeting on the production of low-cost housing, organized by the Latin American Foundation (FUNDAL) and the Department of Social Development (Mendoza, Argentina, 7-13 October 1996).

Second international seminar on disaster, environment and development, organized by the National Office for Emergencies (ONEMI) of the Ministry of the Interior and CONAMA (Santiago, Chile, 29-30 October 1996).

Seminar on solid waste management, organized by the Regional Environment Commission (COREMA), Region IX, the Municipality of Temuco and the Southern Chile Environment Corporation (Temuco, Chile, 30 October 1996).

Tenth Ministerial Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean (Buenos Aires, 31 October-2 November 1996).

Eleventh Latin American meeting on financing for housing and infrastructure, organized by the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE) and the Banco Hipotecario de Uruguay (Montevideo, 4-5 November 1996).

Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, organized by UNEP and the Department of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 4-8 November 1996).

Fifth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean (Kingston, Jamaica, 12-15 November 1996).

International forum of non-governmental organizations in follow-up to the Convention on Biological Diversity, organized by the Argentine Committee of Members of the World Conservation Union (Buenos Aires, 16-18 November 1996).

Round table on control of atmospheric pollution, organized by the Foreign Commercial Service of the United States Embassy and sponsored by the Manufacturers' Association (SOFOFA), the National Mining Society of Chile (SONAMI), and the National Environment Commission (CONAMA) (Santiago, Chile, 21 November 1996).

Public meeting on the plan for pollution control in Santiago, organized by CONAMA (Santiago, Chile, 25 November 1996).

Workshop on sustainable production and consumption: patterns and policies, organized by the Ministry of the Environment, Water Resources and the Amazon Treaty Region of Brazil and the Ministry for the Environment of the Kingdom of Norway (Brasilia, 25-28 November 1996).

Seminar on sustainable development and social communication, organized as part of the sustainable cities programme by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile (MINVU) and UNEP (Concepción, Chile, 7 December 1996).

Seminar on management of solid household waste, organized by the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (SUBDERE) of the Ministry of the Interior (Antofagasta, Chile, 10-12 December 1996).

Seminar entitled "Rio+5: from agenda to action", held to assess implementation within Mercosur of the commitments made at the Earth Summit, organized by the Institute of Political Ecology. Presented two papers, one on Mercosur's situation with respect to environmental issues and its prospects and challenges, and the other on the status of environmental agreements since Rio (Santiago, Chile, 20-22 January 1997).

International seminar on strategic municipal planning for sustainable development in Latin America: case studies and practical methods, organized by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA), the Latin American Centre for Local Government Training and Development (CELCADEL) and the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank (Bogotá, 21-24 January 1997).

Conference entitled “Dialogue between the European Union and the Rio Group for Sustainable Development”, organized by the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA), under the auspices of the European Commission and of the Netherlands as Chair of the Council of the European Union and Paraguay as Chair of the Interim Secretariat of the Rio Group. Presented a paper on trade and environment: the implementation of multilateral agreements (The Hague, Netherlands, 27-28 February 1997).

Fifth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (New York, 7-25 April 1997).

International seminar on rural-urban interaction and decentralized development, organized by FAO (Taxco, Mexico, 9-11 April 1997).

Seminar on environmental pollution in high-altitude cities, organized by the Municipality of Metropolitan Quito and the Union of Ibero-American Capitals (UCCI) (Quito, 16-18 April 1997).

Seminar on atmospheric pollution: experience of Los Angeles and Santiago, organized by the Instituto Chileno-Norteamericano (Santiago, Chile, 17 April 1997).

Third Meeting of Caribbean Ministers of Settlement and Shelter, convened by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Ministry of Labour, Human Services, Social Security and Housing of Guyana (Georgetown, Guyana, 17-18 April 1997).

Panel discussion meeting on regulation of environmental impact assessment and legal reform, organized by the Latin American Environmental Conflict Observatory (Santiago, Chile, 29 April 1997).

Conference on the theme, “Europe and Latin America: closer links in a changing world”, organized by the Institute for European-Latin-American Relations (IRELA) and the Wilton Park Conference. Presented a paper on sustained development: shared responsibilities (Sussex, United Kingdom, 12-16 May 1997).

Seminar-workshop on economic growth and sustainable development in Latin America, organized by the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank and the Centre for Public Policy Analysis of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 14-16 May 1997).

International seminar on environmental management and policies in the mining sector, organized by the Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Economics (CENRE) of the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, University of Chile, and the Ministry of Mining (Santiago, Chile, 3 June 1997).

Seminar entitled, “Five years after Rio” organized by Tierramérica, UNDP and FAO (Santiago, Chile, 5 June 1997).

Special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on Agenda 21, for a general study and assessment of its implementation (New York, 23-27 June 1997).

Seminar-workshop on the impact of Mercosur on land use and the environment, organized by the Ministerial Committee on Urban Development and Land-use Management of the Government of Chile. Presented a paper on the environmental aspects of international trade agreements (Santiago, Chile, 4-6 August 1997).

Seminar on new challenges for Chile in international cooperation, organized by the International Cooperation Agency of Chile and the Chile 21 Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 20 August 1997).

Forum on major urban environmental problems, organized by FAO, UNDP and UNEP (Santiago, Chile, 27 August 1997).

Lecture entitled "Declared or market valuations of environmental quality? Comparisons and integration", given by Professor Melville McMillan of the University of Alberta and organized by CENRE (Santiago, Chile, 22 September 1997).

Opening ceremony for the first Integrated Centre for Industrial Waste Management, Treatment and Recycling in Chile, Metropolitan Area (Santiago, Chile, 25 September 1997).

Talk on the environmental priorities of the United States the Free Trade Area of the Americas, given by Professor Vogel of the University of California at Berkeley and organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 16 October 1997).

Seminar on sustainable trade: an agenda for Ecuador, organized under the environmental pollution prevention project (EP3) and the hemispheric free trade expansion project (HFTE) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Presented a paper on environmental issues in integration agreements (Quito, 21 October 1997).

Seminar-workshop on development and local management: keys to implementation, organized by the Office of Local Development and Management of ILPES and the economic and social development programme of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Chile (Santiago, Chile, 21-22 October 1997).

Seminar-workshop on international trade and the environment, organized by the National Chamber of Industry (CNI) and the USAID units responsible for the environmental pollution prevention project (EP3) and the hemispheric free trade expansion project (HFTE). Presented a paper on the environmental aspects of integration agreements (La Paz, 23 October 1997).

Workshop on the changing role of environmental NGOs in Latin America, organized by the Council on Foreign Relations (New York, 27 October 1997).

Twelfth Chilean congress on sanitary and environmental engineering, organized by the Chilean chapter of the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (AIDIS). Presented a paper on environmentally sound management of solid wastes: an integrated policy approach (Copiapó, Chile, 27-31 October 1997).

Workshop on the sustainability of the Brazilian pulp and paper industry, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brasil and the National Association of Pulp and Paper Producers of Brazil (São Paulo, 28 October-1 November 1997).

International seminar on the October revolution 80 years later, organized jointly by the Faculty of Economics, Administration and Accounting of the University of São Paulo and the Centre for Studies on Socialist Countries in Transition, International Studies Area of the Institute for Advanced Studies, and the Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation (São Paulo, 3-15 November 1997).

Refresher seminar, organized by the School for Specialized Study in Urban and Land-use Planning Applied to Developing Countries of the University Institute of Architecture of Venice (Venice, Italy, 3-5 November 1997).

Conference on governance and participation: practical approaches to urban poverty reduction; toward cities for the new generation, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), the Italian cooperation agency, the City of Florence and the Swiss development cooperation agency. Presented a paper on urban management in medium-sized cities of Latin America and the Caribbean: an option for intervention in the outskirts of Ouro Preto (Florence, Italy, 9-13 November 1997).

Third set of seminars on environmental problems, organized by the Faculty of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences of the National University of Córdoba. Presented a paper on the institutional aspects of an environmentally sound waste management policy for Latin America (Córdoba, Argentina, 18-21 November 1997).

Sixth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean. Presented a paper on sustainable development in human settlements: achievements and challenges of housing and urban development policy in Latin America and the Caribbean (San José, Costa Rica, 26-28 November 1997).

Thirteenth regular session of the Conference of Ministers of the Latin American Fisheries Development Organization (OLDEPESCA), organized jointly with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Belize (Belize, 26-28 November 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Mercosur

With the Mercosur working group at meetings with government and academic bodies of Chile on the issue of trade and the environment.

Argentina

With General San Martín University, Province of Buenos Aires, and the National Government Services Institute, in support of activities in the Master's Programme in Environmental Management (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Centre for Advanced Studies of the University of Buenos Aires, on the question of incorporating the environmental dimension in university training.

With the Municipality of Córdoba, on: (i) final disposal of solid urban waste (sanitary landfill) and air pollution; (ii) applying quality and environmental management standards ISO 9000 and ISO 14000); and (iii) studying the use of economic instruments in environmental management, particularly in sound waste management (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Municipality of Córdoba, in concluding a cooperation agreement between ECLAC and the Municipality for the start-up of the second phase of ECLAC/Government of Italy project ITA/95/S71, “Urban Management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America” and in outlining a course of action for the following activities: (i) designing a programme for promoting cities to draw investment into their economies; and (ii) designing an institute to promote, evaluate and finance small and medium-sized businesses.

With the Municipality of Córdoba, the Open University for the Environment and Blaise Pascal University, on the use of economic instruments to improve environmental management in cities, particularly with respect to management of urban and industrial waste (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Municipality of Córdoba, on the aspects of its new regulations for waste control that concern hazardous industrial waste.

With the Municipality of Córdoba, in support for the implementation of a technical cooperation programme among developing countries (TCDC) between the Municipality and the Companhia de Tecnologia de Saneamento Ambiental (CETESB) Brazil, on a policy concept and mechanisms for the control and regulation of hazardous industrial wastes in the State of São Paulo (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the National University at San Juan, on the evaluation of projects for the development of degraded areas.

Barbados

With the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Housing, on evaluating the housing situation, the housing industry and public policy, under project HOL/93/S83, “Proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Bolivia

With the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, in the following areas: (i) final disposal of solid urban waste (sanitary landfill) and air pollution (under the ECLAC/GTZ project); and (ii) a project for improving urban management in three cities in the La Paz region, as part of the ECLAC programme of institutional cooperation under the UNDP/Government of Bolivia project BOL/94/036, “Support for the National Planning Council (CONADE)” .

With the Office of the Under-Secretary for Urban Housing in the formulation of a plan of action for housing (under project HOL/93/S83).

Brazil

With the Prefecture of the city of Curitiba, Paraná, in providing information (manuals and diskettes) for the software for determining volumes and types of industrial waste (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Prefecture of Campinas, on final disposal of solid urban waste (sanitary landfill) and air pollution (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Department of Housing and the State Environment Foundation in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, on specific public policies in the housing and housing finance sector (under project HOL/93/S83).

With the Prefecture of Ouro Preto, in concluding a cooperation agreement between ECLAC and the Prefecture for the start-up of the second phase of ECLAC/Government of Italy project ITA/95/S71, and in outlining a course of action for the following activities: (i) designing a mechanism and instruments for an urban development strategy for low-income neighbourhoods; and (ii) designing a mechanism to allow for public participation in the implementation of development plans.

With the Brazilian Environment and Renewable Resources Institute, in support for the “Green Protocol”, i.e., incorporation of the environmental factor in decisions relating to public credit and tax benefits. The areas of collaboration were: (i) preparation of a proposed credit manual for federal banks, including a system for classifying environmental risk; and (ii) organization of a fund-raising project for the sector through the issue of “green bonds” on international markets and other methods, such as the preparation of reference books for banks on environmental legislation and the holding of workshops.

With the Companhia de Tecnologia de Saneamento Ambiental (CETESB), in support of a technical cooperation programme between the company and the Municipality of Córdoba, on a policy concept and mechanisms for the control and regulation of hazardous industrial wastes in the State of São Paulo (as part of the ECLAC/GTZ project).

Chile

With the National Environment Commission (CONAMA), in analysing a document on a framework for action for handling solid household waste in the Metropolitan Region, and in the area of recycling and composting techniques (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Regional Environment Commission (COREMA) for the Metropolitan Region, in public discussion workshops on a plan for environmental clean-up in the Santiago Metropolitan Region (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the National Congress, in the presentation of a proposed policy for environmentally sound management of solid waste in Chile and in a debate in the Congressional Commission on the Environment in the formulation of such a policy at the national level (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the advisory council for the metropolitan recycling programme of COREMA - Metropolitan Region, in setting up and implementing a recycling programme (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Regional Advisory Council of the National Environment Commission, Regional Office for Region V (Valparaíso) in the formulation of an integrated policy for waste management (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Corporación Nacional del Cobre de Chile (CODELCO), in management of its solid waste (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Ministry of Agriculture, the Institute for Agricultural Development (INDAP) Region XII and CONAMA, on environmentally sustainable soil management in the south of Chile.

With the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the Ministry of Public Works, on specific public policies relating to the housing sector and housing finance (under the project HOL/93/S83).

With the Municipality of Valdivia, in concluding a cooperation agreement for the start-up of the second phase of ECLAC/Government of Italy project ITA/95/S71, and in outlining a course of action for the following activities: (i) rationalizing decision-making in land-use planning; and (ii) designing a system for public and private participation in urban development.

With the Intendancy of Region II, as consultants on the UNDP/Intendancy of Region II technical assistance project for locating urban economic activities in Santa María bay.

Colombia

With the Autonomous Regional Corporation of the Canal del Dique (CARDIQUE) and non-governmental sectors in Cartagena, on final disposal of solid urban waste (sanitary landfill) and air pollution (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Municipality of Manizales, in concluding a cooperation agreement between ECLAC and the Municipality for the start-up of the second phase of the ECLAC/Government of Italy project ITA/95/S71, and in outlining a course of action for the following activities: (i) designing a mechanism for public participation in the implementation of the municipal development plan; and (ii) designing a system to speed up information exchange within the Municipality.

Costa Rica

With the Ministry of Health, on final disposal of solid urban waste (sanitary landfill) and air pollution (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

Cuba

With the Technical Centre for Housing and Urban Development of the National Housing Institute (INV), in the area of specific public policies for the housing sector and on housing finance (under project HOL/93/S83).

Ecuador

With the Municipality of Quito, on final disposal of solid urban waste (sanitary landfill) and air pollution (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

El Salvador

With the Environment and Public Health Commission of the Legislative Assembly, on the use of economic instruments for environmental management.

With the Strategic Planning Office of the Under-Secretary for Housing and Urban Development in the Ministry of Public Works and the Salvadoran Chamber of the Construction Industry, on specific public policies for the housing sector and on housing finance (under project HOL/93/S83).

Mexico

With the Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries, on overall environmental strategies, combatting desertification and upgrading national environmental systems.

With the Office of the Under-Secretary for Urban Development and Housing in the Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL), in specific public policies for the housing sector and on housing finance (under project HOL/93/S83).

Peru

With the Empresa Municipal de Limpieza Urbana of Cuzco (LIMPUQO), in connection with final disposal of solid urban waste (sanitary landfill) (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Ministry of Health (Department of Environmental Health), on policies for environmentally sound management of urban and industrial waste (under the ECLAC/GTZ project).

With the Ministry of Transport, Communications, Housing and Construction and the Peruvian Chamber of Construction (CAPECO), on specific public policies for the housing sector and on housing finance (under project HOL/93/S83).

With the Municipality of Cuzco, in concluding a cooperation agreement between ECLAC and the Municipality for the start-up of the second phase of ECLAC/Government of Italy project ITA/95/S71, and in outlining a course of action for the following activities: (i) modernizing the structure of the municipal entity responsible for public sanitation; and (ii) designing a strategic urban development plan.

Trinidad and Tobago

With the National Housing Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, in support for evaluation of the situation with respect to housing and the housing industry (under project HOL/93/S83).

With the Port of Spain Corporation, in concluding a cooperation agreement between ECLAC and the Corporation, for the start-up of the second phase of ECLAC/Government of Italy project ITA/95/S71, and in outlining a course of action for modernizing the municipal structure through rationalization of the municipal database.

Venezuela

With the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Zulia, under a technical cooperation programme with municipalities on the east shore of Lake Maracaibo, with a view to implementing an assistance project for improving the institutional structure of local governments; the proposed agreement is under consideration, pending procurement of funding for execution of the programme.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Course on the theoretical principles underlying the use of economic instruments for environmental management, organized under the ECLAC/GTZ project (Quito, 24-26 January 1996).

Fourth course on policies for environmentally sound management of urban and industrial waste, organized jointly with the Public Health Institute of Chile, under the ECLAC/GTZ project, with 46 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Chile (Santiago, Chile, 19-30 August 1996).

Classes given as part of the workshop-course on economic valuation of natural resources and natural heritage accounts, and provincial and local applications, at the Centre for Ecology and Renewable Natural Resources of the National University at Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina 23-27 September 1996).

Classes on Latin America and its heritage accounts given as part of the inter-American course on environmental accounts and natural resources, offered by the Inter-American Statistical Training Centre (CIENES) (Santiago, Chile, 23 September-4 October 1996).

Classes given as part of the course on rural development, poverty and the environment in the post-adjustment era, offered by the Institute of Social Studies of the Netherlands and the Agrarian Research Group of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 28 October-8 November 1996).

Support in the form of materials, exchange of views and guidance, given to students of the Master's Programme in Management and Public Policy of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, November and December 1996).

Lectures on environmentally sustainable development: situation and outlook in Latin America and the Caribbean, given as part of the course entitled "Second Euro-American symposia for development", offered by Complutense University of Madrid and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro, 2-6 December 1996).

Papers were presented on the topics: "From traditional management to environmental quality management" and "International aspects of the institutional framework and legal regulations for environmental quality management in developed countries. Agenda 21 and multilateral agreements on the environment and trade blocs: APEC, the European Union, NAFTA and Mercosur", as part of the course on environmental quality management, organized by the Advanced Training Centre of the Association of Engineers of Chile and the GESCAM Environmental Consultancy Unit (Santiago, Chile, 15-16 April 1997).

Fact-finding visit on waste management to the Federal Republic of Germany at the invitation of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, issued through the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ). Also participating in this visit were representatives of government agencies

from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Chile, under the ECLAC/GTZ project (Federal Republic of Germany, 22 June-5 July 1997).

Classes given as part of the course on local economic development, decentralization and municipal management, offered by the Ibero-American Training Centre of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI) (Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 27-30 August 1997).

Class on treatment of environmental issues in international trade agreements, given as part of the Doctoral Programme in Latin American Societies, organized by the University of Arts and Social Sciences (ARCIS) (Santiago, Chile, 30 September 1997).

Seminar on environmental policies and multilateral agreements, and their impact on sound waste management, organized as part of the Master's Programme in Environmental Engineering offered by the Córdoba Faculty of the National Technological University (Córdoba, Argentina, 19 November 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 8: POPULATION

During the biennium 1996-1997, the activities of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) focused on three closely interrelated areas: applied research, technical cooperation and training in demography.

In the area of research, the main activities were: the monitoring and analysis of demographic trends in the countries of the region; the formulation of methods for the use of demographic inputs in the design, implementation and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects at the national, regional and local levels; and the design and upgrading of computer programs intended specifically for conducting population analyses.

Studies undertaken in this field include the following: Impacto de las tendencias demográficas sobre los sectores sociales en América Latina: contribución al diseño de políticas y programas (LC/DEM/161-P), published jointly with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); “Metodología para determinar el ingreso y la proporción de hogares pobres” (LC/DEM/R.254); “Información sobre población y pobreza para programas sociales” (LC/DEM/R.262); and “Déficit habitacional y datos censales sociodemográficos: una metodología” (LC/DEM/R.267). In addition, No. 62 of the Notas de población series was published with the journal Pensamiento iberoamericano in a joint issue devoted entirely to population and development issues.

Also in the area of research, a number of studies were prepared and published concerning population estimates and projections, as well as specific topics relating to vulnerable groups, primarily in Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Paraguay and Guatemala. In addition, CELADE produced the final Windows version of the REDATAM-Plus (retrieval of data for small areas by microcomputer) computer program and three related tools: Access Plan, EduPlan and ZonPlan. These computer programs were presented at two international workshops conducted in 1997.

In the area of technical cooperation, assistance was provided to the Governments of Paraguay and Mexico in respect of population policies. Under an agreement signed with IDB, CELADE continued to provide support in connection with the execution of social investment projects in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru and Paraguay. As part of efforts to promote intensive use of census information through the REDATAM-Plus and REDATAM/GIS (Geographic Information Systems) programs, CELADE cooperated with national institutions in Guatemala, Nicaragua and seven Caribbean countries. Lastly, collaboration on population projections has continued with the Population Division of the United Nations.

With respect to training, the Intensive Regional Course on Demographic Analysis for Development was given for the nineteenth and twentieth times, at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, from August to December in both 1996 and 1997. Fifteen professionals from Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa attended the first course, while nine attended the second.

Activities continued under the agreement signed with the University of Chile: substantive and bibliographic assistance was given to the Faculty of Social Sciences in conducting International Postgraduate Course on Population and Development, for the sixth and seventh times, sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund.

Lastly, ample support continued to be provided to universities, government agencies and non-governmental organizations in the areas of population studies, teacher exchanges and in-service training. Among the universities to receive support were: the University of Buenos Aires, the National University of Luján and the National University of Córdoba, in Argentina; the National University of Asunción in Paraguay; the University of Chile and the Metropolitan University of Education Sciences, in Chile; and the University of Groningen, in the Netherlands. Government agencies assisted included the National Bureau of Statistics of Colombia; the Ministry of Public Education, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, of Chile; the National Statistical Office of Cuba; the National Institute of Statistics of Guatemala; and the Office of Planning and the Budget and the National Institute of Statistics of Uruguay. Among the non-governmental organizations assisted was the Lulul Mawidha Mapuche Research Institute, in Chile.

(i) Documents

Latin America: economically active population, 1980-2025, Demographic Bulletin, No. 57 (LC/DEM/G.158).

Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (LC/G.1920; LC/DEM/G.159).

Impacto de las tendencias demográficas sobre los sectores sociales en América Latina: contribución al diseño de políticas y programas (LC/DEM/G.161-P).

Crecimiento de la población y desarrollo económico, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 75 (LC/G.1878-P; LC/DEM/G.162). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.96.II.G.4.

Latin America: fertility, 1950-2025, Demographic Bulletin, No. 58 (LC/DEM/G.163).

Notas de población, No. 63 (LC/DEM/G.165).

Latin America: population projections, 1950-2050, Demographic Bulletin No. 59 (LC/DEM/G.166).

REDATAM informa, vols. 4 and 5 (LC/DEM/G.167).

DOCPAL, Latin American Population Abstract, vol. 20 (LC/DEM/G.168).

Notas de población, No. 64 (LC/DEM/G.169).

Latin America: population by calendar years and single ages, period 1995-2005, Demographic Bulletin, No. 60 (LC/DEM/G.170).

Dinámica de la población y desarrollo en el Caribe: con especial énfasis en la fecundidad de adolescentes, la migración internacional, las políticas de población y la planificación del desarrollo, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 76 (LC/G.1879-P; LC/DEM/G.171). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.97.II.G.10.

Basics of winR+ (LC/DEM/G.172).

The Short Guide to ZonPlan (LC/DEM/G.173).

Notas de población, No. 65 (LC/DEM/G.174).

Boletín demográfico, No. 61 (LC/DEM/G.175).

Un procedimiento para obtener la población por edades simples y años calendario, a partir de poblaciones por grupos quinquenales de edad y para cada cinco años (LC/DEM/R.226/Rev.1).

Dinámica demográfica y mortalidad en Perú: algunas vinculaciones con el estado de salud de la población (LC/DEM/R.241).

Distribución espacial de la población: factores ambientales y salud (LC/DEM/R.242).

Fecundidad, planificación familiar y salud reproductiva en el Perú (LC/DEM/R.243).

Movilidad espacial de la población y acumulación de capital. Un caso de la Argentina: el sur de la Provincia de Córdoba (LC/DEM/R.249).

Redistribuição espacial da população: características e tendências do caso brasileiro (LC/DEM/R.250).

Perú: estimaciones y proyecciones de la población económicamente activa, 1970-2015 (LC/DEM/R.253).

Metodología para determinar el ingreso y la proporción de hogares pobres (LC/DEM/R.254).

Chile: región del Bío Bío. Contexto territorial, perfil sociodemográfico, situación social y pobreza (LC/DEM/R.258).

Bolivia: proyecciones de la población por departamento, según sexo y grupos de edad, 1990-2025 (LC/DEM/R.260).

Proyección de la demanda educativa en Paraguay (LC/DEM/R.261) (joint publication with the Office of Education Planning of the Ministry of Education and Worship).

Información sobre población y pobreza para programas sociales (LC/DEM/R.262).

Población y temas relevantes de la actual agenda social (LC/DEM/R.263).

Guatemala: estimaciones y proyecciones de población, 1950-2050 (LC/DEM/R.264).

Patrones reproductivos, estructura familiar y trabajo femenino en América Latina y el Caribe: resultados de investigaciones (LC/DEM/R.265).

Bolivia: proyecciones de población por departamentos, según área urbana-rural, sexo y grupos de edad, 1990-2010 (LC/DEM/R.266).

Déficit habitacional y datos censales sociodemográficos: una metodología (LC/DEM/R.267).

Chile, región del Bío-Bío, comunas seleccionadas: reconversión forestal y pobreza, Fascículos de diagnóstico, No. 2 (LC/DEM/R.268).

Proyección de la población de El Salvador, 1995-2025 (LC/DEM/R.269).

Población, descentralización y desarrollo local: una perspectiva sociodemográfica (LC/DEM/R.270).

Bolivia: proyecciones de la población económicamente activa y en edad escolar por departamentos según área urbana-rural, sexo y grupos de edad, 1990-2010 (LC/DEM/R.271) (joint publication with UNFPA and the National Institute of Statistics of Bolivia).

Nicaragua: ¿país de emigrantes? (LC/DEM/R.272).

Guatemala: estimaciones de población por departamento según edad y sexo, 1990-2010, y estimaciones de población por municipio según sexo, 1990-2005 (LC/DEM/R.273).

Chile, región del Bío-Bío, comunas seleccionadas: sustentabilidad urbana, Fascículos de diagnóstico, No. 3 (LC/DEM/R.276).

Las inequidades demográficas: un instrumento de simulación (LC/DEM/R.277).

Estimación indirecta de ingresos y proporción de hogares pobres: una metodología para la jerarquización de áreas menores (LC/DEM/R.278).

Uso del sistema de apoyo a la planificación y la toma de decisiones educacionales en el ámbito local (LC/DEM/R.279).

Necesidades básicas insatisfechas en Guatemala, 1994 (LC/DEM/R.280) (joint publication with the National Institute of Statistics and the Social Investment Fund).

Un panorama de la migración internacional en Chile (LC/DEM/R.281).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Meeting on two instruments for educational planning (Santiago, Chile, 11 June 1996).

Round table on population and development, organized jointly with the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 15 July 1996).

Seminar on life expectancy in good health (Santiago, Chile, 26 November 1996).

Seminar on socio-demographic information in relation to the social policies of Uruguay, organized jointly with the Programme on Strengthening the Social Area (FAS) of the Office of Planning and the Budget, the National Institute of Statistics (INE) and the ECLAC office in Montevideo (Montevideo, 27-29 November 1996).

Presentation of the joint CELADE/IDB publication, "Impacto de las tendencias demográficas sobre los sectores sociales en América Latina" (Washington, D.C., 23 January 1997).

Presentation on the system of juvenile vulnerability indicators using maps (INJUMAP) (Santiago, Chile, 21 April 1997).

Seminar on the impact of demographic trends on social groups in Latin America, organized jointly by CELADE and IDB (Santiago, Chile, 23-25 April 1997).

Presentation on the system of juvenile vulnerability indicators using maps (INJUMAP), organized by CELADE and the National Institute for Youth (INJ) (Santiago, Chile, 11 July 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Meeting of the Task Force on Basic Social Services for All of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (New York, 22-24 February 1996).

Informal meeting of the inter-agency task force on support teams of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (New York, 25 February 1996).

Twenty-ninth session of the Commission on Population and Development, organized by the Population Division of the United Nations (New York, 26 February-1 March 1996).

Regional Conference on Migration, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (Puebla, Mexico, 9-16 March 1996).

Special meeting of the Directing Council of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IACI) (Santiago, Chile, 26 March 1996).

International seminar on population, environment and social development in Mercosur, organized by the Joint Parliamentary Commission of Mercosur (Asunción, 6-8 May 1996).

International workshop on the spatial distribution of population, organized by the Institute of Physical Planning (IPF) (Havana, 20-24 May 1996).

Symposium on international scientific migrations today, organized by the Office for Scientific and Technical Research Overseas (ORSTOM) and the National University of Colombia (Bogotá, Colombia, 24-26 June 1996).

First national seminar on territorial information systems in the modernization of management, organized by the Local Development and Territorial Management Programme of the Dámaso Antonio Larrañaga Catholic University of Uruguay and the Latin American Centre of Human Economy (CLAEH) (Montevideo, 26-28 June 1996).

World Congress of Architects, organized by the International Union of Architects (Barcelona, Spain, 3-7 July 1996).

Inter-campus seminar on population and poverty on the occasion of World Population Day, organized by the University of the Pacific, the National Population Council of Peru and UNFPA (Lima, 10-12 July 1996).

Seminar on urban development of the port area of Valparaíso and in several French cities, organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile (Valparaíso, Chile, 24-25 July 1996).

International meeting on qualitative and quantitative approaches to the evaluation of population programmes and projects, organized by the UNFPA Technical Support Team (Santiago, Chile, 29-31 July 1996).

Second seminar on reproductive health, organized by the Chilean Institute of Reproductive Medicine (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 August 1996).

Presentation of the UNDP Human Development Report 1996 (Buenos Aires, 4 September 1996; Santiago, Chile, 26 September 1996).

Meeting of the Expert Group on the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme, organized by the Population Division of the United Nations (New York, 9-13 September 1996).

Conference on the Health and Well-Being of the Elderly in Latin America, sponsored jointly by the University of Chicago, the National Institute on Ageing, the Bureau of the Census of the United States and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (Chicago, Illinois, 17-22 September 1996).

Sectoral symposia on technological linkages, organized by the Municipality of Hurlingham (Buenos Aires, 17-24 September 1996; 8-15 October 1996).

Seminar on the university and indigenous people, organized by the Institute for Indigenous Studies of the Universidad de la Frontera (Temuco, Chile, 26-28 September 1996).

Meeting of the Council of Centres of the Latin American Programme of Population Activities (PROLAP) (Caxambú, Minas Gerais, Brazil, 5-7 October 1996).

Tenth symposium on population studies organized by the Brazilian Association for Population Studies (ABEP) (Caxambú, Minas Gerais, Brazil, 7-11 October 1996).

Technical meeting of the Regional Conference on Migration, organized by the Government of Mexico (Mexico City, 20-23 October 1996).

Seminar-workshop on housing needs and census information, organized by the Technical Division of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 6 November 1996).

Meeting of experts of the Global Programme of Training in Population and Sustainable Development, organized by UNFPA (New York, 1-7 February 1997).

International workshop on population and reproductive health, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Centre for Demographic Studies (CEDEM) (Havana, 10-14 February 1997).

Thirtieth session of the Commission on Population and Development, organized by the Population Division of the United Nations (New York, 24-28 February 1997).

Meeting of the steering group in charge of preparing a technical symposium on international migration, organized by the Working Group on International Migration of the Task Force on Basic Social Services for All (New York, 29 February-3 March 1997).

Second Regional Conference on Migration, convened by the Government of Panama (Panama City, 11-14 March 1997).

Conference on population and migration, given as part of the training course on population and migration for social actors of intermediate-level governmental and non-governmental institutions, organized by the Office of the Under-Secretary for Population of the Ministry of the Interior of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 15-17 April 1997).

Meeting of the inter-agency task force on support teams, organized by UNFPA (New York, 17-25 May 1997).

Meeting on the project on the health of older persons, organized by PAHO and the University of Wisconsin (Mexico City, 9-11 June 1997).

Working meetings on the agreement on collaboration in training and the systematic transfer of statistical information in support of regional development, organized by the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (SUBDERE) of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 9 June, 23 July and 21 August 1997).

Seminar on population, society and the electoral map of the twenty-first century, organized by the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation of Chile, the Chamber of Deputies and UNFPA (Santiago, Chile, 11 July 1997).

Macroeconomics and Population Momentum: A Learning Forum, organized by the World Bank (Washington, D.C., 21-22 July 1997).

International Forum of the Americas on population ageing and social integration, organized by PAHO (Montevideo, 28 July-1 August 1997).

World Congress of Gerontology, organized by the International Association of Gerontology and the Programme on Ageing of the Social Policy and Development Division of the United Nations (Adelaide, Australia, 19-23 August 1997).

Fourth Argentine symposium on population studies, organized by the Scientific Commission of the Argentine Association of Population Studies (AEPA) (Resistencia, Argentina, 17-19 September 1997).

Twenty-third General Conference on Population, organized by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) (Beijing, 11-17 October 1997).

Seminar on municipalities and overcoming urban poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Municipality of the Metropolitan District of Quito, Ecuador, under UNDP project INT/93/901, "Public policies in the Municipality of Quito", and the Urban Management Programme of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (Quito, Ecuador, 21-24 October 1997).

Second Ibero-American seminar on social services for older persons: a path towards social equity, organized by the Institute for Social Security Normalization (INP) (Santiago, Chile, 27-28 October 1997).

Meeting on the CELADE/International Organization for Migration (IOM) project, "Information system on international migration in the Andean Community Countries (SIMICA)", organized by IOM and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (DIGEMIN) of the Ministry of the Interior of Peru (Lima, 31 October-1 November 1997).

Symposium on health and mortality, organized by the Population Division of the United Nations in cooperation with the Centre for Studies on Population and the Family of the Flemish Scientific Institute of Brussels (Brussels, 18-23 November 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Latin America and the Caribbean

For information, the following were distributed: 127 copies of REDATAM-Plus (retrieval of data for small areas by microcomputer), diskette and manual; 29 copies of PREVIO (preceding birth technique for estimating infant mortality), diskette and manual; 24 copies of PRODEM (demographic projections at the national and subnational levels), diskette and manual; 18 copies of PANDEM (package for demographic analysis by microcomputer), diskette and manual; 22 copies of LRPM/PC (long-range planning model for microcomputers), diskette and manual; and 40 CD-ROMs (1995 version) containing the database of the Latin American Population Documentation System (DOCPAL).

The following were also distributed: 20 diskettes with population projections for the countries of the region (up-dated), 8 copies of the demonstration diskette for the REDATAM-Plus system, 2,000 computerized bibliographic searches and 1,000 copies of documents on population and development.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

With IDB, on coordinating activities for the project, "Regional programme for the generation of demographic inputs for investment projects and training in the use of demographic information in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of projects".

European Union

With the European Union, in designing a joint project on population, and in an address on training and the use of socio-demographic information for local and sectoral development, given at the meeting organized under the PRESTA programme created by the Free University of Brussels and the European Union.

Argentina

With the Office of Population Policies and Studies of the Department of Population and Community Relations, in follow-up to the creation of the REDATAM-Plus database from the national population and housing census of 1991.

With the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC), in devising the demographic analysis programme (PAD).

With the Commission on Ecology and Human Development of the Argentine Senate, on activities relating to the human development project.

Bolivia

With the Government, through UNFPA, in preparing the country programme document, and in the area of population and development.

Colombia

With the National Bureau of Statistics (DANE), in developing databases for a national population forecast.

El Salvador

With the Department of Statistics and Censuses, on national population projections.

France

With the French Centre for Population and Development (CEPED), the National Institute of Demographic Studies (INED), the University of Paris, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the University of Geneva, through participation in technical meetings on information systems for the health sector.

Guatemala

With the National Institute of Statistics, IDB and UNFPA, in monitoring and programming activities under the IDB/CELADE agreement; and in the areas of national population projections, training in digital census cartography, geographic information systems, and REDATAM databases from the 1994 census.

Mexico

With the National Population Council (CONAPO), through UNFPA, in formulating policies on population, evaluating the 1990-1996 plan and devising strategies for the 1997-2001 period.

Nicaragua

With the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses, IDB and UNFPA, in monitoring and programming activities executed under the IDB/CELADE agreement, and in making preparations to stage a workshop on REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) and winR+/GIS (Geographic Information Systems) applications, in order to identify areas of work for a second phase.

Paraguay

With the Government, through UNFPA, in drawing up the charter and defining the functions of the Population Office of the Ministry of the Interior.

With the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, in providing technical advice in relation to the maternal and child health programme.

Peru

With the Ministry of Health, the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics, the National Social Compensation and Development Fund and IDB, in monitoring and programming activities under the IDB/CELADE agreement; in organizing a workshop on demographic analysis for the health sector, and in overseeing the preparation of a document on disaggregated income estimates.

With the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI), in preparing for a count and in reviewing population estimates and projections in areas in a state of emergency.

With the Immigration and Naturalization Service (DIGEMIN) of the Ministry of the Interior, under the project, "Information system on international migration in the Andean Community countries (SIMICA)", conducted jointly with IOM.

Suriname

With the Government, through IDB, in evaluating the technical capability of the General Statistical Office to prepare a national poverty map.

Uruguay

With the National Institute of Statistics and the Programme on Strengthening the Social Area (FAS), in preparing the programme of activities under the IDB/CELADE agreement and in organizing the seminar on socio-demographic information in relation to the social policies of Uruguay.

With the Ministry of Public Health, on the use of the REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) computer program.

Venezuela

With the Central Statistics and Informatics Office (OCEI), the Central Office for Coordination and Planning (CORDIPLAN) and the Ministry of Family Affairs, in creating census databases with a focus on children, youth and families, and on a workshop on REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+).

(iv) Training and fellowshipsTraining courses and seminar/workshops in specific fields

Course-workshop on aspects of demographic analysis for the health sector, for 24 participants from Peru (Lima, 15-31 May 1996).

Regional workshop on analysis of census data for planning, using REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+), for 22 participants from 10 Caribbean countries (Cayman Islands, 10-14 June 1996).

Regional workshop on analysis of census data for planning, using REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) and winR+/GIS applications, for 17 participants from different social sectors in seven Caribbean countries (Cayman Islands, 24-28 June 1996).

Course on the use of REDATAM Plus census databases, for 14 participants from Guatemala (Guatemala City, 5-9 August 1996).

Inter-agency workshop on demographic projections, census evaluation and population projections, for 10 participants from Colombia (Bogotá, 12-20 August 1996).

Nineteenth intensive regional course on demographic analysis for development, for 15 participants from countries in Latin America and Africa (Santiago, Chile, 16 August-18 December 1996).

National seminar-workshop on applications of REDATAM Plus for Windows and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), for 37 participants from Nicaragua (Managua, 17-24 September 1996).

In-house workshop on REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) and ZonPlan, with the participation of 19 Chilean professionals (Santiago, Chile, 16-18 April 1997).

Workshop on socio-demographic information for the health sector (use of REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+), ZonPlan and especially Access Plan), organized by CELADE with the support of the University of Waterloo, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), IDB, UNFPA, the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) and the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Chile, for 24 participants from Latin America and one from Canada (Santiago, Chile, 5-10 May 1997).

Workshop on socio-demographic information for the education sector (use of REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+), ZonPlan and especially EduPlan), organized by CELADE with the support of the University of Waterloo, IDRC, IDB, UNFPA, IBGE and the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Chile, for 21 participants from Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 12-17 May 1997).

Latin American workshop on REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) and ZonPlan, for 14 participants from Chile and Argentina (Santiago, Chile, 23-27 June 1997).

Twentieth intensive regional course on demographic analysis for development, for 9 participants from Latin America and Africa (Santiago, Chile, 18 August-18 December 1997).

Latin American workshop on REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) and ZonPlan, for 13 participants from Chile, Colombia and Cuba (Santiago, Chile, 23-27 June 1997).

Support for national university programmes and teaching collaboration with other institutions

Collaborated with the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile on the project, juvenile vulnerability indicators (Santiago, Chile, January-August 1996).

Collaborated with the Metropolitan University of Education Sciences, by advising on a student thesis (Santiago, Chile, January-November 1996).

Collaborated in the sixth and seventh repetitions of the International Postgraduate Course on Population and Sustainable Development offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile, sponsored by UNFPA, for 15 and 22 participants, respectively, from 11 countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa (Santiago, Chile, March-December 1996 and 1997).

Provided support for the Master's Programme in Social Demography offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires and the National University at Luján in the course on mortality tables, for 5 Argentine professionals (Buenos Aires, 9-15 April 1996).

Collaborated with the National University of Córdoba in advising two students enrolled in the Master's Programme in Demography on their theses on mathematical models for the study of population ageing and on indirect methods for estimating poverty (Santiago, Chile, April-May 1996).

Collaborated with the Lulul Mawidha Mapuche Research Institute, on a joint project concerning indigenous people (Santiago, Chile, April-June 1996 and July-September 1997).

Collaborated with the Department of Population and Development Studies of the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the National University of Asunción, in devising the curriculum for an intensive postgraduate course and in preparing for a parliamentary seminar on the topics of population and development (Asunción, May 1996).

Collaborated with the Centre for Population and Development Studies of the National Statistical Office (ONE) of Cuba, in various activities related to population (Santiago, Chile, 10-22 June 1996).

Provided assistance to an official of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Guatemala, in revising national population projections for that country, as part of activities conducted under the IDB/CELADE agreement (Santiago, Chile, 15-27 July 1996).

Collaborated with the School of Public Health of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Chile, through teaching support to students enrolled in the Master's Programme in Biostatistics in the

study of comparative demographics and library information systems, for 12 participants from Argentina, Paraguay and Chile (Santiago, Chile, July-August 1996).

Supported the Gender Studies Group of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile, in compiling information on population, the family and the household, on the basis of the last five national population and housing censuses conducted in Chile (Santiago, Chile, 8-22 August 1996).

Collaborated with the School of Public Health of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Chile, in a talk on population dynamics in Latin America oriented towards the health sector, given at the twenty-second Latin American seminar on the management of maternal, child and adolescent health programmes (Santiago, Chile, 24 September 1996).

Collaborated with the University of Chile and the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN), by assisting three scholarship students from Chile, Peru and Colombia enrolled in the Master's Programme in Management and Public Policy, in the area of population and development (Santiago, Chile, September 1996).

Collaborated with two officials from the Department of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses (DGEEC) of Paraguay, on studies of fertility and mortality (Santiago, Chile, September 1996).

Collaborated in the 1996 Master's Programme in Public Health, offered by the School of Public Health of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Chile, in the study teaching of library information systems for Latin America and the Caribbean, for 28 Chilean participants (Santiago, Chile, 16 October 1996).

Provided support to a student of the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, in conducting a study on reproductive health (Santiago, Chile, 18 October 1996-18 January 1997).

Provided support to a consultant from the Ministry of Health of Peru, in evaluating the data-entry phase of the second census of health infrastructure, under the IDB/CELADE agreement (Santiago, Chile, 21-31 October 1996).

Provided support to two officials of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Bolivia, on the study of fertility and infant mortality based on information from the 1992 census (Santiago, Chile, November 1996).

Collaborated with the Centre for Advanced Studies (CEA) of the National University of Córdoba, on the project evaluation module of the postgraduate course on demographic inputs for planning, for 23 participants from Argentina (Córdoba, Argentina, 25-29 November 1996).

Provided assistance to an official from the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE), in the review of national population projections (Santiago, Chile, 2-8 December 1996).

Provided assistance to an official from the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Guatemala, in reviewing projections at the departmental and municipal levels, as part of activities carried out under the IDB/CELADE agreement (Santiago, Chile, 16-20 December 1996).

Collaborated with the National Council for the Elimination of Poverty, by participating in an expert seminar held to analyse methodologies for developing poverty indicators (Santiago, Chile, January 1997).

Collaborated with the School of Sociology of the University of the Academy of Christian Humanism (UAHC), in providing guidance in the search for bibliographic material in the Latin American Population Documentation System (DOCPAL) of CELADE (Santiago, Chile, January-March 1997).

Collaborated with the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) of Chile, by participating in workshops on the use of census information in analysing linkages between population, territory and environment (January-June 1997).

Collaborated with the Department of Employment and Training (DUOC) of the Catholic University of Chile, by providing the opportunity for professional practice for two students in developing REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) tools (Santiago, Chile, January-June 1997).

Collaborated in the Programme in Administration offered by the National University of Asunción, in preparing a course of study on demography (Asunción, January-June 1997).

Collaborated jointly with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), on the census databases for Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela, and in processing the relevant information obtained from the census in Peru (Santiago, Chile, January-August 1997).

Collaborated with the Ibero-American campus of the International University of Andalusia, in the course, on population and territory in an historical perspective, given as part of the Doctoral Programme in History (La Rábida, Spain, February-March 1997).

Collaborated with the National Institute for Youth of Chile in the use of the system of juvenile vulnerability indicators using maps (INJUMAP) (Santiago, Chile, 12 March-15 April 1997).

Collaborated with the Department of Demography of the University of Montreal, in supervising an internship on a critical review of the literature on internal migration in Latin America between 1980 and 1996 (Santiago, Chile, 13 March-25 April 1997).

Collaborated with the Institute for Indigenous Studies of the Universidad de la Frontera, by advising a consultant from the Institute on a study of the Mapuche population, based on census data from 1992 (Santiago, Chile, April 1997).

Collaborated with the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Bolivia, by sending commentary on two documents: one on characteristics of households and the situation as regards housing and basic services, and the other on the migration of the economically active population (Santiago, Chile, April 1997).

Collaborated with the Division of Health Promotion and Protection of PAHO, by sending commentary on a project for a multi-centre study of the health condition of older persons (Santiago, Chile, 9 April 1997).

Collaborated with the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses of Nicaragua, by responding to questions on computer programs concerning population (Santiago, Chile, 10 April 1997).

Collaborated with the Office of the Under-Secretary for Population of the Ministry of the Interior of Argentina, on the project, "Strengthening the State's capacity with respect to demographic information and management of migration", by providing guidance in creating a database using the extended census of 1991, using REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) (Santiago, Chile, 19-23 May 1997).

Collaborated in the postgraduate course on gender and social policies offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile, in the module on population and development (Santiago, Chile, May-June 1997).

Collaborated with the Department of Projections of the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) of Chile, on a study of population growth (Santiago, Chile, May-June 1997).

Provided support and training to the Regional Ministerial Secretariat of Housing and Urban Development of Region VI of Chile, in applying the methodology outlined in the document, "Déficit habitacional y datos censales sociodemográficos: una metodología"; building on that experience, developed a project with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MINVU) to estimate the housing deficit for the country as a whole and broken down by geographical area, using the database of the 1992 national population and housing census and REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) (Santiago, Chile, May-June 1997).

Collaborated with the Institute of Geography of the Faculty of History, Geography and Political Science of the Catholic University of Chile, in providing professional practice for two students who had chosen to pursue the career of geographer (Santiago, Chile, 1 June-30 September 1997).

Collaborated in the course for a specialization in public housing offered by the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning of the University of Chile, by giving lectures on population and development (Santiago, Chile, June 1997).

Collaborated with the University of California at San Diego, through an exchange with researchers from that institution on the topic of fiscal costs and distributive equity of reforms to the social security system (San Diego, California, 15-21 July 1997).

Collaborated with the University of Wisconsin, by assisting a researcher in conducting a study on educational mobility in Chile based on the census information available at CELADE (Santiago, Chile, 8-25 August 1997).

Collaborated with the Office of the Under-Secretary for Population of the Ministry of the Interior of Argentina, in formulating a project proposal concerning the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, 22-27 August 1997).

Collaborated with the National Statistical Office (ONE) of the Dominican Republic, in producing a poverty map using census data (Santiago, Chile, 22-30 August 1997).

Collaborated with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MINVU) of Chile, in estimating the housing deficit for the country as a whole and broken down by geographical area (Santiago, Chile, 15 September-15 October 1997).

Collaborated with the Department of Human Geography of the University of Granada, in a study of urban development in Ibero-America (Santiago, Chile, 16 September 1997-28 February 1998).

Collaborated with the School of Sociology of the University of the Academy of Christian Humanism (UAHC), on a course of study on demography given during the second half of 1997 (Santiago, Chile, September-December 1997).

Collaborated with the programme for a specialization in demographic analysis (ESPANDEM) offered by Cayetano Heredia University of Peru, in offering an internship on the REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) computer program and winR+/GIS applications (Santiago, Chile, 10-14 November 1997).

Collaborated with the Municipality of El Bosque, by making a presentation on the REDATAM Plus for Windows (winR+) computer program and its features (Santiago, Chile, 12 November 1997).

Collaborated with the Centre for Advanced Studies (CEA) of the National University at Córdoba, in the workshop on project design, follow-up and evaluation, held as part of the 1996-1997 Master's Programme in Demography for 16 Argentine professionals (Córdoba, Argentina, 24-28 November 1997).

Collaborated with the Ministry of Public Health of Uruguay, by providing guidance on the creation of a REDATAM database using data obtained from the 1995 population census (Santiago, Chile, 5-10 December 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 9: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The programme of work for the biennium 1996-1997 was implemented against a background of economic recovery and adaptation to changes in the global economy, which created particularly favourable conditions for achieving progress in overcoming poverty. As a result, social policies have had to be changed, and it has had to be recognized that the State alone cannot deal with the problems associated with more effective use of resources, increasing the efficiency of programmes, and equity in general, and must therefore create spaces for participation by civil society, in both the financing and the execution of programmes, through various social actors.

In this context, activities were carried out in four areas. In the first of these, work focused on the publication of the Social Panorama of Latin America (1996 and 1997 editions), produced in collaboration with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division of ECLAC and with support from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The main objective of this publication is to analyse available statistical data and develop social indicators for improved analysis of social issues, with a view to designing social policies better suited to the particular needs of target groups. Also, work was concluded on the joint project with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division concerning analysis and assessment of recent socio-economic progress in Latin American countries and the impact of social policies, which had been executed with support from the Government of the Netherlands.

Pursuant to the agreements entered into at the World Summit for Social Development, activities were carried out in preparation for the first regional follow-up conference, held in São Paulo, Brazil, from 6 to 9 April 1997. To facilitate consideration of the outcome of the Summit and to guide the discussions, the ECLAC secretariat prepared a document entitled "The equity gap. Latin America, the Caribbean and the Social Summit".

In the area of technical cooperation, the following assistance has been provided: to the Government of Costa Rica in the elaboration of a national anti-poverty plan; to the Government of Paraguay in the formulation of a national plan for social development and of a social report; to the Government of Guatemala in the preparation of its social analysis and of a system of social indicators; and to the Government of the Dominican Republic, to assess the availability and quality of basic information systems for the purpose of developing a strategy for targeting social programmes. In the last three cases, technical cooperation was provided in coordination with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Technical cooperation activities were initiated with the Government of Honduras, also in coordination with UNDP, to formulate anti-poverty policies and to design and evaluate social policies and programmes.

Work in the second subject area involved analysis of social policies, in particular with a view to the elaboration of methods to improve their design and implementation. The studies focused on institutional and organizational aspects of social policies implemented in countries of the region, and led to the publication of the following: a volume entitled Educación, eficiencia y equidad; two numbers in the Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, entitled Ciudadanía y Derechos Humanos desde la Perspectiva de las Políticas Públicas and A Dinâmica do Setor Saúde no Brasil, and 10 numbers in the Políticas sociales series. In the area of inter-agency cooperation, two studies were carried out in connection with the Regional Conference of Ministers of Education of Latin America and the Caribbean (Jamaica, May 1996), organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and the Meeting on Children and Social Policy in the Americas, organized by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Under the third subject area work focused on analysis of specific examples of policy implementation and execution of social programmes and projects. A project on social programme management was launched, with financial support from the Government of Germany, and two expert meetings were organized to examine progress achieved with the methods used for selected social programmes in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Paraguay. A meeting was also held, jointly with the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Chilean Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN), on the social institutional framework for overcoming poverty and for achieving equity; a publication describing the outcome of the meeting and the proposals put forward is being issued. An expert meeting was also held to analyse State reforms. Execution of the OAS/ECLAC Joint Programme on Social Policies for Latin America also continued, involving technical cooperation and training in the formulation and assessment of social programmes and projects. In the context of this programme, support was provided to the Department of Social Development of Argentina for the evaluation of its programme of support and solidarity for older persons; to the Government of Paraguay, to assess the effects of its school nutrition programme; and to the Government of Chile, to assess the results of its micro-enterprise support programme, which is being executed by MIDEPLAN. In addition, a regional course on the formulation and assessment of social projects was given, as were seven national courses in countries of the region.

The fourth subject area involves research and analysis activities designed to help combat drug abuse. A regional meeting of experts on illicit drug economics and consumption in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in January 1997 and a publication entitled La grieta de las drogas: desintegración social y políticas públicas en América Latina was produced. Technical assistance was provided to the National Council for Narcotics Control of Chile for the analysis, evaluation, and the planning of the implementation of the national policy and plan for drug abuse prevention and control.

With respect to the social aspects of integration, work began on the formulation of a project in this area, a document was issued in the Políticas sociales series and a volume entitled Las dimensiones sociales de la integración regional en América Latina was published jointly with the Latin American Economic System (SELA).

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The strategic role of secondary education in achieving well-being and social equity (LC/G.1919).

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Social Panorama of Latin America. 1996 Edition (LC/G.1946-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.97.II.G.5.

The equity gap: Latin America, the Caribbean and the Social Summit (LC/G.1954(CONF.86/3)).

A dinâmica do setor saúde no Brasil. Transformações e tendências nas décadas de 80 e 90, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 82 (LC/G.1966-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.97.II.G.9.

Report of the First Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (LC/G.1972(CONF.86/4)).

La grieta de las drogas: desintegración social y políticas públicas en América Latina ((LC/G.1975-P).United Nations publication, Sales No. S.97.II.G.12.

Social Panorama of Latin America. 1997 Edition (LC/G.1982-P).

Juventud rural, modernidad y democracia en América Latina (LC/L.931).

Reformas de gestión en la salud pública en Chile, Políticas sociales series, No. 13 (LC/L.933).

The fight against illicit drug cultivation, trafficking and use in Latin America and the Caribbean: possible areas of research within the framework of the programme of work of ECLAC (LC/L.958).

Aspectos sociales de la integración, Políticas sociales series, No. 14, vol. 1 (LC/L.996); vol. II (LC/L.996/Add.1; Add.2, Add.3).

Las reformas sociales en acción: salud, Políticas sociales series, No. 15 (LC/L.997).

Las reformas sociales en acción: educación, Políticas sociales series, No. 16 (LC/L.1000).

Las reformas sociales en acción: experiencias ministeriales, Políticas sociales series, No. 17 (LC/L.1025).

Realidades y mitos del trabajo femenino urbano en América Latina, Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 21 (LC/L.1034).

Las reformas sociales en acción: seguridad social, Políticas sociales series, No. 18 (LC/L.1054).

Las reformas sociales en acción: empleo, Políticas sociales series, No. 19 (LC/L.1056).

Las reformas sociales en acción: vivienda, Políticas sociales series, No. 20 (LC/L.1057).

Políticas sociales, familia y trabajo en la América Latina de fin de siglo, Políticas sociales series, No. 21 (LC/L.1058).

A seguridade social e os processos de integração regional (LC/BRS/L.24).

A transição demográfica e a reforma da previdência social, 1996 (LC/BRS/L.25).

Aposentadoria e distribuição de renda no Brasil (LC/BRS/L.26).

La reforma laboral en la encrucijada (LC/R.1609).

La participación comunitaria en la toma de decisiones de la escuela rural: su rol en la dinámica de mejoramiento del aprendizaje (LC/R.1610).

Los paradigmas de la política social en América Latina (LC/R.1625).

Educación y equidad: una difícil convivencia (LC/R.1664).

El desafío educativo: en busca de la equidad perdida (LC/R.1665).

Revisión de quince años de política educativa en Chile: ajustes en función de la equidad (LC/R.1666).

Importancia relativa de algunos factores del rendimiento educativo: consultas a expertos (LC/R.1667).

Análisis del Sistema de Medición de la Calidad de la Educación (SIMCE) en Chile (LC/R.1668).

Aplicación de la lógica económica al financiamiento de la enseñanza: la experiencia de Chile con el subsidio por estudiante (LC/R.1669).

Significación económica y social de la producción, tráfico y consumo de drogas (LC/R.1695(SEM.87/3)).

Sustentabilidad cultural y autodesarrollo indígena (LC/R.1707).

Informe social de Paraguay (LC/R.1717).

Diagnóstico y evaluación de la gestión del Consejo Nacional para el Control de Estupefacientes (CONACE) y de su política y plan nacional de prevención y control de drogas (LC/R.1734).

Notas para el estudio del proceso de gestión en los programas sociales (LC/R.1741).

Notas para el estudio del proceso de gestión pública en el campo de las políticas sociales (LC/R.1742).

Nuevas experiencias en política social: los fondos de inversión social en América Latina y el Caribe en los programas sociales (LC/R.1744).

Latinobarómetro 1995: opiniones y actitudes de los ciudadanos sobre la realidad económica y social (LC/R.1750).

Evaluación del Programa “Apoyo solidario a los mayores” (ASOMA) (LC/R.1753).

Políticas de fomento a la microempresa en los noventa (LC/R.1756).

La participación organizada en el desarrollo agro-rural de Paraguay (LC/R.1765).

Programa de alimentación escolar de Uruguay (PAE): su impacto nutricional y educacional (LC/R.1767).

Institucionalidad social para la superación de la pobreza y la equidad (LC/R.1768 and Add.1).

Programas de formación para el trabajo: sugerencias para el caso uruguayo (LC/MVD/R.137 and Rev.1).

Evolución de la delincuencia en Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.138).

Marginalidad e integración social en Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.140/Rev.1).

Sobre revoluciones ocultas: la familia en Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.141/Rev.1).

La oferta de recursos humanos en 1995, según los datos de la Encuesta Continua de Hogares (LC/MVD/R.144).

Los estudiantes de las entidades de capacitación: características y motivaciones (LC/MVD/R.145).

La distribución del gasto público en enseñanza en Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.146/Rev.1).

Inversión pública en educación en Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.147).

Condiciones habitacionales de la juventud: elementos para el diseño de una política de vivienda (LC/MVD/R.148/Rev.1).

Equidad en las asignaciones familiares en Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.149 and Rev.1).

La percepción del Instituto Nacional de la Juventud (INJU) en el imaginario juvenil (LC/MVD/R.150 and Rev.1).

Comportamiento y actitudes de los jóvenes en la transición hacia la condición adulta (LC/MVD/R.154 and Rev.1).

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“Desarrollo, ciudadanía y la negación del otro”, Revista Latinoamericana de Estudios Avanzados (RELEA), No. 1, Caracas, Universidad Central de Venezuela, July 1996.

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“Esa esquivada modernidad”, La época, Santiago, Chile, 6 October 1996.

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“Comparative international analysis of rural youth policy in developing countries: coping with diversity and change”, paper presented at the Expert Consultation on Extension Rural Youth Programmes and Sustainable Development, Rome, FAO, 1996.

“El desafío regional de la inserción internacional cubana”, Socialismo y participación, Lima, December 1996.

“Posibilidades y límites de la reforma en la gestión de la salud en Chile”, Tareas, No. 95, Panama City, 1996. (Reproduction of an article that appeared in CEPAL Review, No. 59 (LC/G.1931-P)).

“Las políticas sociales de los noventa”, Políticas sociales y derechos del niño, Lima, UNICEF, 1996.

“Integración económica internacional y etnodesarrollo surandino”, La integración surandina: cinco siglos después, Javier Albó and others (eds.), Cuzco, Centro de Estudios Regionales Andinos Bartolomé de las Casas, Corporación Norte Grande Taller de Estudios Andinos, Universidad Católica del Norte de Antofagasta, 1996.

“Medios de información y comunicación en la nueva oleada modernizadora”, Chile, ruta al tercer milenio, J. Antonio Abalos (ed.), Santiago, Chile, Editorial ITESA, 1996.

“Identidad y cultura en la inserción externa y el desarrollo sustentable”, Inserción global y medio ambiente, Santiago, Chile, Centro de Investigación y Planificación del Medio Ambiente (CIPMA), 1996.

“Modernidad y modernización excluyente”, Jóvenes de los '90, Santiago, Chile, Vicaría de la Pastoral Social del Arzobispado de Santiago, 1996.

Esa esquivada modernidad: desarrollo, ciudadanía y cultura en América Latina y el Caribe, Caracas, Editorial Nueva Sociedad, 1996.

“El bienestar de la población en América Latina y el Caribe: oportunidades, restricciones y voluntades en los linderos del siglo XXI”, Reforma del Estado y democracia en América Latina, Mexico City, El Colegio de México, 1996.

“La política social frente al ajuste y al incremento de la productividad en América Latina y el Caribe”, Situación, No. 1, Bilbao, Spain, 1996.

“Socialism and sociolismo: social actors and economic change in 1990s Cuba”, Toward a New Cuba? Legacies of a Revolution, M.A. Centeno y M. Font, Boulder, Colorado, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1997.

“La reforma finisecular del sector salud en América Latina y el Caribe: su derrotero e instrumentos”, Procesos de reforma de las políticas de salud en Costa Rica, San José, UNICEF, 1997.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar-workshop on investment in education: allocating resources according to equity criteria (Santiago, Chile, 10 January 1996).

Meeting preparatory to the first Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, organized jointly by the Government of Brazil and the ECLAC secretariat (Brasilia, 23 August 1996).

Workshop to consider the report on the Schools Nutrition Programme in Uruguay, organized by the joint programme of the Organization of American States (OAS) and ECLAC on social policies for Latin America (PROPOSAL) (Santiago, Chile, 3-4 October 1996).

Talk by Professor Alejandro Portes of Johns Hopkins University on the informal economy in the 1990s (Santiago, Chile, 4 October 1996).

Presentation by Mr. Carlos Hugo Molina on grass-roots participation in Bolivia: lessons derived from two years of experience (Santiago, Chile, 14 October 1996).

Inter-agency meeting preparatory to the first Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, organized jointly by the Government of Brazil and the ECLAC secretariat (São Paulo and Brasilia, 17-18 October 1996).

First Inter-American Congress on Reform of the State and Public Administration, organized jointly with the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD) (Rio de Janeiro, 7-9 November 1996).

Seminar on evaluation, experiences and objectives with respect to public policies on income distribution in Latin America, organized jointly with the Development Finance Unit and the Statistics and Economic Projections Division (Santiago, Chile, 18-19 November 1996).

Inter-agency meeting preparatory to the Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (Washington, D.C., 9 January 1997).

Expert meeting on drug abuse: alternative approaches and programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 13-15 January 1997).

Meeting with South African congressmen of the Gauteng Legislature in Johannesburg interested in learning about social policies and trends in Chile and Argentina (Santiago, Chile, 1 April 1997).

First Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (São Paulo, 6-9 April 1997).

ECLAC/World Health Organization (WHO) technical meeting to consider possible joint activities (Santiago, Chile, 10 April 1997).

Seminar-workshop on social institutions for combatting poverty and enhancing equity, organized jointly with the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation of Chile and the Organization of American States (OAS) (Santiago, Chile, 14-15 May 1997).

Start-up meeting for the project, "Reforms to social policy management in Latin America" (Santiago, Chile, 15-17 July 1997).

Seminar on reform of the State in relation to the management of social policies in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 13-17 October 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Workshops on gender and poverty, organized by the National Women's Service (SERNAM) (Santiago, Chile, first semester 1996).

International seminar on models for social security and health funding, organized by the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences of the University of Chile. Participated in the panel discussion on international experience with health system reforms (Santiago, Chile, 15 January 1996).

Hemispheric symposium on follow-up to the agreements reached at the Summit of the Americas, organized jointly by the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) of Chile and the Organization of American States (OAS) (Santiago, Chile, 18-19 January 1996).

Regional seminar on education policies, organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (Santiago, Chile, 29-31 January 1996).

Second international symposium of experts on youth in Latin America, organized by the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) (Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 6-8 March 1996).

Second seminar on social policies in Paraguay: foundation for the establishment of a National Plan for Social Development, organized by UNDP (Asunción, 11-12 March 1996).

Thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Buenos Aires, 21-23 March 1996).

International conference on drugs: dependence and interdependence, organized by the North-South Centre (Lisbon, 23-25 March 1996).

Seminar on metropolitan poverty and social funds in Latin America, organized by SUR Professional Consultants Ltd. and the Centre for Social Studies and Education (Santiago, Chile, 25-26 March 1996).

Seventh African-Latin American seminar on social development, education and culture in Africa and Latin America, organized jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and the Matías Romero Institute of Diplomatic Studies (Mexico City, 28-29 March 1996).

Seminar on social policies, organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 29 March-2 April 1996).

Lecture on the current debate on social policy in Latin America, organized by the University of Santiago de Cali under the agreement between the University and ECLAC/ILPES (Cali, Colombia, 12 April 1996).

International seminar-workshop on the contribution of investment funds to the social policy of States, organized jointly by the Solidarity and Social Investment Fund (FOSIS) of Chile, OAS, the Embassy of the Netherlands and the International Cooperation Agency of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 23-24 April 1996).

Seminar on innovation: modernization and the future, organized by the Catholic University of the North (La Serena, Chile, 26 April 1996).

Work meeting on the IDB/PAHO/ECLAC project on the impact of investment in health on economic growth and income distribution, organized by the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) (Washington, D.C., 2-3 May 1996).

Second symposium on State modernization on the topic, "Quality of service and care provided to users by the public sector", organized jointly by the Ministry of Finance and the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Modernization of Public Management of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 7-8 May 1996).

Seventh Regional Conference of Ministers of Education of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by UNESCO (Jamaica, 13-17 May 1996).

Symposium on the institutional definition of the Ibero-American dimension of the Comillas Foundation, organized by the Foundation (Santillana del Mar, Spain, 13-17 May 1996).

Work meeting of the study group on an approach to social exclusion, organized by the Centre for Public Policy Analysis of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 16 May 1996).

Seminar-workshop on the links between society, family and health: background information for the development of a conceptual framework, organized by the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 23 May 1996).

Fourth meeting of the Latin American Inter-Parliamentary Commission on Human Rights (CILDH), on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and specific measures being taken for its application in each of the countries of the region, organized by CILDH, UNICEF, the Inter-American Children's Institute and the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 31 May-2 June 1996).

Regional conference on future trends and health reform for all, organized by PAHO/WHO. Presentation on socio-economic trends that will affect health and the organization of care delivery systems in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 9-12 June 1996).

Meeting of the Board of the Institute of Cuban Studies (Miami, 25-29 June 1996).

Symposium on culture, values and development in Latin America, organized by the Central American Institute of Business Administration (INCAE) (Alajuela, Costa Rica, 28-30 June 1996).

International seminar on governability in democracy: regional perspectives, organized by the Centre for Public Policy Analysis of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 25-28 July 1996).

Ibero-American Conference of Ministers for Youth, organized by the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) (Buenos Aires, 31 July-3 August 1996).

Sixth annual meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE), sponsored by the University of Miami (Miami, 7-11 August 1996).

Third Meeting on Children and Social Policy in the Americas, organized by UNICEF (Santiago, Chile, 8-9 August 1996).

Dialogue on democratic governability, organized by the Office of the President of the Republic of Chile and UNDP (Santiago, Chile, 2-3 September 1996).

International seminar on public policies for women, organized by the National Women's Service of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 September 1996).

Seminar on globalization, modernization and social equity in Latin America, organized by the University of Arts and Social Sciences (ARCIS), under its Doctoral Programmes in the Study of Latin American Societies (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 September 1996).

Twenty-second Latin American seminar on management of health programmes for women, children and adolescents, organized by the School of Public Health of the University of Chile. Gave a lecture on social development in Latin America: the status of the family, children and adolescents in Latin American development (Santiago, Chile, 23 September 1996).

Forty-sixth session of the PAHO/WHO Regional Committee for the Americas (Washington, D.C., 23-29 September 1996).

Seminar on the perception of poverty and social mobility, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (CEP) (Santiago, Chile, 1 October 1996).

Inter-American Conference on Hunger on the topic, "The Plan of Action of the Summit of the Americas", organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Worship and International Trade (Buenos Aires, 7-8 October 1996).

Seminar on the theme, "Thirty-five years of CENDES", organized by the Centre for Development Studies (CENDES) of Venezuela (Caracas, 8-12 October 1996).

Seminar-workshop on coordination of economic and social policies, organized by the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (La Paz, 9-11 October 1996).

Workshop on social indicators, organized by the Technical Secretariat for Planning of Paraguay, under the project, "Diagnosis and evaluation of recent socio-economic progress and of social policies in the Latin American and Caribbean countries" (Asunción, 9-11 October 1996).

Symposium-workshop on the social question in Latin America, organized by the Latin American Central of Workers (CLAT) (Caracas, 28 October-1 November 1996).

Seminar on styles of policy-making and necessary reforms for the governability of Ibero-America, organized by the South American Peace Commission (Santiago, Chile, 30-31 October 1996).

Seminar on political and social systems and globalization, organized by the Department of Sociology of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 7 November 1996).

Seminar on economic and social trends in Latin America at the close of the twentieth century, organized by the Regional Council of Economics of Rio de Janeiro, the Institute of Economics of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the National Economic and Social Development Bank (BNDES). Presentation on the Social Panorama of Latin America (Rio de Janeiro, 13 November-4 December 1996).

National meeting of researchers on youth issues, organized by Causa Joven. Gave a lecture on rural youth (Querétaro, Mexico, 25-29 November 1996).

International conference on the theme, "Being young in the third millennium", organized by the Youth Forum (Montevideo, 27-28 November 1996).

Seminar on socio-demographic inputs into social policy-making in Uruguay, organized by the Programme for Strengthening the Social Area of the Office of Planning and the Budget of Uruguay (Montevideo, 27-29 November 1996).

Colloquium on Cuba and Vietnam in transition, organized by Queens College and by the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York (New York, 5 December 1996).

Seminar-workshop on a plan for autonomous development in the southern Andes, organized by the Legal Commission for Self-Development of Indigenous People (CAPAJ) and sponsored by ECLAC (Tacna, Peru, 7-11 December 1996).

International conference on poverty and social exclusion, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). Presented a paper on social policies (San José, 28-30 January 1997).

Latin American seminar on research into gender and women's issues, organized by the Central American University of Nicaragua (Managua, 29-31 January 1997).

High-level Meeting of Ministers of Social Development, organized by OAS (Washington, D.C., 20-21 February 1997).

SELA, IDB, ECLAC, the Training Centre for Regional Integration (CEFIR) and the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) workshop on social aspects of integration, organized by the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (Caracas, 7 March 1997).

International seminar on social management, organized by the Municipality of Medellín and Social Agencies of Medellín (Medellín, Colombia, 13-14 March 1997).

Regional meeting on decentralization, health systems and sectoral reform, organized by PAHO/WHO (Valdivia, Chile, 17-20 March 1997).

Seminar-workshop on monitoring social programmes and projects: strategic social policy instruments, organized by OAS and the Participatory Social Investment Fund (FOPAR) (Buenos Aires, 19-21 March 1997).

Seminar on the challenge of poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Special Commission on Emerging Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean of the Latin American Parliament (Santo Domingo, 1-2 April 1997).

Meeting to discuss the issue of poverty, as part of the forum for follow-up to the Beijing agreements, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) (Santiago, Chile, 10 April 1997).

Working group on social indicators, organized by the Fordham Institute for Innovation in Social Policy, Fordham Graduate Center (New York, 10-12 April 1997).

Twentieth Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Guadalajara, Mexico, 17-19 April 1997).

Technical meeting to discuss the report on employment and sustainable means of livelihood in Chile, organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) (Santiago, Chile, 12 May 1997).

International seminar on economic integration and democratization: Latin America and Cuba, organized by the Institute of International Studies of the University of Chile, Project Cuba, the City University of New York and the Core Group for Research on International Relations of the University of São Paulo (Santiago, Chile, 26-27 May 1997).

Fourth world congress on action research, action learning and process management and eighth congress on participatory action research, organized by the Colombian Fund for Scientific Research and

Special Projects (COLCIENCIAS), the National University of Colombia, the Universidad del Valle, the University of the Andes and the University of Cartagena (Cartagena, Colombia, 1-5 June 1997).

Eleventh national seminar on the public-sector budget, organized by the Argentine Public-Sector Budget Association (ASAP) (Salta, Argentina, 30 June 1997).

International symposium on youth, education and employment in Ibero-America, organized by the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) (Rio de Janeiro, 8-10 July 1997).

Workshop on the working careers of three generations of women, as part of the cycle of monthly workshops on employment and gender, organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Centre for Women's Studies (CEM) (Santiago, Chile, 9 July 1997).

Seminar on social security health reforms, organized by PAHO/WHO and the Inter-American Conference on Social Security. Participation in discussions on reform of social security systems in the context of health-sector reforms in countries of the region (Mexico City, 28-30 July 1997).

Seminar-workshop on intensive use of household surveys for the study of well-being, organized by the National Institute of Statistics of Bolivia (La Paz, 29-30 July 1997).

Seminar on the productivity of household investment in health, organized by the IDB Network of Applied Economics Research Centres (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 August 1997).

Meeting of Mercosur working sub-group 10. Presentation on labour indicators (Montevideo, 19-23 August 1997).

Meeting of the local committee on a bio-ethics programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by PAHO/WHO (Santiago, Chile, 27 August 1997).

Seminar on sustainable human development in the context of globalization, organized by the Ministry of Planning and Economic Policy of Costa Rica and UNDP (San José, 28-29 August 1997).

Lecture on new approaches to social development in Latin America, organized by the Autonomous University of Bucaramanga (Bucaramanga, Colombia, 29 August 1997).

Lecture entitled "The empty encyclopaedia: education and knowledge in multi-media time and space", organized by the Industrial University of Santander (Santander, Colombia, 29 August 1997).

Lecture on the cultural dimension of development, organized by the University of San Gil (San Gil, Colombia, 30 August 1997).

Twenty-first Congress of the Latin American Association of Sociology (ALAS) (São Paulo, 31 August-5 September 1997).

Seminar on youth in Region XII: challenges for the new century, organized by the University of Magallanes (Punta Arenas, Chile, 8-9 September 1997).

Fourth Ibero-American Conference on the Family on the theme of family, work, and quality of life, organized by the Ibero-American Network of Workers with Families, Universidad Externado de Colombia, the Colombian Family Welfare Institute and the Network of Research Centres and Researchers on the Family (Cartagena, Colombia, 8-12 September 1997).

Symposium on health and nutrition in Cuba: effects of the American embargo, organized by the Olof Palme Centre and the Cuban Committee for Democracy (CCD) (Miami, 13 September 1997).

Round table on social policies for the rights of the child, organized by the Centre for Public Policy Analysis of the University of Chile and sponsored by the National Children's Service (Santiago, Chile, 15 September 1997).

Twenty-third Latin American seminar on management of health programmes for women, children and adolescents, organized by the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 23 September 1997).

International seminar on poverty: causes and solutions. The case of Venezuela, organized by the Andrés Bello Catholic University and UNDP (Caracas, 29-30 September 1997).

Chilean/German inter-disciplinary seminar on drugs, health and citizenship, organized by the Goethe Institute (Santiago, Chile, 7-9 October 1997).

Seminar-workshop on Mercosur education statistics, organized by the Ministry of Public Education of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 13-17 October 1997).

Programme of specialists in policy on the family in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Council for Social Welfare for Latin America and the Caribbean, the International Forum on the Family and Social Service for Industry (Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil, 13-17 October 1997).

Ninth Latin American symposium of communication schools, organized by the Latin American Federation of Communication Schools (FELAFACS) (Lima, 26-30 October 1997).

Seminar on the theme, "Colombian Agenda: social equity", organized by the Society for Latin American Studies (Medellín, Colombia, 29-30 October 1997).

National workshop on social indicators, organized by UNDP, the Government of Armenia and the World Bank (Yerevan, Armenia, 13-14 November 1997).

Latin American seminar on globalization, social policies and child labour in Latin America, organized jointly by the American Christian Democratic Workers Front (FETRAL DC), the Latin American University of Workers (UTAL), the Panamanian Institute for Community Studies (IPEC) and the Latin American Labour Forum (Panama City, 17-19 November 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Latin American Federation of Workers (CLAT)

With CLAT, on social policies.

Argentina

With the Department of Social Development, in evaluating the Solidarity Programme in Support of Older Persons (ASOMA), in monitoring the progress and results achieved by the project and in preparing the second stage.

With the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, in providing advisory services for its programme to support productive redeployment, under project FRG/97/S19, "Reforms to social policy management in Latin America and the Caribbean".

Bolivia

With the Ministry for the Presidency and the National Development Council (CONADE), by providing advisory services in relation to building a consensus among political and social actors for the implementation of structural reforms (capitalization and social security).

With the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, in evaluating proposals and strategies for development.

Brazil

With the Government, in examining substantive and operational aspects of the preparations for the first Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Conference for Social Development.

With the Ministry of Health, in providing advisory services to its AIDS programme, under project FRG/97/S19.

With the Ministry of Welfare and Social Assistance, in conducting studies on: (i) expanding the capacity for analytical and actuarial accounting and supervision of private pension funds or supplementary pensions systems; (ii) regulatory and legal aspects of publicly-provided social security, and collation of information for the proposed constitutional reform of the social security system; (iii) information of a social and economic nature about countries with whom Brazil has reciprocity agreements on social security; and (iv) support for the creation of a national register of social information.

Chile

With the National Drug Control Council (CONACE), in the diagnostic assessment and evaluation of CONACE and its impact, and in implementing the National Drugs Prevention and Control Plan.

With the National Institute for Agricultural Development (INDAP) of the Ministry of Agriculture, on rural research in forestry areas and on projects for youth.

With the Baha'i faith, in assisting the beneficiaries of the development project undertaken in the indigenous rural area of Region IX.

With the Solidarity and Social Investment Fund (FOSIS), in evaluating its programme of support for micro-enterprises, under project FRG/97/S19.

Colombia

With the Municipality of Medellín, social agencies, in evaluating a school canteen programme, under project FRG/97/S19.

Costa Rica

With the Government, in formulating a national plan to combat poverty.

Dominican Republic

With the National Planning Office (ONAPLAN), in coordination with UNDP, on the availability and quality of basic information systems and on a strategy for targeting social programmes, under project RLA/92/009.

Guatemala

With the Government, through the Government of the Netherlands and the Free University of Amsterdam, on participation by peasant farmers in regional rural development.

With the Government, on a social diagnostic assessment and the formulation of a system of social indicators, in coordination with UNDP, under project RLA/92/009, "Poverty alleviation and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean".

Honduras

With the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget (SECPLAN), in building a system to evaluate and monitor social programmes.

With the Government, on the design of a programme to reform the existing operations and administration of the Department of Statistics and Censuses.

Mexico

With the Trust Fund for Payment of the Tortilla Subsidy (FIDELIST) of the Ministry of Social Development and the Autonomous Metropolitan University, in evaluating the programme, under project FRG/97/S19.

Panama

With the Government, in coordination with UNDP, in formulating policies to combat poverty and in the design and evaluation of social policies and programmes.

Paraguay

With the Government, in coordination with UNDP, in designing and developing a national social development plan.

With the Department of Statistics and Censuses, in coordination with UNDP, in preparing a social diagnostic assessment and developing a system of social indicators.

With the Social Investment Fund of Paraguay, in evaluating its management, under project FRG/97/S19.

Uruguay

With the Office of Planning and the Budget, in evaluating the schools nutrition programme.

With the Government, through the Office of Planning and the Budget, under project URU/96/760, "Agreement between ECLAC and FAS on a national human development report", in developing social indicators and in conducting studies on the situation of families, social integration, quality of life and poverty.

With the Government, through the Ministry of Education and Culture, under project URU/96/009, "Assistance for a housing policy to support the formation of young households", in designing and conducting a study on the housing problems facing young people.

With the Government, through the Ministry of Education and Culture and the National Institute for Youth, in preparing studies on the behaviour and attitudes of young people during the transition to adulthood.

With the Government, under project URU/97/017, "Support for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development", in preparing studies on the survival strategies adopted by Uruguayan households in situations of vulnerability.

Venezuela

With Andrés Bello Catholic University, through the Office of the Resident Representative of UNDP, in support for a study on poverty.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Classes on public management of the social sector in Latin America, given as part of the 1995-1996 Master's Programme offered by the Autonomous University of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain, 19-25 February 1996 and 10 May-2 June 1996), for 120 participants.

Course on formulating, evaluating and monitoring social programmes and projects, organized by the UNICEF office in Brasilia, for 30 participants (Brasilia, 17 March-4 April 1996).

Course on formulating and evaluating social programmes and projects, organized by the Health Service of Valparaíso and San Antonio, for 30 participants (Valparaíso, Chile, 6-10 May 1996).

Introductory course on formulating and evaluating social programmes and projects, organized by PAHO/WHO, for 20 departmental directors of health of the Ministry of Public Health of Uruguay (Montevideo, Uruguay, 20-21 May 1996).

Lectures on evaluating social projects, given at the training workshop for the project, "Institution-building in the social sector", organized by the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget (SECPLAN) of Honduras (Tegucigalpa, 24-28 June 1996).

Course on The gender variable in development, taught as part of the International Postgraduate Course on Population and Sustainable Development offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile under the auspices of the United Nations (Santiago, Chile, 10-11 July 1996).

Course on formulating, monitoring and evaluating social programmes and projects, organized by the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), for 30 participants (Brasilia, 22 July-2 August 1996).

Course on formulating, monitoring and evaluating social projects, organized by the Ministry of Health of Brazil, for 30 participants (Brasilia, 2-9 August 1996).

Classes on the theory of social development and social policy, given as part of the Master's Programme in Social Work and Social Policies offered by the Department of Social Services of the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 26-28 August 1996).

Regional course on formulating and evaluating social programmes and projects, organized jointly by ECLAC and OAS, for 37 participants from 16 countries of the region (Santiago, Chile, 30 August-26 September 1996).

Course on formulating and evaluating social projects, organized by UNDP for government officials with responsibility for the social sector (Asunción, 7-18 October 1996).

Lecture on the contribution of the gender perspective to studies of the family, given at the Latin American symposium on the family as part of the Master's Programme in Social Work and Social Policies offered by the Department of Social Services of the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 23 October 1996).

Classes on formulating, monitoring and evaluating social programmes and projects, given as part of a course on the topic, organized by the Inter-American Centre for Integrated Social Development (CIDES), the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES) and IDB (Quito, Ecuador, 3 February 1997).

Classes on formulating, monitoring and evaluating social programmes and projects, given as part of the course on the topic organized by the National Social Compensation and Development Fund (FONCODES) (Lima, 10 February 1997).

Classes on women and social equity, given as part of the Diploma Programme in Gender and Development offered by the Centre for Higher University Studies of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón (Sucre, Bolivia, 1-6 March 1997).

Course on formulating, monitoring and evaluating social programmes and projects, organized by the Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA)/Economic Development Training Centre (CENDEC), for 30 participants (Brasilia, 14-25 April 1997).

Classes on social indicators and the diagnostic assessment of poverty, given as part of the international workshop on poverty, organized by the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) of Mexico (Mexico City, 28 May 1997).

Classes on the social panorama of Latin America, given as part of the third Master's Programme in Economic Development in Latin America, conducted at the Ibero-American campus of the International University of Andalusia (La Rábida, Huelva, Spain, 23-27 June 1997).

Lecture on new trends in social policies in the 1990s, given as part of the public course on social policies, organized by the Department of Social Development of Argentina and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) (Buenos Aires, 24 June 1997).

Two lectures on the development among indigenous people given as part of the Doctoral Programme in Social Studies in Latin America, offered by the University of Arts and Social Sciences (ARCIS) (Santiago, Chile, 25 June-2 July 1997).

Two lectures on the development of ethnic groups and of peasant farmers, respectively, given as part of the Master's Programme in the Anthropology of Development offered by the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 6-23 July 1997).

Classes on democratization in Latin America, given as part of a course, "Cuba in the light of other transitions", organized by the Complutense University of Madrid (Madrid, 28 July-1 August 1997).

Lecture on the situation in Cuba: transition and social policies, given as part of the Master's Programme in Latin American Social and Political Studies offered by ILADES (Santiago, Chile, 13 August 1997).

Classes on drug consumption and public safety in Latin America, as part of the course on public safety organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 22 August 1997).

Classes on social integration and symbolic integration in Latin America in a context of increasing globalization, given as part of a postgraduate course offered by Universidad Del Valle (Cali, Colombia, 26 August 1997).

Classes on the nature of the cultural component in the new perspectives for development in Latin America, given at the Social Foundation (Bogotá, Colombia, 27-28 August 1997).

Lecture on poverty in Latin America: gender and generations, given as part of the module "Poverty, exclusion, inequity" of the Doctoral Programme in Latin American Studies offered by the University of Arts and Social Sciences (ARCIS) (Santiago, Chile, 17 October 1997).

INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The activities carried out during the biennium in the area of the integration of women in development centred on follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 and to the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women and on the work involved in organizing and holding the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean. The importance attached to the latter reflected an awareness within Latin America and the Caribbean of the need to strengthen the regional forum as a means of ensuring the fulfilment of commitments entered into at the international and regional levels, since no new world conference had yet been planned.

The seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Santiago, Chile, from 19 to 21 November 1997. On the basis of documents presented by the ECLAC secretariat and the contributions of the countries, the Conference evaluated the progress made in implementing the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001.

During the period covered by this report, four meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference were also held (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 May 1996; Port of Spain, 18-19 November 1996; Mexico City, 27-28 May 1997; and Santiago, Chile, 17 November 1997), as were two meetings of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system (Santiago, Chile, 15 May 1996, and 18 and 21 November 1997). At the meetings of the Presiding Officers, important agreements were reached for the intensification of their activities in preparation for the seventh session of the Regional Conference. The meetings of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system analysed constraints affecting the continuity of programmes and projects under way at that time, as well as opportunities for exchange and coordination within the framework of follow-up to the Platform for Action and the Regional Programme of Action.

An expert meeting was also held on The relationship between non-governmental women's organizations and the State in various contexts and its impact on the modalities of organizations and movements (Santiago, Chile, 28-30 April 1997).

During the biennium, the Women and Development Unit prepared various studies, including the following: "Sustainable development, poverty and gender in Latin America and the Caribbean: working towards the year 2000" (LC/L.1064), "Access to power and participation in decision-making in Latin America and the Caribbean: policies for gender equity looking to the year 2000" (LC/L.1063), "Female human resources development: growth and equity as priorities" (LC/L.947), and "Reflexiones sobre los indicadores del mercado de trabajo para el diseño de políticas con enfoque de género" (LC/R.1639). The first two were presented as reference documents at the seventh session of the Regional Conference.

During the period under consideration, increased efforts were made to ensure that women's issues were taken into account in all ECLAC programmes, pursuant to ECLAC resolution 483(XXI) on effective mobilization and integration of women in development. Activities carried out in this context included an examination of projects executed by substantive divisions and units of the ECLAC secretariat with a view to the inclusion of elements of gender analysis in their terms of reference and interdivisional meetings to carry out joint analyses of studies on the status of women. During the second half of 1997, a number of training workshops were held within ECLAC to facilitate the

institutionalization and mainstreaming of the gender perspective in the activities contained in the programme of work and in technical cooperation for development.

(i) Documents

Selected ECLAC documents and publications on the integration of women into the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.460/Rev.6).

Activities of the ECLAC secretariat relating to the women of Latin America and the Caribbean for the period from 1 June 1994 to 30 April 1996 (LC/L.939(MDM.22/3)).

Female human resources development: growth and equity as priorities, *Mujer y desarrollo* series No. 15 (LC/L.947).

Gender-based violence: a human rights issue, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 16 (LC/L.957).

Report of the twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 16 and 17 May 1996) (LC/L.966(MDM.22/4)).

Health and women in Latin America and the Caribbean: old issues and new approaches, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 17 (LC/L.990).

Report of the twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Port of Spain, 18 and 19 November 1996) (LC/L.999(MDM 23/3)).

Reflexiones sobre los indicadores del mercado de trabajo para el diseño de políticas con un enfoque basado en el género, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 19 (LC/L.1016).

El sector informal urbano desde la perspectiva de género: el caso de México, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 20 (LC/L.1017).

Realidades y mitos del trabajo femenino urbano en América Latina, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 21 (LC/L.1034).

Report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 27 and 28 May 1997) (LC/L.1061(MDM.24/2)).

Activities of the ECLAC secretariat relating to the integration of women into the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean from 1 June 1994 to 30 August 1997 (LC/L.1062(CRM.7/3)).

Activities at the Caribbean subregional level relating to the integration of women into the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean from 1 June 1994 to 30 August 1997 (LC/L.1062(CRM.7/3)/Add.1).

Access to power and participation in decision-making in Latin America and the Caribbean: policies for gender equity looking to the year 2000 (LC/L.1063(CRM.7/4)).

Sustainable development, poverty and gender. Latin America and the Caribbean: working towards the year 2000 (LC/L.1064 (CRM.7/5)).

Directory of national organizations dealing with programmes and policies on women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1065).

Documents presented at the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1066(CRM.7/6)).

Documents prepared specifically for the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean.

- Towards equality for women. Progress in legislation since the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (DDR/1).
- Gender, the environment and the sustainability of development (DDR/2).
- Women's non-governmental organizations and the State. Reflections on a relationship (DDR/3).
- La educación de las mujeres: de la marginalidad a la coeducación. Propuestas para una metodología de cambio educativo (DDR/4).
- Violencia en la pareja. Tratamiento legal, evolución y balance (DDR/5).
- Compartir las responsabilidades familiares: una tarea para el desarrollo (DDR/6).

Reflexiones sobre los indicadores del mercado de trabajo para el diseño de políticas con enfoque de género (LC/R.1639).

El desarrollo de los asentamientos humanos desde la perspectiva de género (LC/R.1640).

Mujer y política: complejidades y ambivalencias de una relación (LC/R.1643).

Mujeres jóvenes de clase media: entre diálogos y contrapuntos (LC/R.1658).

Roles sexuales y juego en la educación preescolar: invitación a la reflexión (LC/R.1705).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the Women and Development Unit

Meeting on labour market indicators for the design of policies with a gender perspective (Santiago, Chile, 9 April 1996).

Meeting on gender perceptions and human resources policies in a context of productive modernization (Santiago, Chile, 9 July 1996).

Meeting to present the publication, “Estudios básicos de derechos humanos”, organized jointly with the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH) (Santiago, Chile, 17 October 1996).

Expert meeting on the relationship between women’s non-governmental organizations and the State in various contexts and its impact on the form and functioning of organizations and movements (Santiago, Chile, 28-30 April 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Sixteenth session of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) (Santo Domingo, 13-19 February 1996).

National Convention of Women’s Non-governmental Organizations. Presented an analysis of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Grenada, 10 March 1996).

Fortieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 11-22 March 1996).

Latin American seminar-workshop on human settlements, poverty and gender, sponsored by the British Council and the Habitat Forum, and by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) under a joint agreement, and held under the auspices of ECLAC. Presented a paper on human settlements in Latin America and the Caribbean viewed from the perspective of gender and development (Santiago, Chile, 27-29 March 1996).

Seminar on challenges for peace: a country without battered women, organized by the Chilean Network against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Presented a paper on strategies for and regional experiences in confronting gender violence within the family (Santiago, Chile, 30 May 1996).

Meeting of UNICEF focal points for women’s issues and gender equity on the theme, “Beyond Beijing: promoting collaboration to implement the world programme of action”, organized by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). Presented a report on the activities and future challenges of the Women and Development Unit (Havana, 11-13 June 1996).

Continental symposium on human resources development strategies in cooperatives, organized by the International Cooperative Alliance. Presented a paper on development of productive resources and gender (Lima, 4-6 July 1996).

International seminar on equal opportunity for women in education, organized by the Ministry of Public Education of Chile, the National Women’s Service (SERNAM) and the National Institute for Youth (Santiago, Chile, 10-11 July 1996).

Seminar on local development and promotion of production for overcoming poverty in Chile, organized by the Solidarity and Social Investment Fund (FOSIS) (Santiago, Chile, 12-13 August 1996.)

Seminar on changing production patterns with social equity: economic, social and cultural rights, organized by ECLAC and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH). Presented notes on cultural rights as a contribution to debate (Santiago, Chile, 13-14 August 1996).

International seminar on public policies for women, organized by SERNAM (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 September 1996).

Congress on the theme, "Man and his culture", organized by the Department of Culture of the Province of Córdoba. Presented a paper on the gender perspective: a look at culture at the close of the century (Cosquín, Argentina, 13-17 January 1997).

Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) (Santo Domingo, 2-13 February 1997).

Seventeenth session of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) (Santo Domingo, 12-19 February 1997).

Forty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 5-14 March 1997).

Latin American seminar on development and environment in urban practice. Presented a paper on gender and the urban environment in Latin America: an interrelationship to investigate, a challenge to confront (Rosario, Argentina, 10-13 March 1997).

Symposia on gender studies in Argentina and Latin America, organized by the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on Women and by the Masters Programme on Power, Society and the Issue of Gender offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Arts of the National University at Rosario. Presented a paper on an overview of gender studies in Latin America (Rosario, Argentina, 8-9 May 1997).

Seminar on population and sustainable development: the challenges of the twenty-first century, organized by the University of Chile and the Ministry of Public Health (Santiago, Chile, 13 May 1997).

Special expanded session of the National Commission on the Family of the Chilean Chamber of Deputies to consider the issue of abuse and violence against women. Presented a synthetic document with proposals for follow-up and improvement of Act 19.325 on domestic violence and for a government policy to eradicate domestic violence (Valparaíso, Chile, 11 June 1997).

(iii) Training and fellowships

Participation in the panels on the labour market and female identity in daily life as part of the second postgraduate course on gender, education and development, offered by the World University Service, for 30 students from various countries in the region (Santiago, Chile, 15-26 January 1996).

Course on women and equity, given as part of the postgraduate programme for the Diploma in Gender and Development offered by the Centre for Higher University Studies (CESU) of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón, for 30 students (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 6-8 May 1996).

Course on the concept of family from an anthropological perspective, given as part of the postgraduate programme on domestic violence and intervention strategies offered by the Department of

Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, of the University of Chile, for 30 students (Santiago, Chile, August 1996 and May 1997).

Classes on the gender perspective in development given as part of the course on paradigms of social change under the Masters Programme in Anthropology and Development offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile, for 30 students (Santiago, Chile, 30 June 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 10: STATISTICS AND ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS

During the reporting period, the Statistics and Economic Projections Division conducted activities in the following areas: (i) enlarging the regional framework of statistical information; (ii) developing and disseminating statistical information; (iii) promoting regional cooperation on statistics; (iv) preparing prospective studies on development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the region's position in the global economy.

The regional framework of statistical information was considerably enlarged and strengthened by the consolidation and rapid expansion of the Regional Short-term Indicators Database (BADECOY), final incorporation of the latest international statistical classifications based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) for external trade data, the consolidation of the External Debt Database for the countries of the region and the incorporation of new surveys in the Household Survey Data Bank (BADEHOG). Major strides were made on adapting the Balance of Payments Data Bank to reflect the new concepts and compilation methods and on producing the regional national accounts series using a new base year (1990).

In the area of the developing and disseminating statistics, priority was given to support for the adoption of the new System of National Accounts (1993 SNA) in the region. The manual in English (United Nations, 1994) had come out simultaneously with the fifth edition of the Balance of Payments Manual (International Monetary Fund, 1994). To facilitate its use in the countries of the region, it had been requested that the manual should be translated into Spanish. That process is now nearly complete. Progress was also made in disseminating information via electronic media (on diskettes and CD-ROMS and on-line via the Internet and Intranet) allowing users direct access.

Improvements were made in the methods used for estimating income distribution, measuring poverty and calculating new external trade unit value indexes. Special attention was paid to developing computer systems enabling users to access ECLAC statistical databases directly, including a system for retrieval and manipulation of information in the External Trade Data Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean (BADECEL), which runs on the program SAS Windows.

In the area of regional cooperation on statistics, a number of projects were initiated and are now in progress relating to the development of statistical databases, household surveys, improvement of national accounts, production of basic statistics and social policies and programmes. Major efforts were made in the following areas: adaptation and production of basic statistics in the framework of a regional strategy for the implementation of 1993 SNA; environmental statistics and indicators; poverty statistics and indicators; and service statistics.

Lastly, in the area of prospective studies on development and the region's position in the world economy, the emphasis was twofold: efforts were directed, first, at studying the outside factors that influence trends in the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean and their prospects over the medium term, and, second, at analysing the position of the region in the global economy. The general aim was to predict potential economic growth trends for the countries individually and the region as a whole.

To that end, country-by-country macroeconomic projections were updated, and the region's economy was monitored as part of Project Link, which coordinates world economic projections under the supervision of the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

(i) Documents

América Latina y el Caribe: series regionales y oficiales de cuentas nacionales, 1950-1994, Cuadernos estadísticos de la CEPAL series, No. 23 (LC/G.1888-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.96.II.G.10.

Final report of the regional seminar on implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 1993) (Caracas, 22-24 November 1995) (LC/G.1893).

Chile: comercio exterior según grupos de la Clasificación Uniforme para el Comercio Internacional, revisión 3, y países de destino y procedencia: 1990, 1993 a 1995 y enero a junio de 1996, Cuadernos estadísticos de la CEPAL series, No. 24 (LC/G.1895-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.97.II.G.3.

Statistical Yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995 (LC/G.1908-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E/S.96.II.G.1.

América Latina: índices de precios al consumidor, 1970-1995 (LC/G.1909 and Corr.1).

Statistical Yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1996 (LC/G.1938-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E/S.97.II.G.1.

Social Panorama of Latin America. 1996 Edition (in conjunction with the Social Development Division) (LC/G.1946-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.II.G.4.

Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1996 (LC/G.1947-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S/E.96.II.G.13.

Final report of the second joint OAS/ECLAC meeting on statistical matters (Santiago, Chile, 15-18 October 1996) (LC/G.1951(Sem.86/6)).

Progress in implementing the System of National Accounts (SNA 1993) in Latin American and Caribbean countries, 1996 (LC/G.1956).

América Latina: índices de precios al consumidor, 1970-1996 (LC/G.1965).

Social Panorama of Latin America. 1997 Edition (in conjunction with the Social Development Division) (LC/G.1982-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.98.II.G.3.

Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1997 (LC/G.1984-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.II.G.13.

América Latina y el Caribe: series estadísticas e indicadores de la deuda externa, 1970-1993 (LC/L.930).

Report of the status of national accounts and progress in implementing SNA 1993 in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.934 and Rev.1).

América Latina y el Caribe: series estadísticas sobre comercio de servicios, 1980-1995 (LC/L.946).

La medición de los ingresos en la perspectiva de los estudios de pobreza. El caso de la encuesta CASEN de Chile: años 1987 a 1994 (LC/R.1604).

Panorama de la economía mundial: resumen de las proyecciones 1995-1996 (LC/R.1611).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales al 4º trimestre de 1995 (LC/R.1624).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales al 1er. trimestre de 1996 (LC/R.1642).

La sensibilidad del indicador de pobreza: un análisis a partir de diferentes opciones metodológicas (LC/R.1657).

Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1997-1998; Subprogramme 1: adaptation and production of basic statistics in the framework of a regional strategy for the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (SCN 1993) (LC/R.1677(Sem.86/2)).

Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1997-1998; Subprogramme 3: statistics and social and poverty indicators (LC/R.1678(Sem.86/4)).

Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1997-1998. Subprogramme 4: dissemination of statistical information (LC/R.1679(Sem.86/5)).

Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1997-1998. Subprogramme 2: Environmental statistics and indicators (LC/R.1680(Sem.86/3)).

El régimen de convertibilidad y el sistema bancario en Argentina (LC/R.1682).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales: tercer trimestre de 1996 (LC/R.1687).

Directory of national accounts experts in the Latin American and Caribbean countries, 1996 (LC/R.1698).

Países industrializados: resumen de las proyecciones 1996-1997 (LC/R.1699).

Medición de la pobreza en Brasil: una estimación de las necesidades de energía y proteínas de la población (LC/R.1700).

Survey of the present state of environment information in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1996: results, diagnostic analysis and plan of action for regional work on environment statistics (LC/R.1711).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales: primer trimestre de 1997 (LC/R.1716).

Estrategia aperturista y transnacionales (LC/R.1727).

Estrategia de apertura comercial: planteo teórico y evidencias empíricas (LC/R.1732).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales: segundo trimestre de 1997 (LC/R.1740).

Terminology used in the translation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (1993 SNA) (LC/R.1752).

Base regional de datos de coyuntura. Algunos indicadores principales: tercer trimestre de 1997 (LC/R.1761).

Joint publication

Aspectos metodológicos sobre medición de la línea de pobreza: el caso uruguayo, Montevideo, National Institute of Statistics and ECLAC office in Montevideo, March 1996.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Regional expert workshop on determining the poverty line in Uruguay, organized jointly by the ECLAC Office in Montevideo and the National Institute of Statistics of Uruguay (Montevideo, 12-13 March 1996).

Seminar-workshop on the special data dissemination standard, organized jointly with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), for 29 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and IMF (Santiago, Chile, 8-12 July 1996).

Regional seminar on service statistics, organized jointly with the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) of France and the National Institute of Statistics of Uruguay, for 22 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and INSEE (Santiago, Chile, 26-28 August 1996).

Introductory workshop course on the 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA), given at the Statistics and Census Office of Panama, under project PAN/93/002, "Improving the national accounting system and the compilation of basic statistics" (Panama City, 30 September-18 November 1996).

Meeting on calculating parities for estimating gross domestic product and GDP expenditure components, organized jointly with the World Bank, for 19 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 27-31 January 1997).

Work meeting on criteria for evaluating the countries' progress in implementing the 1993 System of National Accounts (Santiago, Chile, 2 May 1997).

Seminar on poverty statistics, for 44 participants from Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, United States, Uruguay, Zimbabwe and United States Bureau of the Census, Statistical Office of the European Union

(EUROSTAT), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Statistics Division of the United Nations (Santiago, Chile, 7-9 May 1997).

Course on concepts and techniques for analysing sustainable and human development in the framework of the 1993 System of National Accounts, organized jointly with ILPES and the Institute of Social Studies at the Hague, Netherlands. Attended by 34 representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 1-13 December 1997).

Meeting on the international price comparison programme (Santiago, Chile, 9-11 December 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Meeting of the United Nations Common Data Systems Task Force (New York, 13-16 February 1996).

Meeting of Project Link, organized by the United Nations (New York, 19-23 March 1996).

Eighteenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination (New York, 16-19 April 1996).

Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Statistical Data Bases of the Sub-Committee on Statistical Activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) of the United Nations (New York, 7-9 May 1996).

National symposium of producers and users of social, economic and territorial data, sponsored by the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE). Addresses given on the current situation with respect to national accounts and the progress made in implementing the 1993 SNA in Latin America and the Caribbean (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 27-31 May 1996).

Meeting of the SIENA Group, sponsored by Statistics Denmark and the National Institute of Statistics of Italy (Paris, 6-7 June 1996).

Ad hoc meeting of national statistical offices of OECD member countries, organized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Paris, 10 June 1996).

Meeting of European statisticians, sponsored by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (Paris, 11-13 June 1996).

Conference on statistics, sponsored by the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 29-31 June 1996).

Regional seminar on national accounts, organized by the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic and UNDP. Addresses given on the new System of National Accounts (1993 SNA) (Santo Domingo, 21-26 July 1996).

Meeting of directors of statistics of Mercosur (Buenos Aires, 29 September-1 October 1996).

Workshop on foreign trade statistics in relation to Mercosur and the Andean Pact, organized by the European Training Centre for Economic Statisticians of Developing Countries (CESD-Madrid) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3-9 November 1996).

Meeting of directors of statistics of Mercosur and the European Union (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 7-11 November 1996).

Seminar for economists, organized by the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the Council of Economists of Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 12-14 November 1996).

Meeting of Directors of Statistics organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (Bangkok, 27-29 November 1996).

Meeting of experts on socio-demographic information in relation to social policies, organized by the Programme on Strengthening the Social Area (FAS) of the Office of Planning and the Budget of Uruguay (Montevideo, 27-30 November 1996).

Expert group meeting on household income statistics, organized by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (Canberra, 30 November-7 December 1996).

Opening meeting of the Programme for the Improvement of Surveys on Living Conditions in Latin America and the Caribbean (MECOVI), organized by IDB and the World Bank (Asunción, 2-4 December 1996).

Meetings of the coordinating committee for the MECOVI Programme, organized by ECLAC, IDB and the World Bank (Washington, D.C., 14-17 January 1997).

Meeting of the United Nations Statistical Commission (New York, 9-20 February 1997).

Meeting of the steering committee for the MECOVI Programme (Washington, D.C., 20-21 February 1997).

Meetings with the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), held to examine mechanisms for improving ECLAC databases in the social area (Vienna, 8-24 March 1997).

Workshop on electronic technologies for integrated access to statistical data in Mercosur and associate member countries (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 17-21 March 1997).

Tripartite meeting of ECLAC, UNDP and the Statistics and Census Office of Panama, under project PAN/93/002, "Improving the national accounting system and the compilation of basic statistics" (Panama City, 18-22 March 1997).

Meeting of Project Link, organized by the Project Link Research Centre, the Institute for Policy Analysis and the University of Toronto, Canada (New York, 20-28 March 1997).

Meeting of departments of integration and cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean (Guatemala City, 17-18 April 1997).

United Nations Expert Group Meeting on applying new methods and technologies in international statistical databases (New York, 12-15 May 1997).

Expert group meeting on informal statistics in relation to data banks, organized by the Department of Statistics of India (New Delhi, 16-24 May 1997).

Meeting of European statisticians, sponsored by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (Geneva, 8-13 June 1997).

First Hispano-American forum on telecommunications and disability, organized by the Hispano-American Association of Telecommunications Research and Study Centers (Madrid, 23 June-2 July 1997).

Fifty-first session of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) (Istanbul, 17-27 August 1997).

Meeting for final evaluation of project BID/93/S54, "Programme to improve socio-economic information systems in Uruguay" (Montevideo, 31 August-2 September 1997).

Thirty-first session of the Sub-Committee on Statistical Activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) of the United Nations (Geneva, Switzerland, 15-19 September 1997).

Meeting of Project Link, organized by the Project Link Research Centre, the Institute for Policy Analysis and the University of Toronto, Canada (Kuala Lumpur, 20-27 September 1997).

Meeting of PC-AXIS international users and workshop on dissemination of output of statistical databases, organized by Statistics Sweden (Stockholm, 20-28 September 1997).

Meeting of the coordinating committee for the MECOVI Programme, organized by the World Bank, IDB and ECLAC (Washington, D.C., 24-27 September 1997).

Meeting of experts in labour statistics, organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) (Geneva, 13-24 October 1997).

Latin American seminar on national accounts, organized by the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA) and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Public Works and Services of Argentina, with the collaboration of ECLAC (Buenos Aires, 20-24 October 1997).

Seminar on poverty and targeting social expenditure, organized by the Social Development Project and the Ministry of Family Affairs of Venezuela (Caracas, 30-31 November 1997).

Third meeting of the Expert Group on International Economic and Social Classifications, organized by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations (New York, 1-3 December 1997).

Second workshop to discuss the year 2000 census round in Mercosur, organized by the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2-6 December 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

With agencies in the region

With the National Institute of Statistics and the National Statistical Office of Bolivia; the National Statistical Office of Brazil and the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE); the National Statistical Office and the Bank of the Republic of Colombia; the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses and the Central Bank of Ecuador; the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) of Mexico; the National Institute of Statistics and the National Bank of Panama; the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics and the Central Reserve Bank of Peru; and the Central Statistics and Informatics Office and the Central Bank of Venezuela, on the subject of international price comparisons.

Argentina

With the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC), on databases and the electronic dissemination of statistical information, and in relation to international price comparisons.

With Project SIEMPRO (social programme information, monitoring and evaluation system) executed by the Department of Social Development, on measuring poverty.

Bolivia

With the National Institute of Statistics, under project HOL/94/S60, "Diagnosis and evaluation of recent socio-economic progress and of social policies in the Latin American and Caribbean countries", on methods for analysing poverty and social equity.

Brazil

With the Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE), in relation to national accounts and the measurement of poverty in Brazil; and on statistical data banks and the effects of Mercosur in terms of statistics.

Costa Rica

With the Bureau of Statistics and Censuses, on household surveys.

Mexico

With the Government, on measuring poverty.

Panama

With the Statistics and Census Office, on the use of the Balance-of-Payments Data Bank (BADEPAG).

Paraguay

With the Technical Department of Planning and Economic and Social Development, on social diagnostic assessment and indicators.

With the Department of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses, on electronic data processing technology and systems.

Peru

With representatives of the project, "Factors determining the process of real investment in Latin America and the Caribbean following reform: the case of Peru", in managing macroeconomic data for the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI) of Peru.

With INEI, in devising a national survey on living conditions and poverty (fourth quarter 1997-first quarter 1998).

Uruguay

With the National Institute of Statistics (INE), on databases and the electronic dissemination of statistical information, and in relation to international price comparisons.

With INE, under project BID/93/S54, "Programme to improve socio-economic information systems in Uruguay", in particular in conducting the third household expenditure and income survey and defining the new basket of consumer goods for calculating the consumer price index, along with related studies.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Second Master's Programme in Economic Development in Latin America, offered by the Ibero-American Centre of the International University of Andalusia (Seville, Spain, 3-7 June 1996).

Training course in the use of the External Trade Data Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean (BADECEL) and the SAS Windows software programme, given to staff of ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean (Port of Spain, 22 February-2 March 1997).

Training course in statistics for environmental policy formulation, organized by the Munich Centre for Advanced Training in Applied Statistics (Munich, 8 March-7 June 1997).

Training course in the use of the External Trade Data Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean (BADECEL) and the SAS Windows software programme, given to staff of the ECLAC office in Brasilia and the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) (Brasilia, 30 March-5 April 1997).

Training course in the use of the External Trade Data Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean (BADECEL) and the SAS Windows software programme, given to staff of ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico (Mexico City, 19-26 April 1997).

Third Master's Programme in Economic Development in Latin America (Seville, Spain, 25-31 May 1997).

Talk on globalization in the context of integration, organized by the Provincial Council on Women's Affairs and the Provincial Legislature, Government of Mendoza (Mendoza, Argentina, 14-16 August 1997).

Training course in the use of the Balance-of-Payments Data Bank (BADEPAG), given to staff of ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico (Mexico City, 25 October-1 November 1997).

Third European-Latin American congress on legal, economic and political integration, organized by the University Association of Community Studies, in collaboration with the European-Latin American Institute for Integration Studies (Madrid, 26 November 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 11: TRANSPORT

During the 1996-1997 biennium, the work of the Transport Unit consisted mainly in research, technical cooperation and institutional support. At the same time, the Unit continued its information activities, through its bulletin on the facilitation of trade and transport in Latin America and the Caribbean (FAL Bulletin).

The Unit carried out research into transport services in the context of integration, modernization and privatization of port operations, and the relationship between road infrastructure and urban transport. It also prepared a statistical newsletter and a shipping yearbook, which were issued as documents.

With respect to technical cooperation, advisory services were provided to various Latin American countries in the area of urban transport, passenger transit, rail transport, multimodal transport, port privatization and labour reform. The Unit collaborated with the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Institute for Latin American Integration (INTAL) on issues relating to the development of land-bridges and rail networks in the Southern Cone.

In addition, the Transport Unit provided technical assistance and training on port modernization within the framework of a joint programme with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). Courses on the subject were held in Bangladesh, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran and Thailand. Technical assistance and training were also provided at the naval command in Argentina in connection with the establishment of an information system at the secretariat of the Viña del Mar Agreement, in Argentina, within the framework of a project funded by the European Commission.

In the area of institutional cooperation, assistance was given at conferences of the South American ministers of transport, communications and public works, and to regional organizations such as the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) and the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA).

The FAL Bulletin was issued monthly and circulated to countries. It contains information on various aspects of transport. The Bulletin has been well received and there have been many requests for copies.

Staff of the Unit visited and maintained substantive contacts with statistical offices in Bogotá, Buenos Aires and Montevideo, and in Brazil, for the purpose of analysing and compiling the information required to prepare a proposal for setting up a statistical database on transport in the context of a joint ECLAC/LAIA project.

i) Documents

FAL Bulletin. Bulletin on the facilitation of trade and transport in Latin America and the Caribbean, Nos. 123-129, 1996.

FAL Bulletin. Bulletin on the facilitation of trade and transport in Latin America and the Caribbean, Nos. 130-138, 1997.

Una primera aproximación al estudio de los servicios de transporte en los espacios de integración: el caso de Argentina y Chile (LC/R.1633).

Seminario sobre transporte multimodal en América Central: síntesis y conclusiones (San Salvador, El Salvador, 5 al 7 de septiembre de 1995) (LC/R.1646).

Course on port modernization: a pyramid of interrelated challenges (LC/R.1655)

Course on port modernization: a pyramid of interrelated challenges (LC/R.1655/Rev.1).

Volúmenes de carga transportada en el comercio exterior de los países de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración, 1995 (LC/R.1735).

Quinta libertad y Cono Sur: una nueva perspectiva (LC/R.1754).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on prospects for commercial air transport in South America, organized jointly with the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) (Santiago, Chile, 15-17 April 1997).

First meeting of agencies responsible for supervision, inspection and regulation of transportation (Buenos Aires, 4-6 November 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Forum on integration of infrastructure in the Southern Cone, organized by the Institute for Latin American Integration (INTAL) (Buenos Aires, 28-31 January 1996).

Meeting on GM envisioning and alternate futures development activities, organized by General Motors (GM) North American Operations - Research and Development Center (Detroit, Michigan, 21-22 March 1996).

Eighth Latin American Congress on Public and Urban Transport, organized by the National Public Transport Association (ANTP) of São Paulo (Curitiba, Brazil, 6-13 April 1996).

First Transport Congress organized by the National Association of Long-Distance Bus Transport Companies (ANETRA) (Montevideo, 17-21 April 1996).

Seminar on seaport rail terminals, organized by the Latin American Railways Association (ALAF) (Florianopolis, Brazil, 17-20 June 1996).

Meeting preparatory to the third regular session of the Conference of South American Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works, organized by LAIA (Montevideo, 20-24 August 1996).

International seminar on the future of Chilean ports and international sea and land transport, organized by Universidad del Mar. Presentation on maritime challenges for Chile in the next decade (Valparaíso, Chile, 16 September 1996).

Ninth Inter-American Ports Conference on Labour Reform, organized by OAS (Asunción, 22-26 September 1996).

Meeting of the expert group to evaluate options for the development of the transport system, organized by the World Bank and the Lima-Callao Development Corporation (Lima, 9-12 October 1996).

Third regular session of the Conference of South American Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works, organized by LAIA (Montevideo, 6-8 November 1996).

Seminar on railways and the environment, organized by ALAF (Buenos Aires, 7-8 November 1996).

Second regular meeting of the TRAINMAR Association of South America (ATAS) (Valparaíso, Chile, 5 December 1996).

Seventeenth Meeting of National Customs Directors of Latin America, Spain and Portugal (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 27 December 1996-1 January 1997).

First international symposium for the integration area of central and eastern South America (ZICOSUR) and Asia and the Pacific, organized by the Regional Integration Secretariat (Antofagasta, Chile, 7-10 April 1997).

Tenth meeting of port enterprises of Central America (REPICA), organized by the Central American Maritime Transport Commission (COCATRAM) (Puerto Limón, Costa Rica, 8-10 May 1997).

Terminal Operations Conference (TOC), organized by the Terminal Operations Conference and Exhibition secretariat (Barcelona, Spain, 2-5 June 1997).

Seminar on intermodal transport networks and logistics, organized by OECD (Mexico City, 3-5 June 1997).

Dockers' Section Conference, organized by the International Transport Workers' Federation. Presentation on port labour participation in the privatization process (Miami, 9-10 June 1997).

Third International Transport, Ports and Foreign Trade Congress, on the topic of globalization of the economy and production systems, organized by the Jornal Portos y Comercio Exterior and Sinal Comunicaciones (Porto Alegre, Brazil, 13-15 August 1997).

Technical and ministerial meetings of the Sectoral Council of Ministers of Transport (COMITRAN) of Central America, relating to the development of transport infrastructure and the short- and medium-term programme of the COMITRAN secretariat, organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) (Managua, 14-15 August 1997).

Meeting on harmonizing competition among modes of transport in the Mercosur countries, organized by ALAF (Buenos Aires, 18-20 August 1997).

Annual conference of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), on port privatization (Panama City, 18-22 August 1997).

Policy forum on transport sector integration in the Southern Cone, organized by the Institute for Latin American Integration (INTAL) and IDB (Buenos Aires, 22-23 September 1997).

Eighteenth Meeting of National Customs Directors of Latin America, Spain and Portugal (Montevideo, 20-24 October 1997).

First international symposium on the preservation of the historic railway heritage, organized by ALAF (Asunción, 30 October-1 November 1997).

Fourth regular session of the Conference of South American Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works and twenty-first Meeting of Ministers of Public Works and Transport of the Southern Cone Countries (Buenos Aires, 26-28 November 1997).

National symposium for analysis and proposals on public transport to meet the challenge of the year 2000, organized by the TRAINMET Foundation (Buenos Aires, 26 November 1997).

Meeting of private ports and terminals of Mercosur, organized by the Association of Private Ports and Terminals of Mercosur (Rio de Janeiro, 15-17 December 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Regional and intergovernmental organizations

With the Institute for Latin American Integration (INTAL) and IDB, on projects relating to railway studies in the Southern Cone countries.

With the secretariat of the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on State Port Control, the Administrative Centre for Maritime Affairs (CAAM) in Saint-Malo and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London, on coordinating design of the information system for control of merchant ships for the Latin American Agreement on Port Control, including the assignment of codes to the ports of the region.

With the International Development Bank (IDB), on project alternatives for the Panama Canal and on analysis of the problems of Caribbean ports.

With the World Bank, on port commercialization, privatization and labour reform.

With the Latin American Railways Association (ALAF), on the role of railways in subregional integration (Mercosur).

With the national customs directors of Latin America, Spain and Portugal, at their meeting held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

With the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), on the preparation of a regional statistical project on transport.

With the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), on institutional development of transport in Central America.

Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Peru and Uruguay

With the ministries of transport of the countries concerned and the state government of Santa Catarina, Brazil, on the experimental contracting of road maintenance services by category of service, and on the establishment of a road maintenance fund.

Colombia, Guatemala, Peru and Uruguay

With the governments concerned, on institutional aspects and financing of road maintenance.

Argentina

With the Office of the Under-Secretary for River and Marine Transport, the Directory of Argentine Ports and the Ibero-American Merchant Marine Research Institute of Argentina, on privatization and labour reform in the ports of Buenos Aires.

With the Naval Prefecture, on establishment of an information system and training in its use for the Argentine secretariat of the Latin American Agreement on Port Control.

With the National Automotive Transport Commission (CONTA), on regulation, control and supervision of land transport operators and on the impact of transport investments on urban congestion.

With the National Traffic Regulation Commission (CNRT) of Buenos Aires, in organizing the seminar entitled "First meeting of Latin American institutions responsible for supervision, control and regulation of transport", held on 4-6 November 1997.

Bolivia

With the Empresa Ferroviaria Oriental, on passenger train services.

Brazil

With the National Public Transport Association (ANTP) of São Paulo, on urban transport.

With the Transport Department of Rio de Janeiro, on the transport situation.

With the Port Authority of Santos, at the request of the World Bank, on privatization and labour reform.

With the Government, at the request of IDB and INTAL, in updating a study on railways in the Southern Cone.

Chile

With the School of Law of Universidad del Mar, on structural changes in ports and related legal issues.

Colombia

With the Port Authority of Barranquilla, on privatization and labour reform.

With the Foundation for Higher Education and Development (FEDESARROLLO), on the Bogotá metro project.

Costa Rica

With the Government, in assessing the impact of Hurricane César on the road network.

Nicaragua

With the Government, in assessing the socio-economic impact of Hurricane César on the transport sector.

Panama

With the Government, on possible long-term strategies for the Panama Canal.

Paraguay

With the Department for Promotion of Exports and Investment (Pro-Paraguay), on railways.

Peru

With the Government and the Commission for the Promotion of Private Investment (COPRI), on port privatization.

With the Ministry of Transport, Communications, Housing and Construction and the World Bank, on formulating the terms of reference of the transport programme for Lima and on the creation of a metropolitan transport authority in Lima.

With the independent authority for the special project on an electric train system for mass transit in Lima and Callao (Lima Metro), on commissioning the section already constructed and on formulating the terms of reference of a feasibility study for further development of the network.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Classes on urban public transport at the University of Santiago de Cali (Cali, Colombia, September 1996).

Course on port modernization: a pyramid of interrelated challenges, given as part of a joint programme with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (Bangladesh and Thailand, 20 October-1 December 1996; Teheran, Iran, and Chittagong, Bangladesh, June 1997).

Training course for users and administrators of the new information system, for officials of the Naval Prefecture of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 24-28 February 1997).

Course on port modernization: a pyramid of interrelated challenges, given as part of the training programme between ECLAC and the TRAINMAR Association of South America (Santiago, Chile, 25-27 March 1997).

Course on port modernization (Guatemala City, Tegucigalpa, San Salvador, Managua and San José, 7-27 April 1997).

Course on port modernization, given at the Empresa Portuaria de Chile, Port Administration of Talcahuano (Concepción, Chile, 4-7 May 1997).

Course on port modernization, given as part of a joint programme with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (Mombasa, Kenya, Dar es-Salaam, Tanzania, 12-30 July 1997).

Course on port modernization, organized jointly with the Caribbean TRAINMAR Centre (Kingston, 15-26 September 1997).

Course on port modernization, given to officials of the Port Authority of Jamaica, the Shipping Association of Jamaica, and the Caribbean TRAINMAR Centre (Jamaica, 22-25 September 1997).

Course on port modernization, organized jointly with the Caribbean TRAINMAR Centre (Santos, Vitória, Salvador de Bahía, 6-18 October 1997).

Course on port modernization, given at the request of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) (Beirut, Lebanon, 25-29 October 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 12: SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

During the biennium ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico expanded its study and analysis of topics previously identified as high-priority, including regional and hemisphere-wide integration. It gave special attention to the following topics: institutional restructuring in Central America; reforming models of social security and social development; promoting non-traditional exports and export competitiveness; food security and deregulation of the agricultural sector; changes in industrial production patterns; and the supply of gas, oil and electricity. Also noteworthy were its publications of historical series of macroeconomic data and social indicators for the countries in the northern portion of the Latin American and Caribbean region. It continued to pursue its customary activities, such as the annual study of economic trends in the 10 countries of the subregion.

Considerable efforts were devoted to technical cooperation in relation to the peace talks in Guatemala and subsequent implementation of the peace accords and in collaboration with government and regional organizations in a number of other areas. In addition, valuable activities were carried out under extrabudgetary projects. These activities included studies for the project, "Programme in support of strengthening and streamlining the institutional structure of Central American integration", and advisory services to Governments, including the provision of the main technical materials for joint meetings of ministers of foreign affairs and economic ministers and the nineteenth Summit Meeting of Central American Presidents, held in Panama City. The project entitled "Detailed study of recent trends in the Cuban economy" was brought to a close with a meeting of experts. Lastly, a common country assessment of the social, economic and productive situation of Honduras was done in collaboration with the United Nations agencies represented in that country.

In the area of economic development, research was done on the economic consequences of natural disasters, the effects of tax reform on a number of Central American countries, and the *maquila* industry in Honduras, among other subjects. The economic development section prepared a study and organized a meeting of experts on promoting saving in a situation of openness and financial liberalization. It also carried out a number of technical cooperation activities. For the first time it published a report for external distribution on the economic situation in Mexico.

In the area of social development, major efforts went into studies on the contribution of civil society in Central American countries and on gender, poverty and social security. The section also participated in meetings and conferences on the topics of the new trends in social security, women's rights and gender equity.

In the area of international trade, the work involved primarily a number of studies on subregional integration processes, hemisphere-wide integration generally and the competitiveness of Central American economies. On the subject of regional integration, the subregional headquarters participated in meetings and activities in academic spheres on integration and the challenges it entails and on training for trade negotiations. It also organized a meeting of experts on subregional free trade agreements and Central American integration and provided support for the second Course on Central American Integration, organized jointly with the Latin American Economic System (SELA).

In the area of agricultural development, efforts were primarily directed to analysis of the effects of liberalization of trade and agriculture in Central America, on which topic a meeting of experts was

organized, and to the issue of food security and agricultural policy. Further study was done on possibilities for promoting non-traditional exports, and on that topic a meeting of experts was organized to analyse rural producers' organizations and agricultural institutions in Mexico. A project was begun on the development of markets for land.

In the area of industrial development, activities chiefly involved research on the manufacturing sector, particularly in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala; on technological innovation and the development of competitiveness in the region; and on the impact of integration on production. Other important activities involved technical cooperation in the use of the computer programs CAN (Competitive Analysis of Nations), MUSIC (Module for United States Import Consultations) and MAGIC (Module for the Analysis of Growth of International Commerce).

In the area of energy, studies were done on the supply of oil and gas, as part of a collaborative effort between ECLAC and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), and on the integration of electrical energy in Central America. As in previous years, the subregional headquarters published statistical yearbooks on oil and gas and on electricity and provided technical assistance in this area, notably to the Central American Electrification Council and to the Cuban Government.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(i) Documents

The macro-economic effects and reconstruction requirements following hurricane Luis in the Island of Anguilla (LC/MEX/L.289; LC/CAR/L.462).

The macro-economic effects and reconstruction requirements following hurricanes Luis and Marilyn in Saint Maarten (LC/MEX/L.290; LC/CAR/L.463).

Impacto económico de los desastres naturales en la infraestructura de salud (LC/MEX/L.291).

Economía política de las reformas tributarias en Costa Rica, El Salvador y Guatemala, 1980-1994 (LC/MEX/L.294).

La infraestructura portuaria para el comercio exterior de Centroamérica (LC/MEX/L.299).1/

Istmo Centroamericano: series históricas macroeconómicas (LC/MEX/L.303).

Glosario de términos financieros (LC/MEX/L.304).

Cuba: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/L.307).

Costa Rica: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/L.308).

El Salvador: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/L.309).

Nicaragua: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/L.310).

República Dominicana: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/L.311).

- Guatemala: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/L.313).
- Panamá: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/L.314).
- Haití: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/L.315).
- Honduras: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/R.558).
- México: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/R.560).
- Centroamérica: evolución económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/R.565).
- Efectos de los daños ocasionados por el huracán César sobre el desarrollo de Costa Rica en 1996 (LC/MEX/L.312).
- Los efectos del huracán César sobre el desarrollo de Nicaragua en 1996 (LC/MEX/L.316).
- Honduras: la industria maquiladora (LC/MEX/L.325).
- Honduras: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.329).
- El Salvador: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.330).
- República Dominicana: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.331).
- Costa Rica: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.332).
- México: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.333).
- Haití: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.334).
- Guatemala: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.335).
- Cuba: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.336).
- Nicaragua: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.337).
- Panamá: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.339).
- Ahorro y liberalización en Centroamérica y la República Dominicana (LC/MEX/L.341).
- La inversión mexicana en el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/R.545).
- Guatemala: determinantes de la viabilidad de las reformas tributarias, 1980-1994 (LC/MEX/R.566).
- México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Primer semestre de 1996 (LC/MEX/R.567/Rev.1).
- Panorama económico de México, 1996 (LC/MEX/R.572).

México: informe de la coyuntura económica al tercer trimestre de 1996 (LC/MEX/R.573).

Centroamérica: evolución económica durante 1996. Evaluación preliminar (LC/MEX/R.585).

Guatemala: la coyuntura económica de 1996 y las perspectivas en 1997 (LC/MEX/R.589).

México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Cuarto trimestre de 1996 (LC/MEX/R.590).

México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Primer trimestre de 1997 (LC/MEX/R.593).

Promoción del ahorro en condiciones de apertura y liberalización financiera en Centroamérica y la República Dominicana (LC/MEX/R.596(SEM.80/2)).

Centroamérica: evolución económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/R.618).

Informe de la Reunión de expertos sobre la promoción del ahorro en condiciones de apertura y liberalización financiera en Centroamérica y la República Dominicana (Mexico City, 26 y 27 May 1997) (LC/MEX/R.619(SEM.80/3)).

La economía cubana: reformas estructurales y desempeño en los noventa (LC/MEX/R.621).2/

México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Primer semestre de 1997 (LC/MEX/R.624).

México: informe de la coyuntura económica. Tercer trimestre de 1997 (LC/MEX/R.628).

Panorama económico de México, 1997 (LC/MEX/R.629).

Informe provisional de la Reunión de expertos sobre la situación actual y perspectivas de la economía cubana (Mexico City, 20 y 21 October 1997) (LC/MEX/R.631). 2/

Istmo Centroamericano: las políticas comerciales, 1996-1997 (LC/MEX/R.633).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Internal workshop on current macroeconomic trends: conceptual and operational aspects (Mexico City, 14-15 February 1996).

Seminar on promoting saving under conditions of openness and financial liberalization in Central America and the Dominican Republic (Mexico City, 26-27 May 1997).

Seminar on the situation and prospects of the Cuban economy (Mexico City, 20-21 October 1997).2/

Participation in other meetings and conferences

First forum on enterprise and the economy in Mexico, organized by the National Association of Economists (Mexico City, 24- 25 January 1996).

Inter-agency meeting on peace in Guatemala, organized by the United Nations (Antigua, Guatemala, 29-30 January 1996).

Seminar on the technological development of small enterprises in Latin America, offered by the Centre for Technological Innovation of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (Mexico City, 6 February 1996).

Seminar entitled “Trade with developing countries: a level playing field?”, organized by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Ottawa, Canada, 7-9 February 1996).

Ninth Congress of Professionals in the Economic Sciences in Central America and the Caribbean, organized by the Association of Economists of Guatemala (Guatemala City, 15-16 February 1996).

Regional seminar on strategic orientations for the political forces of Central America for the decade 1996-2005, offered by the Central American Institute for Political Studies (INCEP) (Guatemala City, 20-21 February 1996).

Meeting of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (Mexico City, 25-29 March 1996).

Meeting for the signature of the agreement on social and economic matters and the agrarian situation between the Government of Guatemala and Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG), sponsored by the United Nations (Mexico City, 6 May 1996).

Technical meeting of the presiding officers of the Ministerial Council of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Mexico City, 22-26 May 1996).

Technical forum on the themes, “Towards the twenty-first century: organizational leadership for social and labour integration”, organized by the Latin American Professional Rehabilitation Group (Puebla, Mexico, 29 May 1996).

Symposium on current international trends, organized by the Centre for Strategic Studies for National Stability (Guatemala City, 10 June 1996).

Second meeting of the Association of Latin American Schools and Institutes of Economics (AFEIEAL), organized by AFEIEAL and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Trade of Honduras (Tegucigalpa, 25 July 1996).

International seminar entitled “Mexico and integration towards the twenty-first century”, offered by UNAM (Mexico City, 17-18 September 1996).

Twelfth conference and first international symposium on economic theory, organized by UNAM (Mexico City, 14-15 October 1996).

Round table on the international challenges of sustainable development, offered by the Ibero-American University of Mexico (Mexico City, 16 October 1996).

Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, organized by the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM) (Mexico City, 18-19 October 1996).

Second Banking Congress of Central America and Panama, organized by the Costa Rican Banking Association and the Central American Banking Federation (San José, 24 October 1996).

Regional Conference of the International Cooperative Alliance (San José, 20-22 November 1996).

Second meeting of the Ministerial Council of the Association of Caribbean States (Havana, 12-13 December 1996).

Seminar on the development of subcontracting in Latin America, organized by UNIDO (Medellín, Colombia, 10-15 February 1997).

Seminar on the theme, "For development with solidarity: Dominican Republic and Haiti in the Caribbean context at the close of the century", organized by the Economic Research Centre for the Caribbean (Santo Domingo, 21-22 February 1997).

Intersectoral meeting of ministers of foreign affairs, economic affairs and trade of the countries of Central America and Panama (Panama City, 1-3 April 1997).

Meeting of the multilateral steering committee of the Consultative Group for Regional Technical Cooperation of Central America, organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 9-10 April 1997).

Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Guadalajara, Mexico, 15-19 April 1997).

Conference on the institutional framework for privatization policies and reflections on the case of Guatemala, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Guatemala City, 4-5 June 1997).

Second course on links between universities and businesses, on the topic, "Tools for the management of centres for continuing education", organized by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI) and UNAM (Guanajuato, Mexico, 30 June 1997).

Nineteenth Summit Meeting of Central American Presidents, organized by the Coordinating Committee and the Government of Panama (Panama City, 11-12 July 1997).

Thirteenth seminar on national realities, organized by the Social Research and Study Association (ASIES) (Guatemala City, 27 November 1997).

Sixteenth seminar to promote the course for senior officers of the Centre for Higher Naval Studies, organized by the Ministry of the Navy of Mexico (Mexico City, 2-3 December 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Central America

On the preparation of technical cooperation profiles for the multilateral steering committee of the Consultative Group for Regional Technical Cooperation of Central America.

Costa Rica

With officials of the Government, on the assessment of the damage caused by hurricane César.

Cuba

With various officials of the Government, on policies for openness and development.

With the Government, on the project “Detailed survey of the recent evolution of the Cuban economy”. 2/

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning, on computer networks.

Guatemala

With the General Secretariat of the National Council for Economic Planning (SEGEPLAN), in: (i) identifying technical cooperation needs; and (ii) formulating project profiles.

With officials of the Government, on methods to assess the socio-economic effects of natural disasters.

With the Government, in support of the peace process, in order to analyse the economic situation and prospects for 1997.

Mexico

With the Government of the State of Morelos, on a course on the MicroIsis programme.

Nicaragua

With officials of the Government, on the assessment of the damage caused by hurricane César.

Panama

With the Comptroller-General of the Republic, on national accounts.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(i) Documents

El apoyo a las iniciativas empresariales de los pobres: experiencias en el Istmo Centroamericano, México y la República Dominicana (LC/MEX/L.296).

Sociedad civil y desarrollo social en Centroamérica: experiencias de participación activa de la población para superar la pobreza (LC/MEX/L.323).

Indicadores sociales básicos de la subregión norte de América Latina y el Caribe. Edición del bienio 1996-1997 (LC/MEX/L.326 and Rev.1).

Género, pobreza y seguridad social en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/L.342).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferencesParticipation in other meetings and conferences

Cycle of lectures on social aspects of the regional situation: Central America and the Caribbean, organized by the Centre for Higher Naval Studies of the Ministry of the Navy of Mexico (Mexico City, 26-27 February 1996).

International Conference on Disaster Mitigation in Health Facilities, organized by the Ministry of Health of Mexico (Mexico City, 26-28 February 1996).

International seminar on new trends in social security: structural reforms. Role of the State and of private-sector support, organized by the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS) (Mexico City, 29 February 1996).

Seminar on international standards in social security, organized by the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS) and ILO (Mexico City, 4-8 March 1996).

International seminar on options for social security reform in Latin America, organized by ILO, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Dr. Guillermo Manuel Ungo Foundation (FUNDAUNGO) (San Salvador, 22 March 1996).

Regional programme on educational television for Mexico and Central America, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (Mexico City, 25 April 1996).

Ninth postgraduate seminar on social security: social security and equity in Central America, organized by CIESS (Mexico City, 27 May 1996).

Meeting on focal points for women's issues and gender equity, organized by UNICEF (Havana, 11-12 June 1996).

Presentation of the first progress report of the National Population Programme, 1995-2000, organized by the National Population Council of Mexico and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (Mexico City, 10 July 1996).

Seminar on women, gender, equity and social security, organized by CIESS (Mexico City, 2 September 1996).

Second cycle of lectures on social security in the late twentieth century: reforms in social security and economic and social policy, organized by CISS (Mexico City, 2-4 September 1996).

Latin American symposium on educational innovations in the rural environment, organized by UNICEF (Mexico City, 11-13 September 1996).

International colloquium on technological training, innovation and industrial policy, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) (Mexico City, 25 September 1996).

Continent-wide meeting on rape within the family, organized by the Ministry of the Interior of Mexico and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (Mexico City, 28 October 1996).

Third Inter-American Legal Congress on Social Security, organized by the Inter-American Conference on Social Security, the American Legal and Social Commission for Subregion V (Mexico and the non-English-speaking Caribbean), and the Dominican Social Security Institute (Santo Domingo, 22-23 November 1996).

Seminar on the resource distribution formula for section 26 (anti-poverty measures) of the federal budget, organized by the Ministry of Social Development of Mexico (Mexico City, 9 December 1996).

Seminar, "Focal points in Central America", organized by UNIFEM (Mexico City, 26-27 February 1997).

Second international expert meeting on social security, organized by the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS) (Mexico City, 7-9 May 1997).

Conference on the project "Income distribution and poverty in recent stabilization and adjustment policies in Latin American and Caribbean countries", organized by the Ministry of Social Development of Mexico (Mexico City, 24 July 1997).

Regional seminar on the gender perspective and sources of statistical information, organized by the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 2-4 September 1997).

Technical meeting on women and social security in the Americas, organized by CISS (Montevideo, 4 October 1997).

Meeting of the operational system of the United Nations in Mexico on the National Programme for Women, organized by UNDP (Mexico City, 4 December 1997).

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

(i) Documents

Readiness of small countries to participate in the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) (LC/MEX/L.295).

Centroamérica: evolución de la integración económica durante 1995 (LC/MEX/L.302).

La integración hemisférica: el grado de preparación en el Istmo Centroamericano y la República Dominicana (LC/MEX/L.305).

Tendencias recientes en el comercio de Centroamérica: efectos de los aranceles de los Estados Unidos en el caso de los textiles y las prendas de vestir (LC/MEX/L.320).

Centroamérica: evolución de la integración económica durante 1996 (LC/MEX/L.321).

El potencial de cooperación económica entre Perú y los países centroamericanos: algunas ideas preliminares (LC/MEX/L.327).

Impacto del TLCAN en la pequeña y mediana empresa de la industria química en México (LC/MEX/R.568).

Las exportaciones de países pequeños en el mercado de los Estados Unidos: efectos del TLCAN y la devaluación mexicana (LC/MEX/R.571/Rev.1).

Estudio comparativo de la competitividad en Centroamérica: un posible modelo de sus determinantes (LC/MEX/R.579(SEM.76/2)).

Tendencias recientes en el comercio de Centroamérica: efectos de los aranceles de los Estados Unidos en el caso de los textiles y las prendas de vestir, 1990-1995 (LC/MEX/R.580(SEM.76/3)).

Diagnóstico de la institucionalidad regional centroamericana (versión preliminar) (LC/MEX/R.581).3/

Informe de la Reunión de expertos sobre la competitividad regional en Centroamérica (Mexico City, 5 and 6 December 1996) (LC/MEX/R.586(SEM.76/4)).

Un estudio a nivel empírico y teórico de la protección efectiva en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.595).

Nota de la secretaría de la Reunión de expertos sobre el desarrollo de los acuerdos subregionales de libre comercio y el proceso centroamericano de integración (Mexico City, 5 and 6 August 1997) y de la Reunión de Expertos sobre el impacto de los esquemas de integración en la especialización productiva: la experiencia centroamericana (Mexico City, 6 and 7 August 1997) (LC/MEX/R.607(SEM.81/2, SEM.82/2)).

Resultados empíricos preliminares de la aplicación de un modelo de los determinantes de la competitividad en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.612(SEM.82/3)).

Avances en la formación de zonas de libre comercio: la presencia centroamericana en acuerdos subregionales y regionales (LC/MEX/R.613(SEM.81/3)).

Cooperación ambiental en un marco de integración regional (versión preliminar) (LC/MEX/R.620).

Informe final de la Reunión de expertos sobre el desarrollo de los acuerdos subregionales de libre comercio y el proceso centroamericano de integración y de la Reunión de Expertos sobre el impacto de los esquemas de integración en la especialización productiva: la experiencia centroamericana (Mexico City, 5-7 August 1997) (LC/MEX/R.626 (SEM.81/4, SEM.86/2)).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Meetings of the advisory group of the programme of support for strengthening and streamlining the institutional structures of Central American integration (Guatemala City, 16 August 1996 and Mexico City, 25-26 November 1996).^{3/}

Second course on Central American integration, organized jointly with SELA (Tegucigalpa, 19-22 November 1996).

Workshop on trade in services, in collaboration with SELA (Mexico City, 27-31 January 1997).

Meetings of the group of high-level representatives of the programme of support for strengthening and streamlining the institutional structures of Central American integration (Guatemala City, 12-13 February 1997; Washington, D.C., 6-7 March 1997; Mexico City, 5-6 June 1997). ^{3/}

Expert meeting on the development of subregional free trade agreements and the Central American integration process (Mexico City, 5-7 August 1997).

Third course on Central American integration, organized jointly with SELA (Guatemala City, 25-27 August 1997).

Seminar on the promotion of trade and investment among Latin American and Caribbean countries (Port of Spain, 23-24 September 1997).^{9/}

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Course on international trade agreements, organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) and the Entrepreneurial Chamber of Guatemala (Guatemala City, 30 January-2 February 1996).

Round table on the free trade agreement between Mexico and Bolivia: assessment and outlook, organized by the Faculty of Economics of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), the Department of Social Science and Humanities of the Autonomous Metropolitan University (UAM) and the Embassy of Bolivia in Mexico (Mexico City, 8 February 1996).

Forum on the challenge of Central American integration in the new international environment, organized by the Institute for Latin American Integration (INTAL), SIECA and IDB (Guatemala City, 22 February 1996).

Seminar on problems and approaches in Latin American integration, organized by UAM (Mexico City, 28 February 1996).

Seminar on new dimensions in Latin American integration, organized by UAM (Mexico City, 24 April 1996).

Second technical meeting of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Mexico City, 17-29 May 1996).

Inaugural meeting of the Special Commission on the Emerging Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Central American Parliament (Mexico City, 20 May 1996).

Technical workshop on intellectual property in the Uruguay Round, organized by SELA (Mexico City, 20 May 1996).

Symposium on the link between technical and economic cooperation and eleventh meeting of directors of international technical cooperation, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (Mexico City, 20-22 May 1996).

Course-workshop on regional integration and linkages of the countries of Central America with the global economy, organized by SIECA (Guatemala City, 10-14 June 1996).

Postgraduate course in analysis and management of geological risks (CERG 96), offered by the University of Geneva, Centre for the Study of Geological Risks (Kingston, 8 July 1996).

Second Conference of the Association of Latin American Schools and Institutes of Economics (AFEIEAL), Central American Region (Tegucigalpa, 25 July 1996).

Intensive course on trade negotiations and the World Trade Organization (WTO), organized by SELA (Mexico City, 26 August-6 September 1996).

Seminar on Mexico and integration towards the twenty-first century, organized by UAM, the University of Guadalajara and the Ibero-American University (Mexico City, 17-18 September 1996).

First hemispheric conference on disaster reduction and sustainable development, organized by OAS and the Network for Social Studies on Disaster Prevention in Latin America (Miami, Florida, 30 September-2 October 1996).

Seminar on regional integration in Central America, organized by the Social Science Research Council of the United States (Antigua, Guatemala, 13-15 April 1997).

Conference on conceptual bases and historical development of Central American integration, organized by the Central American Institute of Public Administration (ICAP) (San Salvador, 21 April 1997).

Workshop on emerging issues in international trade relations, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) (Buenos Aires, 21-23 April 1997).

Seminar on leadership and reorganization of Mexican businesses: a comparative outlook, organized by El Colegio de México (Mexico City, 11 June 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Central America

With the multilateral steering committee of the Consultative Group for Regional Technical Cooperation of Central America, on the preparation of profiles for technical cooperation.

Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA)

With SIECA and the office of the Resident Representative of UNDP in Guatemala, on economic policy and integration.

Guatemala

With the Government, on the peace talks.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Presentation on trends in trade and globalization, at the Monterrey Institute of Advanced Technological Studies, Mexico.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(i) Documents

Información básica del sector agropecuario: subregión norte de América Latina y el Caribe, 1980-1994 (LC/MEX/L.292).

Fomento de las exportaciones no tradicionales. La comercialización de frutas y hortalizas de Centroamérica en los Estados Unidos (LC/MEX/L.300).1/

El desarrollo sustentable en Centroamérica y México: problemas y opciones de política en el sector agroforestal (LC/MEX/L.318).

Información básica del sector agropecuario: subregión norte de América Latina y el Caribe, 1980-1995 (LC/MEX/L.319).

Liberalización comercial y agricultura en el Istmo Centroamericano: impactos y perspectivas (LC/MEX/L.322).

Informe de la reunión de expertos sobre liberalización comercial y agricultura en el Istmo Centroamericano: impactos y perspectivas (LC/MEX/L.324(SEM.75/3)).

Istmo Centroamericano: seguridad alimentaria y mercados. Análisis de la coyuntura (LC/MEX/R.575).

Instituciones y organizaciones de productores rurales en México. Transformaciones en el nuevo marco económico (LC/MEX/R.611(SEM.84/2)).

Instituciones y organizaciones de productores rurales: experiencias de interés para Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.625).

Informe de la Reunión de expertos sobre mecanismos institucionales para la transformación rural (San José, 27 y 28 October 1997) (LC/MEX/R.632(SEM.87/2)).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Expert meeting on trade liberalization and agriculture in Central America (Mexico City, 21-22 November 1996).

Seminar on land tenure and rural development in Latin America, organized jointly by FAO and UNDP (Antigua, Guatemala, 11-12 September 1997).

Expert meeting on institutional mechanisms for changing rural production patterns, organized jointly with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (San José, 27-28 October 1997).

Expert meeting on trade liberalization and agriculture in Central America (Mexico City, 21-22 November 1996).

Seminar on land tenure and rural development in Latin America, organized jointly by FAO and UNDP (Antigua, Guatemala, 11-12 September 1997).

Expert meeting on institutional mechanisms for changing rural production patterns, organized jointly with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (San José, 27-28 October 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar on peace and development in Guatemala, organized by FLACSO (Guatemala City , 31 July-1 August 1996).

Seminar on the outlook for agriculture in Mexico and Central America to the year 2020, organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the International Food

Policy Research Institute and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico (Mexico City, 19-20 August 1996).

National forum on food sovereignty, organized by producers' organizations, non-governmental organizations and academic bodies in Mexico, in preparation for the World Food Summit (Mexico City, 22-23 August 1996).

International Congress of the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Agricultural Economists (ALACEA) (San José, 16-19 September 1996).

Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture on the subject of staple grains in Central America, organized by the Government of Costa Rica, with the support of FAO and IICA (San José, 20 September 1996).

Seminar on the food situation in Mexico and worldwide, organized by FAO and the National Association of Economists of Mexico (Mexico City, 3-4 October 1996).

Work meeting on changes in agrarian legislation and women's access to land tenure, organized by El Colegio de México (Mexico City, 16 January 1997).

International seminar on rural-urban interrelations and decentralized development, organized by FAO and the Faculty of Economics of UNAM (Taxco, Mexico, 9-10 April 1997).

Latin America seminar on agrarian diversity and differential policies, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico and FAO (Cocoyoc, Mexico, 27-29 November 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Cuba

With officials of the Government, on horizontal cooperation on food and agriculture between Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

(i) Documents

El sector manufacturero de Guatemala: estructura y competitividad internacional (LC/MEX/R.547).

El sector industrial de Guatemala (LC/MEX/R.554).4/

Centroamérica: evolución del sector industrial en 1995 y avances de los primeros meses de 1996 (LC/MEX/R.574).

Comercio y especialización en América Central (LC/MEX/R.588).

Centroamérica y República Dominicana: evolución del sector industrial durante 1996 (LC/MEX/R.622).

Maquila y transformación productiva en México y Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.630).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Expert meeting on the impact of integration schemes on productive specialization: the Central American experience (Mexico City, 6-7 August 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Forum of the ongoing seminar of the Centre for Technological Innovation, organized by the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and the National Association of Importers and Exporters of Mexico (Mexico City, 6 February 1996).

One hundred and seventeenth regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Industrial Chambers and Associations in Central America (San Salvador, 22-23 February 1996). 4/

Seminar on the new world order and its political, economic, scientific and technological implications, organized by UNAM (Mexico City, 11 March 1996).

First National Congress on Reinventing Government, organized by the Nicaraguan Institute of Public Administration (INAP) and the Academy for Educational Development (Managua, 14-16 March 1996).

Regional workshop on analytical methods and tools for increased competitiveness and the environmental role of small and medium-sized enterprises, organized by the Department of Scientific and Technological Affairs (DACYT), OAS and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada (San José, 18-21 March 1996).

Regional seminar on economic policy and structural change: scope and opportunities for Central America, organized by the Regional Coordinator of Economic and Social Research (CRIES) (Managua, 12-13 April 1996).

Seminar on industrial policy guidelines for small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Mexico, organized by UNAM (Mexico City, 14 May 1996).

Central American seminar on modernization policies for small and medium-sized enterprises in Central America, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Industry of Costa Rica and OAS (San José, 20-21 June 1996).

Seminar on methods for project formulation, design and management, organized by UNDP (Mexico City, 7-11 August 1996).

Strategic Conference on Latin America, organized by the Government of the Netherlands (Amsterdam, 3 September 1996).

Discussion group on economic indicators and competition policy instruments, organized by the Economic Research and Teaching Centre (CIDE) and the OAS office in Mexico (Mexico City, 18 November 1996).

Meeting on the agenda for industrial modernization in Central America, organized by SIECA (Guatemala City, 13 February 1997).

Regional coordinating seminar for the development of subcontracting in Latin America, organized by UNIDO (Bogotá, 10-14 February 1997).

Conference on industrial and technological policy in Spain, organized by the Centre for Technological Innovation and the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of UNAM (Mexico City, 19 February 1997).

Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Guadalajara, Mexico, 19 April 1997).

Workshop on tools for analysing the impact of trade integration, organized by the ECLAC office in Brasilia and the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) (Rio de Janeiro, 28-29 April 1997).

First meeting on development and strengthening of small and micro-enterprises in Jalisco, organized by the Faculty of Economics of UNAM and the Department of Economic Promotion of the Government of the State of Jalisco (Guadalajara, Mexico, 12-13 June 1997).

Seminar on new trends and challenges in industrial policy, organized by UNIDO (Vienna, 16-17 October 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Central America

With the Federation of Industrial Chambers and Associations in Central America and the ministries of economic affairs, on the execution of the project "Agenda for industrial modernization in Central America". 5/

With the Central American Research Institute for Industry (ICAITI), on project preparation.

With the Central American Institute of Public Administration (ICAP), on the presentation of the computer program "Module for the Analysis of Growth of International Commerce" (MAGIC).

Integration bodies

With the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), on the installation of the computer program MAGIC.

Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA)

With SIECA and the office of the Resident Representative of UNDP in Guatemala, on defining regional industrial modernization projects.

Brazil

With IPEA, on the presentation of the computer program MAGIC.

Costa Rica

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Industry, on a training workshop in the use of the computer program “Module for United States Import Consultation” (MUSIC).

With the Centre for Export and Investment Promotion (CENPRO), on the installation of the computer program MAGIC.

Cuba

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning, on industrial and economic policy.2/

Dominican Republic

With the Dominican Association of Exporters (ADOEXPO) and the Dominican Board of Agricultural Enterprise (JAD), on the presentation of the computer program MAGIC.

El Salvador

With the Central Reserve Bank, on training workshops in the use of the computer program MAGIC.

Guatemala

With the General Secretariat of the National Council for Economic Planning (SEGEPLAN), on the project GUA/95/S, “Industrial policy proposals for Guatemala for the period 1996-2000”.

Honduras

With the Foundation for Investment and Export Development (FIDE), on the installation of the computer program MAGIC.

Mexico

With the Office of Economic Advisors to the Presidency of the Republic of Mexico; with the Higher School of Economics of the National Polytechnic Institute; with the Department of Economics of UAM; with the Institute of Social Research of UNAM; with the Faculty of Economics of the University of Colima; and with the Faculty of Economics of the University of Puebla, in the use of the computer program “Competitive Analysis of Nations” (CAN).

With the Ministry of Commerce and Industrial Development, in the use of the computer program MAGIC.

Nicaragua

With the Centre for Exports and Investment (CEI), on training workshops in the use of the computer program MAGIC.

With CEI, on the analysis of Nicaraguan export products.

ENERGY

(i) Documents

Istmo Centroamericano: informe sobre abastecimiento de hidrocarburos, 1994 y primer semestre de 1995 (LC/MEX/L.298).6/

Modernización del sector energía eléctrica en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/L.301).1/

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas de hidrocarburos, 1995 (LC/MEX/L.306).6/

Istmo Centroamericano: informe sobre abastecimiento de hidrocarburos, 1995 (LC/MEX/L.317).6/

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas de hidrocarburos, 1996 (LC/MEX/L.328).6/

Istmo Centroamericano: informe sobre abastecimiento de hidrocarburos, 1996 (LC/MEX/L.340).

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas del subsector eléctrico. Datos actualizados a 1995 (LC/MEX/R.551).

Energía y desarrollo en América Latina y el Caribe: síntesis del estudio de caso sobre El Salvador (LC/MEX/R.553; LC/R.1645).7/

Istmo Centroamericano: diagnóstico y perspectivas de la integración eléctrica en el corto plazo (LC/MEX/R.584).

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas del subsector eléctrico: datos actualizados a 1996 (LC/MEX/R.616).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Second seminar-workshop on operational planning for electrical systems (San Salvador, 15-19 January 1996).7/

ECLAC/GTZ/Central American Regional Energy Forum (FREAC) tripartite meeting (Managua, 26-29 January 1996).7/

Meeting on payment mechanisms for interconnected electrical systems in Central America (San José, 20-21 June 1996).8/

Seminar-workshop on liquefied petroleum gas (Managua, 29-30 August 1996).6/

Eighth annual meeting of general managers in the oil and gas industry in Central America (San José, 28 October 1996).6/

Seminar-workshop on procedures for determining the costs of generating and transmitting electrical energy in Central America (San Salvador, 14-15 November 1996).8/

Seminar on the model regulations for presentation of a special study on environmental protection in the petroleum industry (Tegucigalpa, 1-2 October 1997).6/

Fourth regional meeting on the supply of petroleum in Central America (Panama City, 30 October 1997).6/

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar on industrial economics and regulation, organized by the Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE) (San José, 22-23 January 1996).

Seminar on reform of the electrical power industry in Costa Rica, organized by ICE (San José, 24-26 January 1996).

Meeting of the Research Coordination Committee of the Electrical Interconnection System for Central America (SIEPAC) (Managua, 12-14 March 1996).

Special session of the Central American Electrification Council (CEAC) (Managua, 15 March 1996).

Seminar on modernization of the electrical power sector in Guatemala, organized by IDB (Guatemala City, 22 April 1996).

Annual conference of the Association of Energy Economists (Paris, 13-14 May 1996).

Seminar on the restructuring of the petroleum subsector, organized by Petróleos de Nicaragua (PETRONIC) (Managua, 16 May 1996).

Third Energy Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean (ENERLAC 96), organized by OLADE (Rio de Janeiro, 25-28 June 1996).

Thirty-eighth Annual Regulatory Studies Program, offered by the Institute of Public Utilities of the University of Michigan (East Lansing, Michigan, 28 July-9 August 1996).

Seminar on the addition of new fossil fuel-based generating facilities for the Central American electrical system, organized by the Government of Mexico and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) (Cuernavaca, Mexico, 7-9 October 1996).

Regional seminar on privatization of water-based utilities, organized by the Inter-American Center for Development and Environmental and Territorial Research (CIDIAT) (Mérida, Venezuela, 14-18 October 1996).

Fourth meeting of the Central American Committee for Cooperation on Hydrocarbons (CCHAC) (San José, 29 October 1996).^{6/}

Fourth meeting of the Central American Regional Energy Forum (FREAC) (Guatemala City, 20 November 1996).

Twenty-seventh meeting of ministers of energy and general managers in the oil and gas industry in Central America, organized by OLADE (Guatemala City, 21-22 November 1996).

Seminar on regulation of utilities, organized by the Foundation for the Development of the Electric Power Service (FUNDALEC) (Caracas, 28-31 January 1997).

Seminar on financial assessment of energy projects, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning of Cuba (Havana, 28-30 May 1997).

First Interparliamentary Conference on Mining and Energy in Latin America, organized by the Commission on Mining and Energy of the Senate of Chile, the Ministry of Mining and the National Energy Commission (Santiago, Chile, 5-6 June 1997).

Seminar on regulation of privatized public services, organized by CIDIAT (Mérida, Venezuela, 14-18 July 1997).

Fourth meeting of the Technical and Financial Committee and ninth regular session of CEAC (San José, 16-18 July 1997).

Meeting on the central theme of the next OLADE ministerial meeting (Quito, 22-24 July 1997).

Seminar on investment and new contractual aspects of the African electric power industry, organized by the Institut de l'énergie des pays ayant en commun l'usage du français, the African Development Bank and Electricité de France (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 8-9 October 1997).

Eighteenth meeting of Ministers of Energy, organized by OLADE (Montevideo, 27-28 November 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Cuba

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning, on energy saving and the holding of a seminar on industrial economics.

With the Faculty of Economics of the University of Havana, on industrial economics.

With Cubana del Petróleo, on petroleum economics.

Dominican Republic

With the Refinería Dominicana de Petróleo, on energy.

Guatemala

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines, on strategies for petroleum-sector liberalization.

Nicaragua

With the National Energy Commission of the Legislative Assembly of Nicaragua, on reforms in the energy sector and legislation on electrical power.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Seminar on regulation of network energy systems, given at the Department of Postgraduate Studies of the Faculty of Engineering of UNAM, for 20 participants (January-May 1997).

The following are the extrabudgetary projects identified in the above list of activities.

- 1/ Project BCE/94/S10, "Inter-agency cooperation framework agreement between CABEI and ECLAC"
- 2/ Project SWE/96/S74, "Detailed survey of the recent evolution of the Cuban economy"
- 3/ Project BID/96/S, "Programme of support for strengthening and streamlining the institutional structures of Central American integration"
- 4/ Project GUA/95/S, "Industrial policy proposals for Guatemala for the period 1996-2000"
- 5/ Project CAM/95/001, "Agenda for industrial modernization in Central America"
- 6/ Project FRG/95/S95, "Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America (phase VI)"
- 7/ Project FRG/94/S03, "Energy and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean"
- 8/ Project CAN/94/S28, General review of Central American cooperation in the field of electrical energy"
- 9/ Project HOL/94/S44 "Promotion of trade and investment in Latin America and the Caribbean"

SUBPROGRAMME 13: SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN

During the biennium 1996-1997, the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), focused its efforts on the analysis of issues of special relevance to the economic and social development of the subregion.

A range of activities was developed to foster cooperation in operational and sectoral areas, both among CDCC member and associate member countries and between them and the countries of Latin America. Issues affecting the smaller economies of the Caribbean subregion continued to be studied jointly with the special sub-committee on the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and the secretariat of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS). In addition, working relations continued to be consolidated with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Latin American Economic System (SELA), the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and other subregional and regional institutions.

Efforts were made to ensure that the special circumstances and needs of the non-independent Caribbean countries were given due attention. In that regard, good results were obtained from the various initiatives undertaken to ensure that this group of countries could participate in world conferences organized by the United Nations and in other meetings sponsored by regional organizations.

Among the main objectives set for the biennium, the subregional headquarters gave priority to the social aspects of development. The focus of efforts in this area was on monitoring the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at the World Summit for Social Development, with emphasis on measures aimed at eradicating poverty in the Caribbean. To this end, the subregional headquarters convened the Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Eradication with support from 11 international, regional and United Nations bodies. The main outcome of this meeting was the preparation of the Directional Plan of Action for Poverty Eradication in the Caribbean, which identifies issues that need to be addressed and action for combating the problem in the subregion. This document provides member countries with a comprehensive framework for developing action plans for the eradication of poverty. The subregional headquarters, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), has also instituted a programme of consultations at the national level to support member countries in the preparation of their respective plans of action.

In addition, mechanisms have been put in place to provide advisory services and technical assistance to Governments and institutions in the subregion, to enable them to undertake activities in follow-up to the world conferences held in 1994 and 1995. Also to this end, the subregional headquarters, CARICOM and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), jointly convened a Caribbean subregional ministerial conference in Guyana, from 6 to 8 August 1997, to examine the progress made by the Governments of the subregion since the sixth session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, and to review the implementation of recommendations adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Prior to that, an expert group meeting on gender planning was held in Trinidad and Tobago on 16 and 17 July 1997. The meeting arrived at a consensus on the core gender planning issues that need to be addressed in the Caribbean and adopted a methodology for integrating the gender dimension into the planning process. The recommendations formulated were submitted for the consideration of the above-mentioned Ministerial Conference.

With respect to follow-up to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the subregional headquarters organized a meeting of ministers of the Caribbean countries in Barbados, from 10 to 14 November 1997, at which the Governments of the subregion identified priority activities and policies in respect of the implementation in the Caribbean of the Programme of Action adopted at the Global Conference.

Taking into account the rapidly changing economic scenario facing many of the Caribbean countries and the impact of the structural adjustment programmes implemented by them, the subregional headquarters convened a special meeting to consider the direction the reform process should take. The main objectives of the meeting were to formulate a strategic plan of action to ensure that the external and internal components of economic development strategies can be integrated into an ongoing platform for change and to establish a framework for sustainable structural and institutional changes in the Caribbean, in the context of the global economy.

A seminar on the promotion of trade and investment in Latin America and the Caribbean was organized in Trinidad and Tobago on 23 and 24 September 1997. This seminar was the culmination of a project executed jointly by ECLAC and its subregional headquarters in the Caribbean and Mexico. The objective of the seminar was to analyse intraregional relations in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as those between the region and other regions, and to propose policy options for fostering greater development of economic links and trade and investment ties among the various subregional integration schemes.

During the biennium, the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) continued to receive assistance, including temporary secretariat services. The Council convened two plenary sessions and four Executive Committee meetings. One of the most important decisions adopted by CCST during the biennium was to forge closer ties with CARICOM, thereby paving the way to becoming recognized as an organization with responsibility for implementing regional science and technology projects in the Caribbean.

Various reports were produced reviewing the economic, trade and financial performance of the CDCC member countries. Newsletters were also prepared that provided up-to-date information on trade, finance and development strategies. Studies were undertaken on issues relating to economic and social development, sustainable economic development, public sector reform, structural adjustment and privatization policies in the subregion. Technical cooperation services were provided to member Governments, and regional and subregional institutions, for research on issues relating to environmentally sustainable development programmes.

An important activity in the area of population was the convening of a subregional seminar on improving techniques used in census data analysis. Advisory services continued to be provided for the conduct of surveys on teenage fertility in selected countries, the formulation of national population policies, analysis of census data, and population projections.

The subregional headquarters has continued to update its capacity to respond to the growing demand for information from member countries. In that connection, it put into place mechanisms to facilitate user access to the range of in-house databases via the electronic information exchange system. The coverage of these databases continued to be amplified in terms of countries and subject matter, particularly with the establishment of new databases on intra-CDCC trade, social statistics and environmental data.

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CCST/CARICOM Meeting preparatory to the hemispheric meeting of ministers responsible for science and technology (LC/CAR/G.475; CCST/96/1).

Report of the eighth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.476).

Strengthening development: Interactions between macro and micro economics. A summary, with comments on the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.477).

Intra-ACS trade: An overview of CDCC trade with non-CDCC groupings (LC/CAR/G.478).

CCST/UNESCO/UWICED Meeting (LC/CAR/G.479; CCST/96/2).

Report to the eighteenth Executive Committee on CCST activities since the eleventh plenary session (LC/CAR/G.480; CCST/96/3).

Summary of Caribbean Economic Performance - 1995 (LC/CAR/G.481).

Report of the eighteenth Executive Committee on CCST activities since the eleventh plenary session (LC/CAR/G.482; CCST/96/4).

Report of seminar on improving the data supply modality (LC/CAR/483).

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Directional Plan of Action for Poverty Eradication in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.490).

Report of the sixteenth session of the CDCC at the technical level (LC/CAR/G.491).

Financial liberalization: Its relevance and experiences in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.492).

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Report of the fourteenth plenary session of the CCST (LC/CAR/G.495; CCST/96/6).

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Report of the 19th Executive Committee Meeting of the CCST (LC/CAR/G.497; CCST/96/7).

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Proposals for the liberalization of trade and investment in the ACS (LC/CAR/G.499).

Report on the workshop on alternative uses of banana and banana products (LC/CAR/G.500; CCST/97/1).

Report of the twentieth meeting of the Executive Committee of the CCST (LC/CAR/G.501; CCST/97/2).

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Report on the seminar on integrated water resource management: institutional and policy reform (LC/CAR/G.504).

Report on activities at the Caribbean subregional level to support the integration of women into the social and economic development of Latin America and the Caribbean for the period June 1994 to August 1997 (LC/CAR/G.505).

Report of the expert group meeting on gender planning (LC/CAR/G.506).

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Report of the CARICOM/UNECLAC/UNIFEM Post-Beijing Encounter: A Caribbean Subregional Ministerial Conference, (LC/CAR/G.508).

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Caribbean Development: The Premise of an Emerging Agenda (LC/CAR/G.515).

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Interim Report on the Administrative Support for the CCST (LC/CAR/G.517).

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Review of the implementation of the SIDS-POA: Priorities for the future (LC/CAR/G.519).

Caribbean country profiles on the implementation of the SIDS-POA (LC/CAR/G.520).

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The Associate, newsletter on the Non-independent Caribbean Countries (NICCs), vol. 1 No. 6; vol. 2 Nos. 1-4, 1996.

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferencesOrganized by the subprogramme

CCST/CARICOM meeting preparatory to the Hemispheric Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Science and Technology (Guyana, 11-12 March 1996).

Eighth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) (Port of Spain, 21-22 March 1996).

Seminar on statistics: improving the data supply modality (Saint Kitts and Nevis, 12-17 May 1996).

Eighteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) (Jamaica, 9 June 1996).

Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Eradication (Port of Spain, 28 October-1 November 1996).

Fourteenth plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) (Saint Georges, Grenada, 16-18 December 1996).

Nineteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) (Grenada, 17 December 1996).

Twentieth meeting of the Executive Committee of CCST (Port of Spain, 7-8 April 1997).

Workshop on alternative uses of the banana and banana products (Castries, Saint Lucia, 16-18 April 1997).

Workshop on the use of the Internet as a teaching tool (Port of Spain, 28 April 1997).

Seminar on integrated water resource management in the Caribbean (Port of Spain, 24-27 June 1997).

Meeting on the topic, "Caribbean quest: directions for the reform process" (Trinidad and Tobago, 25-26 June 1997).

Expert group meeting on gender planning, hosted in collaboration with the Gender Equity Fund of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (Trinidad and Tobago, 16-17 July 1997).

CARICOM/ECLAC/UNIFEM Post-Beijing Encounter: a Caribbean Subregional Ministerial Conference in preparation for the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Guyana, 6-8 August 1997).

Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Caribbean Small Islands States: The Way Forward (Barbados, 10-14 November 1997).

Fifteenth plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), Trinidad and Tobago, 19-20 December 1997.

Twenty-first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), Trinidad and Tobago, 20 December 1997.

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Meeting on investment funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in the Caribbean, organized by UNESCO, CCST and the University of the West Indies Centre for Environment and Development (UWICED) (Jamaica, 16-19 January 1996).

Meeting preparatory to the Caribbean Energy Information System (CEIS) regional workshop on energy management and decision modeling in the Caribbean (Port of Spain, 26 January 1996).

United Nations strategic programming meeting (Barbados, 1-2 February 1996).

Annual winter meeting of Heads of Government organized by the Offshore Governors' Forum (New York, 5-6 February 1996).

Meeting on the socio-political agenda of the integration process in the Caribbean Basin, organized by the Latin American Economic System (SELA) and the Venezuelan Institute for Social and Political Research (INVESP) (Caracas, 11-14 February 1996).

Meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) sub-committee on small States. Presented a paper entitled, "Domestic policies necessary for small states to participate in the Free Trade Area of the Americas" (Jamaica, 14-17 February 1996).

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) programme review and strategy development meeting (Jamaica, 26 February-3 March 1996).

Seventh inter-sessional meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government, hosted by CARICOM (Guyana, 27 February-2 March 1996).

“Inter-dialogue” meeting organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), under the programme, "The Caribbean's Women: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" (Barbados, 3 March 1996).

Meeting of librarians of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to review the OECS/INFONET (Information Network) programme (Antigua, 3-7 March 1996).

Eleventh National Science, Technology and Society (STS) Conference on technology literacy, organized by the National Science and Technology Society (Arlington, Virginia, 9-14 March 1996).

United Nations strategic programming meeting on energy in the Caribbean, organized by the University of the West Indies Centre for Environment and Development (UWICED) (Jamaica, 21-22 March 1996).

Conference on business expansion in the Caribbean: enterprise and capital, organized by Development Finance Limited of Trinidad and Tobago (Port of Spain, 22 March 1996).

Seminar on global information, organized by the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago (Port of Spain, 29 March 1996).

Users/producers seminar in Suriname, organized by UNDP under project SUR/95/001, "Support to the statistical office in Suriname" (Suriname, 5-11 April 1996).

Meeting on macro-policy, organized by UNDP (Aruba, 10-11 April 1996).

Meeting of the Organization of American States (OAS) Ambassadorial Group on ECLAC/OAS cooperation (New York, 12-14 April 1996).

Caribbean Conference, organized by Howard University (Washington, D.C., 18 April 1996).

CARICOM/UNICEF consultation on health and family life education, (Barbados, 18-20 April 1996).

Workshop on measuring the impact of information on decision-making, organized by the CARICOM Secretariat (Guyana, 22-24 April 1996).

Solar Summit for America and the Caribbean preparatory to the World Solar Summit 1996, organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (San José, 5-9 May 1996).

Twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Caribbean Development Bank (Guadeloupe, 8-11 May 1996).

Workshop on the theme, “Towards the year 2000: prospects and challenges for CARICOM”, organized by CARICOM (Jamaica, 10-11 May 1996).

Workshop on the use of MINISIS (ISIS for minicomputers), version H, organized by the University of Guyana (Georgetown, Guyana, 12-17 May 1996).

Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of CARICOM (Jamaica, 13-14 May 1996).

Sixth meeting of the FTAA Summit Implementation Review Group (Jamaica, 15-16 May 1996).

Sixth international conference organized by the International Trade and Finance Association (California, 20-26 May 1996).

European Union projects meeting to discuss the proposed Caribbean regional environment programme, organized by the European Union and the Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM) (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 27-30 May 1996).

Conference on successful strategies for women's sustainable development in the Caribbean, organized by the National Council for Sustainable Development of the Netherlands (Amsterdam, 31 May 1996).

Meeting on banana technology organized by CCST and sponsored by the UNDP Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (Saint Lucia, 31 May-1 June 1996).

Workshop on environmentally friendly technologies, organized by University of the West Indies Centre for Environment and Development (UWICED) and UNESCO (Jamaica, 10-12 June 1996).

Thirteenth annual meeting of the Caribbean Group for Cooperation in Economic Development (CGCED) (Washington, D.C., 10-14 June 1996).

Sixteenth special meeting of the Council of Ministers of CARICOM (Guyana, 24-27 June 1996).

Meeting to launch the University of the Virgin Islands' summer programme for global leaders (Saint Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, 28-30 June 1996).

Special meeting of the FTAA working group on smaller economies, organized by the FTAA Special Committee. Presented a paper on internal policies (Barbados, 19-21 July 1996).

National accounts seminar, organized by the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic and UNDP (Santo Domingo, 21-27 July 1996).

First meeting on science and technology organized by the Association of Caribbean States (ACS)(Havana, 31 August-5 September 1996).

Meeting preparatory to the fifth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by ECLAC Santiago in collaboration with the Government of Jamaica (Jamaica, 8-14 September 1996).

Forum on the Americas, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Washington, D.C., 8-14 September 1996).

Meeting on the Caribbean basin: new relationships within and beyond the region, organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat (London, 19-23 September 1996).

Meeting on the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste and their Disposal, organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with the Government of Saint Lucia (Saint Lucia, 1-7 October 1996).

Symposium on Small States and negotiating space in the new international trading environment, organized by the Institute of International Relations of the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago, 8-9 October 1996).

Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)/International Labour Organization (ILO) planning meeting on the project, "Managing development in Small Island States: interregional training and capacity-building" (Barbados, 8-11 October 1996).

Meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Women and Gender Issues, organized by UNIFEM (Barbados, 9-10 October 1996).

Caribbean NGOs strategic planning conference on follow-up to Beijing, organized by the Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action (CAFRA) (Curaçao, 11-13 October 1996).

Meeting of the consultative committee on the Caribbean Regional Information System (CCCRIS) and the Regional Network for the Exchange of Information and Experience in Science and Technology in the Caribbean (CARSTIN), organized by CARICOM (Saint Lucia, 15-16 October 1996).

Meeting on trade and environment in the Caribbean, sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat and UWICED and hosted by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago (Port of Spain, 17-18 October 1996).

Meeting on the security concerns of the small island Caribbean States, convened by OAS (Washington, D.C., 17-19 October 1996).

Caribbean Basin-Canada Initiative workshop on adaptation to climate change, organized by the University of the West Indies, its Centre for Environment and Development (UWICED) and the Environment Management Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (Port of Spain, 21-23 October 1996).

Second high-level meeting on the Regional Integration Fund, organized by the Government of Guyana (Guyana, 27-29 October 1996).

Twenty-eighth meeting of the Caribbean Centre for Monetary Studies (Trinidad and Tobago, 28 October-1 November 1996).

Meeting of documentalists in the CARISPLAN network, organized by CARICOM (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 4 November 1996).

Consultation on science and technology within CARICOM, organized by the Faculty of Engineering of the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago, 7-8 November 1996).

First meeting on trade organized by the Association of Caribbean States (ACS)(Caracas, 8-13 November 1996).

Fifth meeting of the FTAA working group on smaller economies, organized by the FTAA Special Committee (Caracas, 11-15 November 1996).

Fifth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean (Kingston, 12-15 November 1996).

UNFPA programme review and strategy development (PRSD) debriefing meeting, organized by UNFPA (Barbados, 17-18 November 1996).

First meeting of chief information officers of Caribbean countries, organized by CARICOM (Guyana, 18-19 November 1996).

Regional consultations on human resources, organized by CARICOM (Barbados, 19-21 November 1996).

Meeting on water resources, organized by UNESCO (Jamaica, 20-25 November 1996).

Caribbean Youth Encounter on the theme, "Towards fullness of life - solution to poverty", organized by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Trinidad and Tobago (Port of Spain, 22-25 November 1996).

Fifth Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers Responsible for Womens' Affairs, organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat (Port of Spain, 25-28 November 1996).

Meeting of CARICOM Ministers with Responsibility for Womens' Affairs, organized by CARICOM (Port of Spain, 28 November 1996).

Eighth UNEP intergovernmental meeting (Jamaica, 9-13 December 1996).

Meeting of the United States Commission on Renewable Energy (Barbados, 19-20 December 1996).

Seminar on the expansion of NAFTA and its implications for producers and consumers in Trinidad and Tobago, organized by the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago, 24 January 1997).

Earth Council meeting for Latin American and the Caribbean on follow-up to Agenda 21 (Belize, 27-31 January 1997).

Meeting of heads of United Nations agencies, organized by UNDP Barbados (Barbados, 3-4 February 1997).

Sixth meeting of the FTAA working group on smaller economies (Guyana, 12-14 February 1997).

First meeting of the CARICOM technical group on disadvantaged countries, regions and sectors (Antigua and Barbuda, 18-19 February 1997).

Seminar on urban criminal violence, organized by IDB. Participated in the round table on domestic violence (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 28 February-5 March 1997).

Meeting of the United Nations Special Committee on Small States (New York, 3-14 March 1997).

Science and technology meeting organized by the National Science and Technology Society (New York/Worcester/Washington, D.C., 5-11 March 1997).

Planning meeting for national consultations on follow-up to the Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Eradication held in November 1996 (Grenada, 10-12 March 1997).

European Commission seminar on the Caribbean perspective, organized by the European Commission and CARIFORUM (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 24-27 March 1997).

Debate on a green paper on future relations between the European Commission and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP), organized by the European Commission (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 25-27 March 1997).

First meeting of the CARICOM working group on negotiating FTAA (Guyana, 3-6 April 1997).

Seventh meeting of the FTAA working group on smaller economies, organized by the FTAA Special Committee (Guatemala City, 8-12 April 1997).

CARICOM meeting on disadvantaged countries in industrial development (Guyana, 10-13 April 1997).

Joint meeting of the ACS Special Committee on the Protection and Conservation of the Caribbean Sea and on Natural Resources, organized by the Secretariat of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Jamaica, 27 April-1 May 1997).

Second meeting of the CARICOM working group on competitiveness (Guyana, 29-30 April 1997).

Eleventh World Bank Annual Conference on Development Economics (Washington, D.C., 29 April-2 May 1997).

Ninth World Bank Conference on Economic Development in the Caribbean (Washington, D.C., 30 April-1 May 1997).

Fourth meeting of the BLAISE (software) users' group, organized by the Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) of France (Paris, 2-7 May 1997).

Meeting of heads of United Nations agencies, organized by UNDP Trinidad and Tobago (Suriname, 12-15 May 1997).

Twenty-seventh session of the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 18-24 May 1997).

Third course on social policy formation and management, organized by IDB, OAS and the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago, 19-28 May 1997).

CARICOM meeting preparatory to the Meeting of CARICOM Ministers of Education (Barbados, 20-21 May 1997).

Meeting on agriculture, organized by CARICOM and the Central American Council on Agriculture (COVECA) (Belize, 25-28 May 1997).

The first general meeting between representatives of the Caribbean Community and the United Nations system (New York, 26-27 May 1997).

Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association (Bogotá, 26-30 May 1997).

Second meeting of the Special Committee on Trade, Development and External Economic Relations of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Bogotá, 27-31 May 1997).

Workshop on women and decision-making, organized by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (Guyana, 12 June 1997).

Second meeting of the Special Committee on Science and Technology, as part of the reform process of ACS (Barbados, 17-18 June 1997).

Regional workshop for Caribbean institutions of higher education in agriculture, organized by the University of the West Indies (Port of Spain, 17-18 June 1997).

Working group for the development of a draft national policy on telecommunications for Trinidad and Tobago, organized by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago (Trinidad and Tobago, 20 June 1997).

Seminar-workshop on integrated water resources management: policy and institutional reform, organized by OAS, IDB, UNESCO and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (Port of Spain, 24-27 June 1997).

Meeting on population and development, organized by UNFPA (Jamaica, 7-16 July 1997).

Regional Conference of the Caribbean Congress of Labour (Jamaica, 21-23 July 1997).

National consultation on the eradication of poverty in Grenada, organized by the Caribbean Development Bank, UNDP and the Government of Grenada (Grenada, 29-31 July 1997).

Meeting of the Board and Regional Committee of the Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action (CAFRA) (Suriname, 1-7 August 1997).

Informatics Initiative 2000 for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 8-9 September 1997).

Regional Meeting of Sustainable Development Councils, organized by the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) (Barbados, 9-11 September 1997).

High-level Meeting of Windward Islands Banana Exporting Countries, organized by the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)(Dominica, 10-13 September 1997).

Meeting on strategic and programmatic orientations for the Pan American Health Organization, 1999-2002, organized by PAHO (Trinidad and Tobago, 16 September 1997).

UNDP retreat for heads of United Nations agencies (Tobago, 18-20 September 1997).

Seminar on promotion of trade and intraregional investment between Latin America and the Caribbean, convened in collaboration with ECLAC headquarters, Santiago and the subregional headquarters in Mexico (Trinidad and Tobago, 20-24 September 1997).

Consultation on legal and policy considerations for sustainable development, organized by the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and UNDP (Barbados, 29-30 September 1997).

Eighth meeting of the FTAA working group on smaller economies, organized by the FTAA Special Committee (Mexico City, 13-17 October 1997).

Workshop on domestic violence, organized by IDB in follow-up to a meeting on crime held in Port of Spain from 24 to 27 June 1997 (Washington, D.C., 19-22 October 1997).

Workshop on entrepreneurial development in OECS countries, organized by the Secretariat of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Saint Lucia, 3-8 November 1997).

Meeting of the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians, organized by CARICOM (Saint Lucia, 4-10 November 1997).

Second meeting of the CARICOM working group on disadvantaged countries (Barbados, 17 December 1997).

Fifteenth plenary session of CCST (Trinidad and Tobago, 19-20 December 1997).

Twenty-first meeting of CCST (Trinidad and Tobago, 20 December 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

(a) Intergovernmental organizations and bodies

With the Association of Caribbean States, in providing technical support for the implementation of various aspects of its programme of work.

With the Caribbean Energy Information System (CEIS), through the development of training modules for CEIS relating to renewable energy management systems.

With the Commonwealth Secretariat, in providing assistance in the conduct of a symposium entitled "Successful strategies for engendering the local government bodies in the Caribbean".

CDCC, through CCST, provided technical assistance to the Association of Caribbean States in (a) developing a mechanism to provide information to member countries of CCST and to promote their interest in new environmentally friendly technologies; (b) organizing a meeting, sponsored by the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, entitled “Clean Technologies and the Policy Maker in Sustainable Development” (Jamaica, 7-12 June 1996); and (c) developing a programme to improve access to technical information contained in databases and other sources not available in schools. The programme, in the form of project proposal entitled “A Virtual Teachers’ Centre”, entailed the development of a World Wide Web site to provide opportunities for fostering new multicultural awareness, with emphasis on global interdependence. Funding was provided by the UNDP Special Unit for TCDC (project INT/96/318/A/15/52).

CDCC, through CCST, provided assistance to the member countries of CCST in implementing the joint CCST/United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) project, “Support to research and development activities on marine technologies”.

CDCC, through CCST, provided technical assistance to member countries of OECS in developing (a) team technology/small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) programmes in the countries of the Eastern Caribbean. CCST conducted a banana technology workshop, aimed at the development of a framework strategic plan for the banana industry in these islands (Saint Lucia, 30 May-4 June 1996); funding was provided through the Special Unit for TCDC project INT/96/319/A/15/52, “Strategy development project for banana-growing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the Windward Islands”; (b) the project proposal for the technology extension project and the establishment of technology management centres in selected Caribbean countries with assistance from the French Cooperation Mission; and (c) the project proposal for the teaching of science and technology in the CDCC member countries.

With OECS, in reviewing the OECS INFONET (Information Network) and development of the system over the past 10 years; and in assisting in the development of modalities for cooperation between ECLAC and OECS INFONET.

With the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), in the preparation of an urban management study for Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, and in the implementation of the integrated development project for the British Virgin Islands (BVI/95/001).

With the Special Projects Unit of UNDP, in developing project proposals on the teaching of science and technology, team technology and renewable sources of energy.

With UNDP, in the establishment of a database and in the conduct of surveys on poverty alleviation and equity-building initiatives in Trinidad and Tobago.

The subregional headquarters, in its capacity as a member of the National Selection Committee of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and in collaboration with UNDP, assisted in the execution of the GEF tourism project and in the GEF programming workshop; and in carrying out a UNDP feasibility study on the Small Island Developing States Information Network (SIDSNET). In the context of this study a programme was developed that will enhance the capacity of the small island developing States to collaborate and share information.

With UNDP, in the implementation of project SUR/95/001, "Support to the Statistical Office in Suriname".

With the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in providing technical support in (a) the creation of the Caribbean Environment Programme Network (CEPNET)/IDB implementation strategy and work plan; and (b) the preparation of a study highlighting the findings of a user needs assessment survey in relation to coastal conservation.

With the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in (a) the preparation of a project proposal on an integrated approach to water resource management and the prospects for its implementation in the Caribbean; and (b) the development and preparation of a project proposal on the use of the Internet as a medium for the teaching of science in the Caribbean.

With the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), in developing a programme to provide support to the relevant government departments and ministries in looking at gender issues in planning, taking into account the study on poor female-headed households and the project on women and the microenterprise, undertaken as part of the follow-up to the Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

With the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), in the preparation of a project proposal document entitled "Technology extension service in the Caribbean".

With the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in (a) the implementation of projects CAR/94/PO2, "Integration of population into development planning in the Caribbean subregion" and STV/89/PO1, "Strengthening of population policy implementation in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines"; and (b) providing technical assistance in the organization of subregional meetings to discuss the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development.

With the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in the implementation of the Training Development Programme in the Field of Maritime Transport (TRAINMAR) and in the establishment of the training centre in Trinidad and Tobago.

With the Centre for Gender and Development Studies of the University of the West Indies, in the preparation of a programme of activities.

With the Windward Islands Banana Association, in the implementation of a project on team technology, in order to promote the use of computer software by policy makers and technicians in the banana industry, with funding from the Special Unit for TCDC.

With the Special Group of the Summit of the Americas, in providing technical support to the FTAA working group on smaller economies, with a view to their participation in FTAA.

(b) Members and associate members of CDCCAntigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada and Saint Kitts and Nevis

With the Governments, in the conduct of national consultation seminars aimed at developing strategies for the preparation of national programmes of action for poverty eradication. The seminars were conducted in collaboration with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and UNDP.

Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago

With the Governments, in providing support for officials from the respective planning ministries to attend an ECLAC/UNFPA regional workshop on techniques for the analysis of census data (Cayman Islands, 24-29 June 1996) (Project CAR/P4/PO2, "Integration of population into development planning in the Caribbean subregion").

(c) Member countriesAntigua and Barbuda

With the Government, through the Directorate of Women's Affairs, in the preparation of the report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

With the Governments, in the development of the team technology/SMEs programmes, with the aim of formulating a framework strategic plan for the banana industry; and in facilitating participation by those countries in a banana technology workshop (Saint Lucia, 30 May-4 June 1996).

Barbados

With the Government, in a needs-assessment survey of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs and the Department of Statistics for the modernization of the statistical information system and greater use of new information technologies.

Dominica

With the Statistics Department, in the design of a statistical database.

Grenada

With the Government, (a) in conducting a needs-assessment survey of the Central Statistical Office and in formulating a proposal for the restructuring of that Office; and in providing assistance to the Central Statistical Office in the installation and maintenance of a local area network (LAN); and (b) in the conduct of a national consultation on science and technology and human resource development within the framework of the CARICOM single market.

Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

With the respective National Population Councils, in carrying out surveys on teenage fertility analysing the data obtained and preparing policy-related strategies; and in conducting workshops for analysis of teenage fertility survey data (UNFPA project CAR/94/PO2, "Integration of population into development planning in the Caribbean subregion").

Guyana

With the Ministry of Finance, in carrying out an assessment of the joint UNDP/CDB/Government of Guyana statistics project.

Haiti

With the Ministry of Women's Affairs, in establishing mechanisms for the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women, especially with respect to poor female-headed households.

Saint Kitts and Nevis

With the Government, (a) in carrying out activities relating to gender analysis and logistics for an inter-ministerial committee on gender and development; (b) in the preparation of a technical report, with special focus on gender mainstreaming, on the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women; and (c) in the preparation of a draft technical report, with particular emphasis on the modernization of the national statistical system.

Saint Lucia

With the Government, (a) in developing a programme on the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises and in the conduct of a workshop on the promotion of competitiveness (Saint Lucia, 26 November 1996); and (b) in executing an OAS project, entitled "commonwealth of knowledge in science and technology", and in developing a science popularization programme and setting up a technology centre in Saint Lucia.

With the National Population Council and the Department of Statistics, in preparing population reports, analysing census data using REDATAM (retrieval of data for small areas by microcomputer), establishing a database of population statistics and developing a research framework for a study on teenage fertility.

With the National Library, in the conduct of a training workshop on indexing and abstracting and the use of the bibliographic record worksheet.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

With the Government, (a) in the execution of UNFPA project STV/89/PO1, "Strengthening of population policy implementation in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines"; and (b) in reviewing the work of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Women's and Ecclesiastical Affairs in regard to the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

With the Ministry of Finance and Planning, in reviewing the 1991 census data tabulations; in reconstructing the computerized vital statistics system; and in preparing the questionnaire for the household and budget expenditure survey.

Suriname

With the Central Statistical Bureau, in implementing activities outlined in UNDP project SUR/95/001, "Support to the statistical office of Suriname" and with the Ministry of Planning, in preparing proposals for setting up a management support unit.

With the Government, in the preparation of a poverty matrix for Suriname. This activity is being carried out with funding from UNDP.

With the Bureau of Women's Affairs, in establishing a mechanism for the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Trinidad and Tobago

With the Government, (a) in the preparation of a poverty matrix (with funding from UNDP); and (b) in the preparation and review of a national report on the status of women.

With the Ministry of Women's Affairs, in establishing mechanisms for the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women and in the review of the draft gender policy statement.

With the Ministry of Planning and Development, in the preparation of a paper on structural adjustment for presentation to public officials of Trinidad and Tobago, as part of the ongoing programme of public-sector training and reform.

With the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services and the Ministry of Youth, Sport, Culture and the Creative Arts, in the review of a project to restructure the social services management system in Trinidad and Tobago.

(d) Associate members of CDCC

With the Governments of ECLAC associate member States, in coordinating activities in respect of changes in the rules of procedure for participation of ECLAC associate member States in the Fourth World Conference on Women and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements.

With the non-independent Caribbean countries, to enable them to participate in programmes administered by United Nations agencies, with support from the Netherlands in the execution of a project.

Anguilla

With the Government, in the development of a programme of work in the area of science and technology.

Aruba

With the Department of Economic Affairs and Tourism and the Central Bureau of Statistics, with respect to data management, the organization of a seminar on macroeconomics, and social policies and poverty eradication.

Anguilla, British Virgin Islands and Montserrat

With the Governments, in developing the country strategy notes for implementation in these Territories, together with UNDP.

British Virgin Islands

With the Planning Ministry, in executing project BVI/95/001, "Integrated development", funded by UNDP and UNCHS.

Netherlands Antilles

With the University of the Netherlands Antilles, in providing technical support for a seminar on environment, development and tourism.

With the Netherlands Antilles Office for Energy and the Environment, in organizing a seminar on renewable sources of energy; and in the development of a national social intervention programme for Saint Maarten and Curaçao.

United States Virgin Islands

With the Government, through the provision of ongoing advisory services to the Inter-Virgin Islands Council, and in organizing a joint meeting of the University of the United States Virgin Islands and the CCST Committees on Science and Mathematics.

With the University of the United States Virgin Islands, in the conduct of its summer programmes.

British Virgin Islands and United States Virgin Islands

With the Governments, through (a) consultations on associate member participation in the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women; (b) participation in national consultations held prior to their participation in global United Nations conferences; and (c) provision of technical assistance in their discussions on the convening of the Inter-Virgin Islands Council.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Workshop organized by the University of the West Indies Centre for Environment and Development (UWICED), CCST and UNESCO on investment funding for projects relating to renewable energy and efficient energy use in the Caribbean (32 participants) (Jamaica, 17-19 January 1996).

Workshop organized for the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, energy industries of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean Energy Information System (CEIS), on energy management and decision-modelling (28 participants discussed topics such as sub-sector optimization, frameworks for national energy planning and energy use in the agricultural sector) (Trinidad and Tobago, 4-15 March 1996).

With the University of Guyana, in the conduct of a workshop on the use of Computerized Documentation Services (CDS) and version H of MINISIS (version of Integrated Set of Informations Systems (ISIS) system designed for use on minicomputers) (Guyana, 12-17 May 1996).

Workshop on the use of CDS/ISIS software for the Department of Libraries of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (14 participants) (Saint Vincent, 10-14 June 1996).

Workshop on techniques for the analysis of census data, under UNFPA project CAR/94/PO2 (35 participants) (Cayman Islands, 19-29 June 1996).

Training course on the use of the mini-micro CDS/ISIS software package for database creation and maintenance, and training in systems support for existing database application. The course was conducted for library and systems staff at the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (9 participants) (Saint Kitts and Nevis, 19-24 January 1997).

Training workshop on strategic planning as part of an integrated planning system for the British Virgin Islands, for senior public- and private-sector employees (70 participants) (this output was executed as part of a UNDP/UNCHS project for the British Virgin Islands) (Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 26-31 January 1997).

Training in the applications of Windows 95 and the maintenance of computer hardware (12 participants), under project SUR/95/001, "Support to the statistical office of Suriname" (Suriname, 10-24 February 1997).

With the Caribbean Seed and Germplasm Resource Information Network, in providing training in the use of Ambionet for access to and exchange of information (15 participants) (Trinidad and Tobago, 23-24 June 1997).

Training on the development of bibliographic, multimedia and project databases and conduct of a national CDS/ISIS training workshop, at the IWOKRAMA International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation (10 participants from seven institutions) (Guyana, 8-19 September 1997).

Planning meeting concerning preparation of the National Plan of Action for Poverty Eradication in the Bahamas for use at the national consultations, at the request of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development, Government of the Bahamas (Bahamas, 25-26 September 1997).

Training workshop on the creation of REDATAM databases, aimed at strengthening capacities for generating REDATAM databases from census and survey data, and improving skills in the evaluation of the quality of census and survey data (10 participants from the statistical offices of the Bahamas, Guyana, Jamaica, and Saint Kitts and Nevis) (Bahamas, 13-18 October, 1997).

SUBPROGRAMME 14: REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION

During the biennium under review, the basic objective of this subprogramme was to carry out monitoring and evaluation activities and provide technical support to the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean in the areas of economic integration and cooperation among the countries of the region. In recent years, integration processes within Latin America have received a fresh impetus that is consistent with the increasing openness of the world economy and needs to be evaluated and actively promoted.

With this goal in mind, three documents were prepared in 1996. The first of these presents a brief analysis of recent trends in trade and investment and of economic integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1623). The second document, issued in English and Spanish, puts forward proposals for improving monitoring of investment in the region (LC/R.1696). In addition, a contribution was made to the publication entitled “Panorama de la inserción internacional de América Latina y el Caribe. Edición 1996” (LC/G.1941), the third part of which consists of chapters devoted to open regionalism (chap. VI), the situation with respect to regional and subregional integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (chap. VII), an overview of intraregional investment (chap. VIII), and social and labour aspects of regional integration (chap. IX).

In 1997, six documents were prepared and, in addition, a contribution was made to the “Panorama de la inserción internacional de América Latina y el Caribe. Edición 1997” (LC/G.1978). The documents address diversification of markets and merchandise exports within the framework of the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), Mercosur and the Andean Community (LC/R.1751); Mercosur, especially its future prospects (LC/R.1706); the intensification of economic links between the various subregional agreements in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1728) (available in English and Spanish); some specific features of integration (LC/R.1713); a summary of the debate and the conclusions of the meeting on the Promotion of Intraregional Trade and Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1763) (available in English and Spanish); and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) (LC/L.1075).

(i) Documents

Panorama de la inserción internacional de América Latina y el Caribe. Edición 1996 (LC/G.1941) (chapters VI, VII, VIII and IX).

Panorama de la inserción internacional de América Latina y el Caribe. Edición 1997 (LC/G.1978) (chapters V and VI).

El Tratado de Libre Comercio de América del Norte (TLC) tres años después de entrar en vigencia (LC/L.1075).

Evolución y perspectivas del comercio y las inversiones intrarregionales (LC/R.1623).

A proposal for monitoring intraregional and foreign direct investment in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1696).

Evolución, análisis y perspectivas del Mercado Común del Sur (LC/R.1706).

Propuesta de programa y estructura de la Academia Diplomática y Consular de la República Dominicana (LC/R.1713).

Promoting economic links between the integration schemes of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1728).

Diversificación de mercados y de exportaciones de bienes: los casos de la ALADI, el Mercosur y la Comunidad Andina (LC/R.1751).

Synthesis of the Meeting on the Promotion of Intra-regional Trade and Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1763).

(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Technical working group meeting on trends in the globalization process and scenarios for world change, organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (Buenos Aires, 29 January 1996).

Second meeting of trade policy officials of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Permanent Secretariat of SELA (Caracas, 8 February 1996).

First preparatory meeting for a regional forum on the productive development, organized by the regional government of Region IX (Temuco, Chile, 23-24 April 1996).

First meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas working group on competition policy, organized by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Integration and International Trade Negotiations of Peru (Lima, 16-17 May 1996).

Fifth international law symposium for South America on prospects for Latin American integration in the twenty-first century, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Public Works and Services of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 6-8 June 1996).

Seminar on competition policies and the economic reform process in Latin America, organized by the National Institute for the Defence of Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI) (Lima, 12-14 August 1996).

Seminar to consider the establishment of a faculty of Andean integration, organized by the Andean Development Corporation (Caracas, 14-17 August 1996).

Second meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas working group on competition policy, organized by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Integration and International Trade Negotiations of Peru (Lima, 15-16 August 1996).

Seminar on economic relations between the Andean Community and the European Union, organized by the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA) and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Bolivia (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 7-8 October 1996).

Third meeting of trade policy officials of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Permanent Secretariat of SELA (Montevideo, 20-21 October 1996).

Twenty-second regular meeting of the Latin American Council, organized by the Permanent Secretariat of SELA (Montevideo, 22-25 October 1996).

Second meeting on competition policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Permanent Secretariat of SELA, the Office of the Superintendent for the Promotion and Protection of Competition (PROCOMPETENCIA) of Venezuela and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation in collaboration with UNCTAD (Caracas, 27-29 November 1996).

Third meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas working group on competition policy, organized by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Integration and International Trade Negotiations of Peru (Lima, 29-31 January 1997).

Seminar on regional integration and the challenge of competitiveness and convergence, and workshop on social aspects of integration, organized by SELA and the Training Centre for Regional Integration (Caracas, 3-6 March 1997).

Third meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas working group on services, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile with ECLAC support (Santiago, Chile, 19-20 March 1997).

Meeting of the Departments for Integration and Cooperation of the region, organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) and SELA (Guatemala City, 17-18 April 1997).

Seminar-workshop on regional integration: theory and reality, organized by the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) (Montevideo, 23-24 April 1997).

Third annual conference on development in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the World Bank and the Government of Uruguay (Montevideo, 30 June-1 July 1997).

Fourth meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas working group on competition policy, organized by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Integration and International Trade Negotiations of Peru (Lima, 30 June-2 July 1997).

Fourth meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas working group on services, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile with ECLAC support (Santiago, Chile, 15-16 July 1997).

Seminar on the prospects for integration: the role of LAIA, organized by LAIA (Montevideo, 28-29 July 1997).

Third international seminar on linkages to the global economy of the Mercosur countries, organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of the Republic of Uruguay (Montevideo, 26 August 1997).

Seminar on the southern free trade zone and open regionalism, organized by the Department of Economics of the Catholic University of Peru (Lima, 9-10 September 1997).

Fifth meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas working group on competition policy, organized by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Integration and International Trade Negotiations of Peru (Lima, 24-27 September 1997).

Fifth meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas working group on services, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile with ECLAC support (Santiago, Chile, 8-10 October 1997).

Seminar on special and differential treatment in trade relations between countries at different levels of economic development, organized by LAIA (Montevideo, 6-7 November 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Board of the Cartagena Agreement

With the Board of the Cartagena Agreement, in the preparation of a report on developments concerning the Andean Pact.

Latin American Economic System (SELA) and the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA)

With SELA and with SIECA, in training activities for government officials and entrepreneurs in Central America, as part of the second course on Central American integration, sponsored by the Government of Honduras.

With SELA and with SIECA, in training activities for government officials and entrepreneurs in Central America. Gave three lectures as part of the third course on Central American integration, sponsored by the Government of Guatemala.

Bolivia

With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, on Mercosur.

Chile

With the regional government of the Region IX (Araucanía), on competition policies in the context of subregional integration.

Dominican Republic

With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the establishment of a diplomatic academy and on issues relating to Central American and Caribbean integration.

Peru

With the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Lima, on a course on multilateralism and regionalism in Latin American integration, under a framework agreement signed with ECLAC on training activities and technical assistance.

(iv) Training and fellowships

Classes on Mercosur, its development and prospects, as part of the Master's Programme in Economic Development in Latin America, offered by the International University of Andalusia (Rábida, Spain, 17-21 June 1996).

Classes on Mercosur in the context of pan-American integration, as part of a course on geo-economic blocs on the eve of the twenty-first century, offered by the University of the Balearic Islands (Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 22-26 September 1997).

TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

During the biennium 1996-1997, the Joint ECLAC/UNCTAD Unit on Transnational Corporations carried out activities in three closely interrelated areas —information, research and technical cooperation— with the results of the first two forming the basis for the third.

In the area of information, the Unit continued to collaborate with the appropriate national bodies and its network of regular correspondents in order to update its electronic database, which was issued in Spanish in 1993 under the title “Directorio sobre inversión extranjera en América Latina y el Caribe 1993: marco legal e información estadística” (LC/R.1325). In addition, the Unit succeeded in expanding the range of legal and statistical information that it provides and in standardizing and improving the comparability of the corresponding statistical series for the region.

With respect to foreign investment trends and the operations of transnational corporations in Latin America and the Caribbean, two annual reports were produced: La inversión extranjera en América Latina y el Caribe. Informe 1996 (LC/G.1958-P) and La inversión extranjera en América Latina y el Caribe. Informe 1997 (LC/G.1985-P).

The research activities of the Unit focused on three areas: (i) transnational corporations, industrial restructuring and international competitiveness; (ii) economic and institutional reforms and investment in real assets by leading national and transnational companies; and (iii) studies on activities in specific sectors.

In the first of the areas mentioned, the Unit explored the role of transnationals in industrial restructuring and international competitiveness on the basis of case studies carried out in Latin America and the Caribbean. The purpose of this research project is to determine how transnationals that operate in the region are adapting to the new regional and global economic climate, in which international competitiveness is becoming a factor of crucial importance in such sectors as the garment industry, the automotive industry and natural resource-based manufactures. The region’s new competitive position is being analysed in terms of the globalization process in those sectors. Reports have already been prepared on Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

The Joint Unit is also participating in an interregional UNCTAD project dealing with the impact of transnational corporations in relation to industrial restructuring and international competitiveness in developing countries. The objective of this project is to prepare a comparative analysis based on case studies in Asia, Africa and the above-mentioned countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. The Unit is coordinating the interregional project and has participated directly in interviews held with entrepreneurs in relation to case studies on countries such as Malaysia and Thailand.

With respect to the second area —economic and institutional reform and investments in real assets by leading national and transnational companies in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean— progress has been made in the preparation of national case studies. The project examines large-scale investments in manufacturing activities, mainly in the tradables sector, and in physical infrastructure in Latin America in the 1990s in the context of recent economic and institutional reforms. The aim is to analyse investments in real assets at the national level and to assess the extent to which they have helped to enhance each country’s competitiveness on international markets and to improve its linkages with the global economy. During the first phase of this project, case studies were started on

Brazil and Peru with the collaboration of the Governments of these two countries. During this phase the Unit also began to compile and process data on sectoral investment, which will enable it to identify a group of investors in relevant sectors as a basis for an analysis of the level of systemic competitiveness and the subsequent field work.

Lastly, with respect to activities concerning specific sectors, a comparative study was carried out on the legal framework and hiring practices in the petroleum sector, entitled “Cambios en el régimen de contratación petrolera en América Latina en la década de los noventa” (LC/R.1626), which reviews the reforms introduced in recent years in this sector in some countries of the region (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela).

(i) Documents

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“Mexico, foreign investment as a source of international competitiveness”, Foreign Direct Investment and Governments: Catalysts for Economic Restructuring, John Dunning and Rajneesh Narula (eds.), London, Routledge, 1996.

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(ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the Joint ECLAC/UNCTAD Unit on Transnational Corporations

Presentation of the World Investment Report, 1996: Investment, Trade and International Policy Arrangements (Santiago, Chile, 24 September 1996).

Presentation of the publication, “La inversión extranjera en América Latina y el Caribe. Informe de 1996” (Santiago, Chile, 15 July 1997).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Conference on international competitiveness, at the University of the Pacific (Lima, 26-29 February 1996).

Eleventh national congress on manufacturers, industry, competitiveness and development, organized by the Chamber of Industry of Costa Rica (San José, 27 June 1996); presentation on industrial restructuring and international competitiveness: the case of Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Chile.

Seminar on investment policies in Latin America and multilateral investment rules, organized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Rio de Janeiro, 15-18 July 1996); presentation on foreign direct investment in Latin America.

Thirty-fifth anniversary seminar on the Peruvian economy in the international context, organized by the Faculty of Economics of the National University of Piura (Piura, Peru, 13-16 August 1996); presentations on transnational corporations in Latin America and the current situation of and projections for the Latin American economy.

International symposium on total quality in the public and private sectors as a means of increasing competitiveness, organized by the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the National University of Engineering (Lima, 16-17 October 1996); presentations on globalization, structural reform and Latin American projections, and on countries' international competitiveness: survey of the Latin American situation.

Seminar on financing mechanisms and the development of technological projects, organized by the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE) (Rio de Janeiro, 24-25 October 1996); presentation on the process of technology transfer and its capitalization as part of foreign direct investment: impact of technology transfer on industrial competitiveness.

First congress on international competitiveness, organized by University of Santiago de Cali and the Regional Council on Economic and Social Planning (CORPES) (Cali, Colombia, 18-20 November 1996).

Presentation of the World Investment Report, 1997: Transnational Corporations, Market Structure and Competition Policy, organized by the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago (Santiago, Chile, 23 November 1997).

Meetings of the Free Trade Area of the Americas working group on investment (San José, 2-3 September 1996; 19-20 November 1996; 10-11 March 1997; 1-2 July 1997; and 23-25 September 1997).

(iii) Technical cooperation

Brazil

With the Financiadora de Estudos e Projetos, S.A. (FINEP) of the Ministry of Science and Technology of Brazil and the National Confederation of Industry, on investment in Brazilian industry, 1995-1999.

Colombia

With the National Council for Competitiveness, on international competitiveness.

Costa Rica

With the Chamber of Industry, on international competitiveness.

Cuba

With the University of Havana, through Carleton University in Canada, on international competitiveness and transnational corporations.

Peru

With the National Confederation of Private Business Institutions (CONFIEP), on the presentation of the document, "Investment in Brazilian industry, 1995-1999".

(iv) Training and fellowships

Presentation on international trade, given as part of the Master's Programme in Economics and Industrial Development offered by the National University of Mar del Plata (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 1-5 July 1996).

Lectures on globalization and international competitiveness, given as part of the management and evaluation course of the Master's Programme in Development Studies offered by the Universidad Mayor de San Simón (Cochambaba, Bolivia, 6-11 April 1997).

Training courses on the use of the "Competitive analysis of nations" (CAN) computer program, at the request of Governments, trade associations and universities, given at: the University of Havana (Havana, 14-19 January 1996 and 1-4 July 1997); the University of the Pacific (Lima, 26-29 February 1996); the Chamber of Industry, the Centre for Export Investment and Investment Promotion (CENPRO) and the Technological Foundation (FONDATEC) (San José, Costa Rica, 26-27 June 1996); the National University of Mar del Plata (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 1-5 July 1996); and University of Santiago de Cali (Cali, Colombia, 18-22 November 1996).

B. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMME PLANNING AND OPERATIONS DIVISION

Technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC)

During the 1996-1997 biennium, ECLAC continued to carry out various activities to support and promote TCDC in the region, pursuant to the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the mandates of the member States. During the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, a meeting of the Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions was held. The main issue discussed at this meeting was the new guidelines on TCDC adopted by the United Nations system, the general aim of which is to ensure that technical cooperation is more in tune with economic and social development activities and priorities.

ECLAC continued its efforts to incorporate TCDC elements in the execution of projects funded with extrabudgetary resources. The work plans of these projects seek to promote the exchange of experience and of practical results obtained by the countries in the areas concerned. Generally speaking, the objectives of the activities include: to strengthen national institutions in the corresponding sector; to establish cooperation networks and support their operation; to improve information systems to expedite the match-up of technical cooperation supply and demand between countries; to consolidate national TCDC focal points; to conduct seminars and technical meetings to facilitate the exchange of experiences in areas of interest to countries; to prepare studies and reports focusing on the identification of opportunities for cooperation; and to facilitate the provision of horizontal cooperation services by local experts or consultants connected with projects. Information on TCDC in the ECLAC system has continued to be disseminated regularly through the newsletter "Cooperation and Development". The newsletter has been published without interruption for the past 16 years, in Spanish and English, and is widely distributed both in and outside the region.

ECLAC has also continued to provide technical support to the annual Meetings of Directors of International Technical Cooperation of Latin American and Caribbean countries, which are held, with the support of UNDP, in the framework of the activities of the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA), designated by the countries of the region as the TCDC regional focal point. At the twelfth annual meeting, held in May 1996 in Mexico City, ECLAC was entrusted with promoting a project to upgrade the capabilities of the TCDC national focal points in the information sciences. In compliance with that mandate, a project was carried out using resources of the UNDP Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries; this project helped the countries to gain access to the Internet, to prepare home pages and provide up-to-date information on technical cooperation. The results of this project were submitted for consideration at the thirteenth annual Meeting of Directors, held in Antigua, Guatemala in May 1997. On that occasion, ECLAC also submitted a report on the TCDC potential of its technical cooperation activities in the area of decentralization, which was the substantive theme of the meeting.

In September 1996, ECLAC collaborated with the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar in Bolivia, in organizing a postgraduate course on the formulation and negotiation of technical cooperation projects.

Management and administration of projects carried out with extrabudgetary funds

During the period under review, the substantive divisions, subregional headquarters and ECLAC offices in various parts of the region, CELADE and ILPES continued to cooperate in formulating new proposals for technical cooperation projects with extrabudgetary financing. These proposals were duly submitted to the Project Review Committee for examination and prioritization.

With the Committee's approval, arrangements were made with bilateral and multilateral sources of financing to obtain the funds needed to execute new projects, and the appropriate agreements or arrangements were signed. During the period under review, ECLAC was able to obtain funding for several projects from new sources of financing, both bilateral and multilateral.

During the biennium, ECLAC administered the implementation of 100 projects and remained in close contact with bilateral and multilateral sources of financing (see annex 1).

DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

The Documents and Publications Division edits, translates, processes, reproduces and distributes documents prepared by the secretariat in English and Spanish, and to a lesser extent, in French. It provides the same services at conferences and meetings sponsored by ECLAC at Commission headquarters and elsewhere. In accordance with the policies established by the Publications Committee, it produces sales publications and other documents available free of charge on its own presses, on outside presses or through co-publishing agreements with publishing houses. It collaborates with the Headquarters Sales Section in the work of commercial distribution, acts as technical secretariat of the Publications Committee, and prepares and implements the Commission's publications programme.

Conference and meeting services. Translation, editing and document-producing services at conferences and meetings are performed using modern computer technology. This has allowed the Division to maintain a high level of servicing while minimizing the number of staff on each conference-servicing team.

Translation and editing. The Editorial and Translation Services Section of the Division has been obliged to change its procedures because of the current restrictions on hiring permanent staff. In order to keep up with the workload, the Section has had recourse in part to the services of trained freelance translators who live outside Chile and the services of other United Nations headquarters with surplus translation capacity. Electronic mail has been used successfully for these purposes and has speeded up the process. The permanent staff is considered a highly qualified core group and is preferably assigned work of greater institutional importance, such as documents for meetings and reports to Governments and intergovernmental bodies. During the biennium, staff have participated in training activities: the exchange of translators with IMF has continued and staff have attended computer courses designed specifically to meet their needs. There has been continued development of the Terminology and Reference Area, which has benefited from the increased use of electronic links with its counterparts elsewhere in the United Nations system and in other international bodies. This has also had a beneficial effect in terms of collaboration and communication with other divisions of ECLAC. Terminology and reference services are made available to both permanent and outside translators, in order to ensure consistency and streamline the translation process.

Processing, printing and publication of texts. Progress has continued to be made in the production of documents and publications. This has been achieved through constant upgrading of computer programs for both text and graphics processing, with the result that turnaround times and costs have dropped. On-line control of production has made it possible to improve efficiency, and the number of pages printed and documents distributed has remained steady, despite a reduction in staff.

Databases of recipients of publications distributed free of charge have been organized more efficiently and updated with a view to reducing costs, using electronic distribution via the Internet, and increasing the impact of documents and publications.

Joint efforts have been made with the other divisions of the Commission to produce more sales publications (their number rose by 50%), reduce their length and improve their presentation. In this regard, the Economic Survey was the subject of an innovative experiment in the previous biennium; the presentation of the 1997 edition of the Social Panorama was also greatly improved.

In quantitative terms, during the period under review, the Documents and Publications Division provided a complete service, encompassing translation, editing, text processing and reproduction and distribution of documents, as well as various types of support services, to 20 conferences and meetings sponsored by ECLAC; edited and translated 8.5 million words; produced 1,160 documents and publications, including 76 substantive publications (six periodicals and three issues of the CEPAL Review per year, in addition to volumes in the Libros and the Cuadernos series); printed a total of 67.6 million pages (48.1 million in-house and 19.5 million externally); distributed 826,000 copies of documents and publications; and provided 22,100 copies of ECLAC and ILPES publications to the United Nations sales network and 939 copies of CELADE documents to the CELADE sales system. In addition, since the recent launch of the ECLAC Web page, the Division has provided 13 documents in electronic form for publication on the Web.

ECLAC LIBRARY

In accordance with the work programme established for the biennium, the ECLAC library has continued to incorporate new information technologies, which has helped it expand its services significantly. The Library has made considerable progress in monitoring information resources available in new formats and in external databases. In addition, it has replaced information published in traditional formats with electronic versions and made full use of the information available in other media, thus optimizing the use of its own resources.

During 1996, the Library developed an information service for inclusion on the ECLAC Web page, thus enabling it to discontinue publication of the traditional printed bulletins and incorporate in the network a number of publications that are in great demand. All this has led to more timely dissemination of the information required by users.

The search for information available on the Internet has been a constant concern of the Library in this period. In designing its Intranet pages, the Library has sought to facilitate access for users to information available outside ECLAC through links. This requires continual monitoring of sources of information in the areas covered by the ECLAC programme of work and identification and selection of resources of interest, so as to increase the range of library services.

In 1997, the Library completed the task of installing the database on the Internet. The database contains documentation published by ECLAC in Santiago and at the subregional headquarters and national offices, and processed by the Library. In this way the Library has made available to the international community the huge array of documents published by the Commission since 1948, by means of a bibliographic database that will be regularly updated.

Also in 1997, the Library linked up through the Internet with the United Nations optical disk system. The system stores complete texts of documents in digitized form, thus facilitating the selective retrieval of information from United Nations documents. This new option will make it possible gradually to eliminate the processing of United Nations documents in printed form and thus save effort and resources in terms of document distribution and handling.

The Library's external activities in this period; included its participation in installing an ECLAC server on the Internet and temporary coordination of the interdivisional work team, comprised of staff members from different divisions, responsible for maintaining and updating the information. During the period under review, the Library took an active role in reviewing and editing the Spanish-language edition of the "Macrothesaurus for information processing in the field of economic and social development", a terminological tool widely circulated in the Latin American region. It also represented ECLAC at regional meetings in its capacity as distributor for Latin America of the "Micro CDS/ISIS" computer program produced by UNESCO.

The Library in Santiago continued to support the subregional headquarters and the national offices of ECLAC through loans of bibliographic material and the dissemination of information and innovations. The Library maintains permanent contact with the information units of ECLAC offices and with United Nations libraries and specialized agencies.

During the biennium, library staff attended training seminars designed to familiarize them with new information technologies and the concept of the virtual library, which they are attempting to incorporate in their services, in all internal operations open to such innovation. The Library has made a major effort to modernize its products, services and internal procedures, in order to take maximum advantage of the resources available and in so doing, avoid wherever possible the manual processes associated with printed publications. At the same time, the Library has pursued its policy of continually reviewing, analysing and updating its collections and of selecting and acquiring information in accordance with the ECLAC programme of work.

Documents

CEPALINDEX. ECLAC System Documents, vol. 18, 1995.

CEPALINDEX. ECLAC System Documents, vol. 19, 1996.

COMPUTER SERVICES

During the period under review, the Computer Services Section upgraded the technological base, installing Windows/DOS and Windows.95 in all computers, and this has provided for the extensive use of more efficient programs.

The ECLAC Intranet was set up. All divisions post relevant information on the Intranet, and as a result it has become a vehicle for the dissemination of substantive information within ECLAC.

In addition, the statistical database module was installed, which made it possible to group the databases and make them accessible to all staff at ECLAC headquarters. This service will soon be extended to the regional offices.

With the development and installation of an electronic system for the processing of travel authorizations, and the installation of a facsimile machine, a start was made on computerizing administrative procedures.

The Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) was put into operation. The first stage involves modules for personnel management and purchasing (the "Reality" program).

Lastly, administrative systems were developed to support the operations of the Security and Safety Section (database of visitors) and the Clinic (database of patients) and inventory operations (automated inventory using bar codes).

INFORMATION SERVICES UNIT

The Unit is called upon to meet the information needs of the ECLAC system at the local and international levels and acts as a public information service for the United Nations in Chile.

During the period under review, the Unit disseminated information on the ongoing activities carried out by ECLAC in accordance with its programme of work. In addition, the Unit devoted special coverage to the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, the First Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Unit also collaborated with other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies in the area of information. Press conferences were organized to publicize the annual reports of UNCTAD (1996 and 1997), UNFPA (1997) and the International Narcotics Control Board (1996 and 1997).

As part of a general drive by the Secretariat to promote efficiency through the use of new technologies, from September 1997 coverage of ECLAC activities was extended with the inclusion of press releases on the ECLAC Web page. All of the information posted on this Website is presented in English and Spanish.

The main activities conducted during the period were:

(i) Publications

Notas sobre la economía y el desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe. This is a newsletter on substantive topics addressed by ECLAC in working papers. A total of 22 issues, each with a circulation of 5,600, were published and distributed in and outside the region.

Micronoticias. A total of 32 issues of this summary of ECLAC and United Nations news were published, each with a circulation of 720, and distributed throughout the region.

ECLAC Chronicle. This publication provides summaries of substantive documents produced by ECLAC. A total of 19 issues, each with a circulation of 500 in English and 1,970 in Spanish, were published for distribution in and outside the region.

More than 200 press releases were issued, providing information on activities conducted by ECLAC both, in and outside the region and on the activities of all the organizations of the United Nations system in Chile.

(ii) Information media

Press. ECLAC system staff gave over 260 interviews to representatives of the major information media from all parts of the world. At the request of the Unit, around 750 journalists from a variety of media covered some 60 conferences, meetings and other activities at ECLAC headquarters and elsewhere.

In order to give ECLAC staff greater access to information of interest, the range of news services distributed to them by electronic means, including on the Intranet, was extended. Selections of articles

published in the Chilean press, referring to ECLAC and United Nations activities, continued to be distributed; and clippings from the international press dealing with the work of ECLAC also continued to be circulated.

Radio. A total of 46 radio dispatches on ECLAC activities were prepared for the Latin American Unit of the United Nations Radio and Central News Service. The programmes “Mujeres en el mundo”, “Perspectiva internacional”, “Puntos cardinales” and “Desarrollo para todos”, produced by the Service, continued to be distributed to local radio stations.

(iii) Direct public information services

The Unit answered around 7,000 written, telephone or personal requests for information from the public. It organized 16 talks on activities of the United Nations and ECLAC, chiefly for university and secondary school students.

CONFERENCE SERVICES UNIT

The activities of the Conference Services Unit have continued to expand. The Unit organizes intergovernmental conferences, expert meetings, seminars, workshops, official visits by distinguished personalities and other events. During the period under review, four regional conferences at the ministerial level were organized, including the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, the first Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as four meetings of its Presiding Officers. Meetings and seminars were organized on a large range of topics. Official visits included those of the United Nations Secretary-General, the President of Uruguay and the President of Panama.

A list of the meetings organized by the ECLAC system appears in annex 2 to this report.

III. RELATIONS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

During the period under review, ECLAC maintained and strengthened its working relations and contacts with other United Nations organs and bodies, specialized agencies and other organizations, including the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the other United Nations regional commissions, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the World Bank, the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the International Development Bank (IDB), the Latin American Economic System (SELA), the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) and the Organization of American States (OAS).

Detailed information on the Commission's relations with most of these institutions is provided in the preceding chapters of this report. Suffice it to mention here the three most significant activities in this area. First, during the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, in April 1996, a formal cooperation agreement was signed between ECLAC and IDB. Second, a similar agreement, though less formal and more limited in scope, was signed between ECLAC and IMF, by means of an exchange of letters between the Executive Secretary of ECLAC and the Managing Director of the Fund. Lastly, the Commission forms part of a tripartite committee, together with OAS and IDB, which is charged with assisting the working groups established at the Summit of the Americas.

During the period under review, further efforts were made to strengthen ties with non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and other organizations of civil society, in the context of the ECLAC programme of work. Activities were conducted jointly with institutions in the region; noteworthy activities included the signing of cooperation agreements with the Centre for Higher University Studies of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón in Bolivia, the doctoral programme on Latin American societies of the University of Arts and Social Sciences (ARCIS) in Chile, the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES) and the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA). In addition, the study of the regional situation with respect to economic, social and cultural rights was completed. The study, which was carried out jointly with the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, will serve as the basis for a document planned for publication under the title "La igualdad de los modernos".

Numerous non-governmental organizations participated in preparatory activities for the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as in the First Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development. Under an agreement between the Commission and the Latin American Confederation of YMCAs, a Latin American programme for the development of volunteer youth leaders was organized, with the participation of representatives from 10 countries in the region; in addition, ECLAC collaborated with UNESCO in conducting a joint worldwide survey of youth organizations and sponsored a range of activities undertaken by the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (ASONG).

Annex 1
**TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS FINANCED FROM
 EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS**

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
RLA/88/039 - Policies to promote innovation and competitiveness in the Latin American and Caribbean business sector	February 1989	December 1997	UNDP
RLA/92/003 - Financial policies for changing production patterns with social equity	January 1992	June 1997	UNDP
RLA/92/015 - Design and implementation of fiscal reforms	March 1992	March 1997	UNDP
RLA/97/003 - Socio-economic aspects of governability	February 1997	May 1997	UNDP
CAM/95/001 - Agenda for industrial modernization in Central America	July 1995	February 1996	UNDP
ARG/91/014 - Development of the Río de la Plata basin	January 1996	December 1996	UNDP
ARG/94/013 - Design and implementation of the decision-making, preparation and monitoring process with respect to industrial measures	May 1996	December 1997	UNDP
BOL/94/034 - Support for the National Development Council	March 1995	December 1997	UNDP
BOL/97/005 - Formulation of a human development agenda	April 1997	November 1997	UNDP
ELS/96/001 - Support for strengthening the institution of the Office of the Vice President	January 1996	December 1997	UNDP
PAN/93/002 - Improving the national accounting system and the compilation of basic statistics	October 1994	June 1997	UNDP
URU/96/009 - Assistance for housing policy to support the formation of young households	October 1996	December 1996	UNDP

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
URU/96/760 - Agreement between ECLAC and FAS (Uruguayan programme, "Strengthening the Social Area") on a national human development report	April 1996	September 1996	UNDP
URU/96/011 - Support to the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining in preparing studies on the industrial sector	August 1997	August 1998	UNDP
RLA/95/P12 - Social Panorama 1995	December 1995	May 1996	UNFPA
RLA/96/P17 - CELADE Regional Programme, 1996-1999	January 1996	December 1999	UNFPA
INT/96/P21 - ECLAC/CELADE - Support to Global Programme of Training in Population and Sustainable Development	October 1996	December 1997	UNFPA
CAR/94/P02 - Integration of population into development planning in the Caribbean subregion	June 1994	December 1997	UNFPA
CAR/97/SP07 - Support of population research advocacy database development and training activities	July 1997	December 1997	UNFPA
SUR/96/P01 - Poverty Alleviation Programme	October 1996	December 1996	UNFPA
TSS/96/PLC - ECLAC/CELADE advisory services to the Latin American and Caribbean region	January 1996	December 1997	UNFPA
UNI/93/S02 - Basic guidelines for joint UNICEF/ECLAC action over the medium term	September 1993	June 1997	UNICEF
UNE/94/S01 - UNESCO/ECLAC agreement on a study of human resource policy at the University of Labour of Uruguay (UTU)	June 1994	June 1996	UNESCO
FAO/96/002 - High-level workshop on the impact of external openness and financial liberalization on agriculture	May 1996	December 1996	FAO

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
FAO/97/001 - Policies for promoting and improving the market in land and mechanisms for making it accessible to small farmers in Mexico and Brazil	January 1997	December 1997	FAO
BID/93/S47 - Incorporation of demographic analysis in investment projects and for training in the use of demographic data in project planning, preparation and evaluation	March 1993	July 1997	IDB
BID/96/S - Programme of support for strengthening and streamlining the institutional structures of Central American integration	March 1996	June 1997	IDB
BID/97/S72 - Water legislation practices	July 1997	January 1998	IDB
BID/93/S54 - URUGUAY - Programme to improve socio-economic information systems in Uruguay	June 1993	December 1996	IDB/Government of Uruguay
BCE/94/S10 - Inter-agency cooperation framework agreement between the Central American Bank for Integration (CABEI) and ECLAC	August 1994	December 1995	CABEI
CEC/95/S82 - Development of a multiuser information system for the Latin American Agreement on Port Control (Viña del Mar Agreement)	June 1995	August 1996	European Union
CEC/96/S67 - Development of geothermal energy in Latin America and the Caribbean	November 1996	August 1997	European Union
CIC/95/S63 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Latin American Confederation of the Pulp and Paper Industry (CICEPLA)	July 1995	July 1997	CICEPLA
OECD/96/S04 - Capital flows and investment performance	March 1996	December 1997	OECD

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
ARG/94/S33 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Ministry of Culture and Education on improving the quality of higher education	November 1994	May 1996	Government of Argentina
ARG/95/S58 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Municipality of La Plata	April 1995	August 1997	Government of Argentina
ARG/95/S62 - Agreement between ECLAC and the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) on the 1994 economic census	February 1995	December 1996	Government of Argentina
ARG/96/S15 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Municipality of Rafaela (Argentina)	August 1996	July 1997	Government of Argentina
ARG/96/S17 - Agreement between ECLAC and INDEC on strengthening the national system of statistics	July 1996	July 1997	Government of Argentina
ARG/96/S21 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Department of Social Development on a social programme information, monitoring and evaluation system	March 1996	August 1996	Government of Argentina
ARG/97/S40 - Agreement between ECLAC and INDEC on strengthening the national system of statistics (1997)	January 1997	December 1997	Government of Argentina
ARG/96/S07 - Study on macroeconomic trends and cycles	January 1996	May 1997	Government of Argentina (Torcuato di Tella Institute)
ARG/97/S24 - Study on macroeconomic trends and cycles	January 1997	December 1997	Government of Argentina (Torcuato di Tella Institute)
BRA/96/S02 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Brazilian Ministry of Social Welfare (phase III)	March 1996	October 1997	Government of Brazil
BRA/96/S32 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Banco do Brasil Pension Fund (PREVI)	November 1996	May 1997	Government of Brazil

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
BRA/96/S37 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Brazilian Environment and Renewable Resources Institute (IBAMA) concerning joint studies on economic and social development policy	September 1996	March 1998	Government of Brazil
BRA/96/S56 - Cooperation agreement between ECLAC and the National Programme on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) concerning the control of AIDS and STD	September 1996	November 1996	Government of Brazil
CAN/94/S28 - General review of Central American cooperation in the field of electrical energy	October 1994	March 1996	Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
CAN/93/S55 - REDATAM+GIS generic population-related application tools to facilitate decentralized local development	June 1993	May 1997	International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada
CAN/97/S13 - The new Latin American model	December 1996	May 1999	IDRC, Canada
CAN/97/S25 - Industrial restructuring, innovation and international competitiveness in Latin America (phase III)	March 1997	September 1999	IDRC, Canada
CAN/97/S78 - Packaging for product dissemination (PREVIO)	July 1997	December 1997	IDRC, Canada
CHI/95/S89 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Chilean Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) on a programme for making institutional improvements in the national investment system	January 1996	December 1998	Government of Chile
CHI/95/S99 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Central Bank of Chile on bank regulation and subordinated debt	November 1995	October 1996	Government of Chile
CHI/95/S39 - Management analysis, evaluation and impact of the National Drug Council (CONACE)	November 1996	January 1997	Government of Chile

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
CHI/96/S01 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Chilean Ministry of the Interior, Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (SUBDERE) concerning a high-level seminar on regional development management	December 1995	December 1997	Government of Chile
COL/96/S30 - Cooperation agreement between ECLAC, the Colombian National Planning Department and the Colombian Fund for Scientific Research and Special Projects (COLCIENCIAS) on sectoral technological strategy	November 1996	December 1997	Government of Colombia
FRA/94/S29 - ECLAC/ILPES/CELADE cooperation programme with the International Institute for Public Administration (IIAP) (1994) (phase X)	October 1994	August 1996	Government of France
FRA/96/S11 - ECLAC/ILPES/CELADE cooperation programme with the International Institute for Public Administration (IIAP) (1996) (phase XI)	June 1996	December 1997	Government of France
FRG/94/S03 - Energy and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean	October 1994	August 1996	Government of Germany
FRG/94/S05 - Promotion of the economic and social integration of small and medium-scale farmers into agro-industry	January 1994	June 1996	Government of Germany
FRG/94/S79 - Decentralization of fiscal policy and management in Latin America and the Caribbean (phase II)	January 1995	December 1997	Government of Germany
FRG/95/S69 - Guidelines and consultancy services on environmentally sound waste management (phase III)	September 1995	August 1997	Government of Germany
FRG/95/S80 - Reforms of the financing of health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean	August 1995	July 1997	Government of Germany

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
FRG/95/S95 - Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America (phase VI)	August 1995	August 1998	Government of Germany
FRG/96/S38 - Policies to improve the quality, efficiency and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean	November 1996	October 1998	Government of Germany
FRG/96/S48 - OLAD/ECLA/GTZ - Energy and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean (phase II)	November 1996	October 1998	Government of Germany
FRG/97/S19 - Reforms to social policy management in Latin America and the Caribbean	January 1997	December 1998	Government of Germany
FRG/97/S51 - Charging for use of road space in Latin American cities	March 1997	December 1999	Government of Germany
FRG/97/S70 - Policy options to promote the development of agricultural land markets with a view to facilitating land transfer to small farmers	April 1997	October 1999	Government of Germany
HOL/93/S83 - Proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector of Latin America and the Caribbean	January 1994	September 1996	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/93/S91 - New emergent actors for technical cooperation among developing countries: linkages between government and the private sector in selected countries in Latin America	May 1994	June 1996	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/94/S22 - Income distribution and poverty in recent stabilization and adjustment policies in Latin American and Caribbean countries	April 1994	September 1997	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/94/S44 - Promotion of trade and investment in Latin America and the Caribbean	March 1995	June 1997	Government of the Netherlands

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HOL/94/S57 - Public financing and provision of social services: the State's role in basic education, health care and the pension system	March 1995	November 1997	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/94/S60 - Diagnosis and evaluation of recent socio-economic progress and of social policies in the Latin American and Caribbean countries	January 1995	December 1997	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/96/S14 - Support for the associate member countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and other non-independent Caribbean countries relative to developing institutional linkages and accessing benefits from the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations	September 1996	December 1997	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/96/S34 - Growth, employment and equity: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s	December 1996	June 1999	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S43 - Fiscal policy, efficiency and equity in Latin America and the Caribbean	April 1997	April 1999	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S75 - A natural resource-cluster development strategy: its growth, distributive and environmental implications	July 1997	June 1999	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S76 - Remittances and family economy (phase II)	July 1997	July 1999	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/97/S93 - Small and medium-sized industrial enterprises in Latin America and the Caribbean and international competitiveness	April 1997	March 2000	Government of the Netherlands
ITA/91/S106 - Human resources training in economic and social development planning in Latin America (ILPES) (phase II)	June 1995	December 1997	Government of Italy

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of financing
ITA/95/S71 - Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America	February 1995	January 1998	Government of Italy
JAP/95/S65 - Agreement between ECLAC and the International Development Center of Japan (IDCJ) concerning a study on small and medium-sized enterprises	August 1995	August 1996	IDCJ
JAP/96/SXX - Comparative study of development strategies of selected East Asian and Latin American countries with special reference to trade and industrial policies under the new international trading system	December 1996	November 1997	Government of Japan
PAR/90/S92 - Technical cooperation project for the improvement of national accounts in Paraguay	November 1990	August 1997	Government of Paraguay
SWE/94/S18 - Comparative study on the experiences of privatization in Bolivia and Nicaragua	July 1994	May 1996	SIDA/Sweden
SWE/95/S61 - Support and promotion of social policies through reforming the public sector and enhancing equity in Latin America and the Caribbean	July 1995	September 1997	SIDA/Sweden
SWE/96/S74 - Detailed survey of the recent evolution of the Cuban economy	April 1996	September 1997	SIDA/Sweden
SWI/97/S81 - Second regional course and meeting on proper handling of hazardous materials	August 1997	December 1997	Government of Switzerland
UAC/94/S09 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Austral University of Chile	November 1994	December 1997	Austral University of Chile
UBB/95/S97 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Bío-Bío University	January 1995	December 1997	Bío-Bío University of Chile
UDA/95/S84 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the University of Antioquia, Colombia	August 1995	December 1997	University of Antioquia, Colombia

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UDV/95/S46 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Universidad del Valle	January 1995	December 1997	Universidad del Valle, Colombia
UMC/94/S23 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Magdalena Technological University of Santa Marta, Colombia	September 1994	December 1997	Magdalena Technological University of Santa Marta, Colombia
USC/96/S42 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the University of Santiago de Cali	June 1996	July 1997	University of Santiago de Cali (USACA), Colombia
URU/93/S73 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Government of Uruguay on economic and social cooperation (phase II)	January 1994	December 1998	Government of Uruguay
URU/96/S50 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Uruguayan Ministry of Education and Culture on a study of the behaviour and attitudes of young people during the transition to adulthood	August 1996	December 1997	Government of Uruguay

MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE ECLAC SYSTEM

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
<u>1996</u>			
Seminar-workshop on reform of health system financing in Latin America and the Caribbean, held under project FRG/95/S80	9-10 January	Santiago	International trade and development financing
Seminar-workshop on investment in education: allocating resources according to equity criteria	10 January	Santiago	Social development
Second seminar-workshop on operational planning for electrical systems, held under project FRG/94/SO3, "Energy and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean"	15-19 January	San Salvador	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Workshop to assess specific environmental management projects of the Intendancy of Metropolitan Quito	22-23 January	Quito	Environment and human settlements
Eighth regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment	22-25 January	Santiago	Economic development
Workshop on high-level management of regional development for public officials and representatives of the private sector in Regions X, XI and XII, given under the ILPES/SUBDERE agreement	23-25 January	Coyhaique, Chile	Economic and social planning Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development of Chile (SUBDERE)
ECLAC/GTZ/FREAC tripartite meeting, held under project FRG/94/SO3, "Energy and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean"	26-29 January	Managua	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)/Central American Regional Energy Forum (FREAC)
Internal workshop on current macroeconomic trends: conceptual and operational aspects	14-15 February	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Joint meeting of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) preparatory to the Hemispheric Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Science and Technology	11-12 March	Guyana	Subregional activities in the Caribbean

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National seminars on information management			Economic development (CLADES)
	11-15 March	Caracas	Socio-economic Information Network (REDINSE)
	13-20 May	Havana	Institute of Scientific and Technical Documentation and Information (IDICT)
Regional expert workshop on determining the poverty line in Uruguay	12-13 March	Montevideo	Statistics and economic projections (ECLAC office in Montevideo)
			National Institute of Statistics
National seminar on leadership in developing information systems	18-20 March	Caracas	Economic development (CLADES)
			National Library
Seminars on leadership in developing information systems			Economic development (CLADES)
	21 March	Caracas	Central Bank of Venezuela
			Agrarian National University
	31 May	Managua	Central Bank of Nicaragua
	3 June	Managua	
National seminars held under project ITA/95/S71, "Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America"	27-30 March	Valdivia, Chile	Environment and human settlements
	10-16 April	Manizales, Colombia	
	17-21 April	Cuzco, Peru	
	12-15 May	Ouro Preto, Brazil	
	22-26 May	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	
Seminar on privatization and regulation in Bolivia and Nicaragua	28-29 March	Santiago	Economic development
National seminar under project HOL/90/S38, "Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America"	1-4 April	Córdoba, Argentina	Environment and human settlements
Meeting on labour market indicators for the design of policies with a gender perspective	9 April	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Workshop on financial management of the State	15-17 April	Havana	Economic and social planning
Presentation of the publication, "Las relaciones agroindustriales y la transformación de la agricultura"	30 April	Santiago	Food and agriculture

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Seminars on statistics: improving the data supply modality	12-17 May	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Seminar on distributive consequences of macroeconomic shocks and stabilization policies, held under project HOL/94/S22, "Income distribution and poverty in recent stabilization and adjustment policies in Latin American and Caribbean countries"	13 May	Santiago	International trade and development financing
National technical seminar on taxation and transfer prices	19-22 May	Buenos Aires	Economic development
Workshop on reforms and strategic alliances for efficient use of energy in Latin America and the Caribbean	22-24 May	Santiago	Natural resources and energy
Meeting in follow-up to the national seminar on information management	4 June	Managua	Economic development (CLADES) Nicaraguan Institute of Public Administration (INAP)
Meeting in follow-up to the national seminar on information management	5 June	San Salvador	Economic development (CLADES) National Health and Development Information Network (RENIDS)
Eighteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	9 June	Jamaica	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Project-planning-by-objectives (ZOPP) seminar on updating the environmental action plan for the city of Cartagena, held under ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/95/S69, "Guidelines and consultancy services on controlled environmentally sound waste management"	10-14 June	Cartagena, Colombia	Environment and human settlements Regional Autonomous Corporation of the Canal del Dique/ Environment Administration for the District of Cartagena (DAMARENA)
Meeting on two instruments for education planning	11 June	Santiago	Population
Seminar on productive linkages based on natural resources, held under ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039, "Policies to promote innovation and competitiveness in the Latin American and Caribbean business sector"	12-13 June	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile/Productive Development Forum
Meeting on payment mechanisms for interconnected electrical systems in Central America, held under project CAN/94/S28, "General review of Central American cooperation in the field of electrical energy"	20-21 June	San José	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America

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International seminar comparing two years of the <i>Real Plan</i> with other experiments in stabilization	1 July	Brasilia	Economic development (ECLAC office in Brasilia)
Seminar-workshop on the special data dissemination standard	8-12 July	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections IMF
Meeting on gender perceptions and human resources policies in a context of productive modernization	9 July	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Round table on population and development	15 July	Santiago	Population University of Chile
National seminar on rate-setting for household waste removal: the case of unit pricing systems	23 July	Santiago	Environment and human settlements National Environment Commission (CONAMA)
Regional technical seminar on the project, "Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America"	24-25 July	Santiago	Environment and human settlements
Regional seminar/workshop on the summary document for the ECLAC/GTZ project, "Guidelines and consultancy services on controlled environmentally sound management of urban and industrial wastes"	5-7 August	Santiago	Environment and human settlements
National symposia on agro-industry and small-scale agriculture, experiences and policy proposals, held under ECLAC/FAO/GTZ project FRG/94/S05, "Concept for improved integration of agriculture and agro-industry"	5 August and 12 September 14-15 August 2-3 September 5-6 September 9-10 September 26-27 September 27 November 4 December	Lima Quito San José Guatemala City San Salvador Mexico City Bogotá Kingston	Food and agriculture
Meetings of the advisory group for the programme of support for strengthening and streamlining the institutional structures of Central American integration	16 August 25-26 November	Guatemala City Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Training seminar on organizational change	18 August	Guatemala City	Economic development (CLADES) Technical Institute for Training and Productivity (INTECAP)

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Training seminars on organizational change in small and medium-sized enterprises	20-22 August	Guatemala City	Economic development (CLADES)
	23-24 August	Quetzaltenango, Guatemala	INTECAP
Meeting preparatory to the first Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	23 August	Brasilia	Social development Government of Brazil
Regional seminar on service statistics	26-28 August	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies of France/National Institute of Statistics of Uruguay
National seminars on information management in the light of the new global phenonema			Economic development (CLADES)
	26-30 August	Guatemala City	National Council for Science and Technology (CONCYT) of Guatemala PAHO
Seminar-workshop on liquefied petroleum gas, held under project FRG/95/S95, "Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America (phase VI)"	2-4 September 29-30 August	Managua Managua	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Presentation of the World Investment Report 1996: Investment, Trade and International Policy Arrangements	24 September	Santiago	Joint ECLAC/UNCTAD Unit on Transnational Corporations
Talk by Mr. Karl-Göran Mäler of the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics on economic instruments, property rights and environmental policies	27 September	Santiago	Environment and human settlements
Introductory course-workshop on the 1993 System of National Accounts, given under project PAN/93/002, "Improving the national accounting system and the compilation of basic statistics"	30 September- 18 November	Panama City	Statistics and economic projections
			Statistics and Census Office
Workshop to consider the report on the Schools Nutrition Programme in Uruguay	3-4 October	Santiago	Social development
			Joint OAS/ECLAC Programme on Social Policies for Latin America (PROPOSAL)
Talk by Professor Alejandro Portes of Johns Hopkins University on the informal economy in the 1990s	4 October	Santiago	Social development

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Training workshop on the industrial dimension of national sustainable development strategies	6-11 October	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development UNIDO
Regional workshop on conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine biodiversity	6-11 October	Tamandaré, Brazil	Natural resources and energy
Regional seminar on the status and prospects of pension reform in Latin America and the Caribbean	7-8 October	Santiago	International trade and development financing Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Chile
Presentation by Mr. Carlos Hugo Molina on popular participation in Bolivia: lessons derived from two years of experience	14 October	Santiago	Social development
Meeting to present the publication, "Estudios básicos de derechos humanos"	17 October	Santiago	Integration of women in development Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH)
Inter-agency meeting preparatory to the first Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	17-18 October	São Paulo and Brasília	Social development Government of Brazil
Training seminar on institutional and national information policies	23-25 October and 5 November	Santiago	Economic development (CLADES) ARCOS Professional Institute
Eighth annual meeting of general managers in the oil and gas industry in Central America, held under project FRG/95/S95, "Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America (phase VI)"	28 October	San José	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Training seminar on information management in the light of the new global phenomena	28-30 October	Córdoba, Argentina	Economic development (CLADES) Faculty of Humanities and Education Sciences of the Catholic University of Córdoba
Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Eradication	28 October-1 November	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Training seminar on techno-economic intelligence in the light of the new global phenomena	30 October-1 November	Córdoba, Argentina	Economic development (CLADES) Institute of Administration Sciences of the Catholic University of Córdoba

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Seminar on analysis of productivity in Chile, held under ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039	5 November	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development National Centre for Productivity and Quality
First Inter-American Congress on Reform of the State and Public Administration	7-9 November	Rio de Janeiro	Social development Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD)
International seminar on decentralized industrial policies, held under ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039	11-12 November	Brasilia	Industrial, scientific and technological development (ECLAC office in Brasilia) Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA)
Seminar-workshop on procedures for determining the costs of generating and transmitting electrical energy in Central America, held under project CAN/94/S28, "General review of Central American cooperation in the field of electrical energy"	14-15 November	San Salvador	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar on evaluation experiences and objectives with respect to public policies on income distribution in Latin America	18-19 November	Santiago	International trade and development financing/ Social development/Statistics and economic projections
Second course on Central American integration	19-22 November	Tegucigalpa	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America SELA
Seminar on reform of social security as it relates to health in Argentina, Colombia and Chile, held under ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/95/S80, "Reforms of the financing of health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean"	20-22 November	Santiago	International trade and development financing Ministry of Public Health of Chile
Expert meeting on trade liberalization and agriculture in Central America	21-22 November	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Leadership training seminar	25-26 November	Havana	Economic development (CLADES) Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment
Seminar on life expectancy in good health	26 November	Santiago	Population

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Seminar on socio-demographic information in relation to the social policies of Uruguay	27-29 November	Montevideo	Population (ECLAC office in Montevideo) Programme on Strengthening the Social Area (FAS) of the Office of Planning and the Budget/ National Institute of Statistics
Seminar on political parties and strategic management of the State	28-29 November	Brasilia	Economic and social planning Government of Italy
Seminar on the use of economic instruments and environmental impact assessments in environmentally sound management of urban and industrial waste, under ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/95/S69	5-6 December	Córdoba, Argentina	Environment and human settlements Municipality of Córdoba
Fourteenth plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	16-18 December	Saint Georges, Grenada	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Nineteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	17 December	Grenada	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
<u>1997</u>			
Fourth Expert Group Meeting on Financial Issues of Agenda 21	8-10 January	Santiago	Environment and human settlements Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations/IDB/ Governments of the Netherlands and Chile
Seminar on information management	8-16 January	Caracas	Economic development (CLADES) Central University of Venezuela
Inter-agency meeting preparatory to the Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	9 January	Washington, D.C.	Social development
Expert meeting on drug abuse: alternative approaches and programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean	13-15 January	Santiago	Social development

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Ninth regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment	17-30 January	Santiago	Economic development
Presentation of the joint CELADE/IDB publication, "Impacto de las tendencias demográficas sobre los sectores sociales en América Latina"	23 January	Washington, D.C.	Population
Workshop on trade in services	27-31 January	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America SELA
Meeting on calculating parities for estimating gross domestic product and GDP expenditure components	27-31 January	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections World Bank
Workshop on managing public expenditure	30 January	Santiago	Economic development IPEA
Meetings of the advisory group for the programme of support for strengthening and streamlining the institutional structures of Central American integration	12-13 February 6-7 March 5-6 June	Guatemala City Washington, D.C. Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
International seminar on systems of innovation in Latin America and Japan	5-6 March	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development University of Chile/ Sasakawa Foundation for Peace/Chilean Pacific Foundation
Workshop on growth, employment and equity: Latin America in the 1990s	13-14 March	Santiago	Economic development
Presentation of the document, "El empleo agrícola en América Latina y el Caribe: pasado reciente y perspectivas"	20 March	Santiago	Food and agriculture
Regional seminar on decentralization in education and health	20-26 March	Puebla, Mexico	Economic development
Meeting with South African congressmen of the Gauteng Legislature in Johannesburg interested in learning about social policies and trends in Chile and Argentina	1 April	Santiago	Social development
First Regional Conference in Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	6-9 April	São Paulo, Brazil	Social development

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Twentieth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	7-8 April	Port of Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Seminar-workshop on high-level management of regional/provincial development	7-11 April	Neuquén, Argentina	Economic and social planning Council for Development Planning and Action (COPADE) of the Province of Neuquén/National University at Comahue
ECLAC/WHO technical meeting to consider possible joint activities	10 April	Santiago	Social development WHO
Two seminars on information management and global changes held during the Book Fair	14-18 April	Buenos Aires	Economic development (CLADES)
Seminar on prospects for commercial air transport in South America	15-17 April	Santiago	Transport LAIA
Workshop on alternative uses for the banana and banana products	16-18 April	Castries, Saint Lucia	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Presentation on the system of juvenile vulnerability indicators using maps (INJUMAP)	21 April	Santiago	Population
Seminar on the impact of demographic trends on social groups in Latin America	23-25 April	Santiago	Population IDB
Workshop on use of the Internet as a teaching tool	28 April	Port of Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Planning workshop for the project, "Policy options to promote the development of rural land markets"	28-29 April	Santiago	Food and agriculture
Expert meeting on the relationship between women's non-governmental organizations and the State in various contexts and its impact on the form and functioning of organizations and movements	28-30 April	Santiago	Integration of women in development
Work meeting on criteria for evaluating the countries' progress in implementing the 1993 System of National Accounts	2 May	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections
Seminar on poverty statistics	7-9 May	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Seminar on the current Latin American economic situation	8 May	Santiago	Economic development
National seminar on income distribution in Argentina: long-term factors, shocks and macroeconomic policies, held under project HOL/94/S22	14 May	Buenos Aires	International trade and development financing Argentine University of Administration Sciences
Seminar-workshop on social institutions for combatting poverty and enhancing equity	14-15 May	Santiago	Social development Ministry of Planning and Cooperation of Chile/OAS
Seminar on promoting saving under conditions of openness and financial liberalization in Central America and the Dominican Republic	26-27 May	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Workshop on protected coastal and marine areas at the first Latin American Congress on National Parks and Other Protected Areas	26-28 May	Santa Marta, Colombia	Natural resources and energy FAO/World Conservation Union
Informal meeting on credit for micro-enterprises	27 May	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development
National seminar on long- and short-term aspects of income distribution in Colombia, held under project HOL/94/S22	11 June	Bogotá	International trade and development financing Foundation for Higher Education and Development (FEDESARROLLO) of Colombia
National seminar on decentralization in education and health in Nicaragua	11-15 June	Managua	Economic development Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)/UNDP
Meeting on recommendations for compliance with the Rio 92 commitments	18 June	Santiago	Environment and human settlements UNDP/United Nations High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development
Seminar on integrated water resource management in the Caribbean	24-27 June	Port of Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean

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Meeting on the topic, "The Caribbean quest: directions for the reform process"	25-26 June	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Regional seminar on trade policy	3-4 July	Santiago	International trade and development financing
ECLAC/SERCOTEC meeting on a special programme for foreign delegations	4 July	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development Technical Cooperation Service of Chile (SERCOTEC)
National seminar on long- and short-term income distribution factors in Chile, held under project HOL/94/S22	10 July	Santiago	International trade and development financing Ministry of Planning and Cooperation of Chile
Presentation on the system of juvenile vulnerability indicators using maps (INJUMAP)	11 July	Santiago	Population National Institute for Youth
Presentation of the publication, "La inversión extranjera en América Latina y el Caribe. Informe 1996"	15 July	Santiago	Joint ECLAC/UNCTAD Unit on Transnational Corporations
Start-up meetings for the project, "Reforms to social policy management in Latin America"	15-17 and 21-23 July	Santiago	Social development
Expert group meeting on gender planning	16-17 July	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean Gender Equity Fund of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
National seminar on short- and long-term income distribution factors in Mexico, held under project HOL/94/S22	24 July	Mexico City	International trade and development financing Ministry of Social Development of Mexico
National seminar on public policy and the market in the housing sector, held under the joint ECLAC/UNDP regional project, "Financial policies for development"	4 August	San José	International trade and development financing Ministry of Housing and Human Settlements of Costa Rica

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Seminar-workshop on the impact of Mercosur on land use	4-6 August	Santiago	Environment and human settlements Ministerial Committee on Urban Development and Land-use Management of Chile
Expert meeting on the development of subregional free trade agreements and the Central American integration process	5-7 August	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Expert meeting on the impact of integration schemes on productive specialization: the Central American experience	6-7 August	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
CARICOM/ECLAC/UNIFEM Post-Beijing Encounter: a Caribbean Subregional Ministerial Conference in preparation for the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	6-8 August	Guyana	Subregional activities in the Caribbean Caribbean Community (CARICOM)/United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
Workshop on growth, employment and poverty in Latin America	24-26 August	Santiago	Economic development
Third course on Central American integration	25-27 August	Guatemala City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America SELA
Seminar on land tenure and rural development in Latin America	11-12 September	Antigua, Guatemala	Food and agriculture/ Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America FAO/UNDP
International seminar on the new view of the State in relation to housing finance, held under the joint ECLAC/UNDP project, "Financial policies for development"	11-12 September	Quito	International trade and development financing Ministry of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador/National Finance Corporation/ Ecuadorian Housing Bank/United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/IDB

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National seminar on information management	17-19 September	Asunción	Economic development (CLADES) National University of Asunción
Seminar on promotion of trade and investment among Latin America and Caribbean countries, held under project HOL/94/S44, "Promotion of trade and investment in Latin America and the Caribbean"	23-24 September	Port of Spain	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America/Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Project-planning-by-objectives (ZOPP) workshop on development of natural resource-based industrial clusters	24-25 September	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development GTZ
Technical seminar on strategic design and infrastructure	29-30 September	Santiago	Economic and social planning
Seminar on the model regulations, for presentation of a special study on environmental protection in the petroleum industry, under project FRG/95/S95, "Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America (phase VI)"	1-2 October	Tegucigalpa	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar on reform of the State in relation to the management of social policies in Latin America	13-17 October	Santiago	Social development
Training seminar on the use of the Internet in small and medium-sized firms	17-18 October	Temuco, Chile	Economic development (CLADES) Austral University of Chile in Temuco
Seminar on the situation and prospects of the Cuban economy, held under project SWE/96/S74	20-21 October	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
National seminar on information management	20-24 October	Santiago	Economic development (CLADES) Information Training Centre (CECAPI) of the Office of the Assistant Chancellor of the University of Chile

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Expert meeting on institutional mechanisms for changing rural production patterns	27-28 October	San José	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
Work meeting preparatory to the seminar on exploitation of forest resources and development of related industries, held under project CAN/93/S41, "Productive restructuring, industrial organization and international competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean"	29-30 October	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development
Fourth regional meeting on the supply of petroleum in Central America, held under project FRG/95/S95, "Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America (phase VI)"	30 October	Panama City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Meeting of the advisory committee for ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/96/S38, "Policies to improve the quality, efficiency, and relevance of technical and professional training in Latin America and the Caribbean"	30-31 October	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development
First meeting of agencies responsible for supervision, inspection and regulation of transportation	4-6 November	Buenos Aires	Transport
Regional seminar on the project, "Development of geothermal energy in Latin America and the Caribbean"	10-12 November	Santiago	Natural resources and energy Directorate-General XVII (SYNERGY Programme) of the European Union
Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Caribbean Small Islands States: The Way Forward	10-14 November	Barbados	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Second workshop for managers of watershed authorities in Latin America and the Caribbean	11-13 November	Santiago	Natural resources and energy Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France
Expert meeting on trends and challenges in information management and information technologies in Latin America and the Caribbean	26-28 November	Santiago	Economic development (CLADES)

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and bodies involved
Regional seminar on economic aspects of coastal and marine biodiversity	1-3 December	Santiago	Natural resources and energy
Course on concepts and techniques for analysing sustainable and human development in the framework of the 1993 System of National Accounts	1-13 December	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections (ILPES) Institute of Social Studies of the Netherlands
Second regional technical seminar on the project, "Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America and the Caribbean"	4-5 December	Cuzco, Peru	Environment and human settlements
Seminar on innovation and how it relates to sectoral production clusters	4-6 December	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development
International seminar on successful experiences with industrial competitiveness policies: the lessons for Latin America and the Caribbean	9-10 December	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile
Meeting on the international price comparison programme	9-11 December	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections
Fifteenth plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	19-20 December	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Twenty-first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	20 December	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean