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2004-2005 biennium

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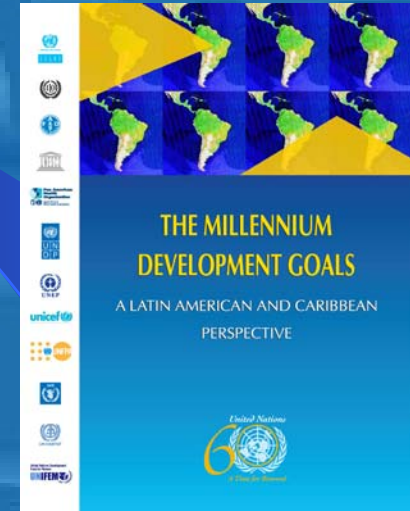
CENTRAL AREAS OF THE INSTITUTION'S WORK

“The Millennium Development Goals: A Latin American and Caribbean Perspective”

Detailed overview of the situation of the countries of the region in terms of progress made and challenges that remain pending in implementing the Millennium Development Goals

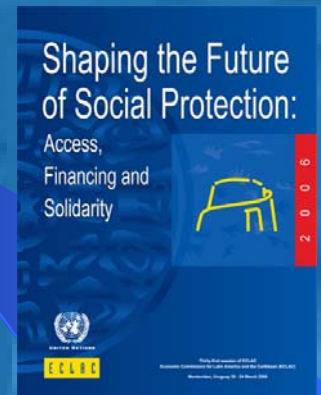


Coordinated by ECLAC and prepared in conjunction with 11 other United Nations bodies working in the region



“Shaping the Future of Social Protection: Access, Financing and Solidarity”

- Orientation of development based on the normative framework provided by civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights
- Distributive structures and limited resources are an obstacle to ensuring that rights take the form of effective guarantees
- Formulation of social agreements to incorporate greater solidarity with a view to advancing the fulfilment of citizens’ rights



Proposals for social protection systems aimed at striking a balance between rights, income distribution and the level of available resources

Flagship publications

- Statistical Yearbook of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2004
- Preliminary Overview of the Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2005
- Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2004-2005
- Foreign Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2004
- Social Panorama of Latin America, 2004
- Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Economy, 2004. Trends 2005



Integrated Follow-Up to World Conferences on Economic and Social Issues



➤ Women

- Ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 10-12 June 2004)
- Thirteenth Meeting on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 6 September 2005)

➤ Information society

- Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (Rio de Janeiro, 8-10 June 2005)
- Second phase of the World Summit (Tunis, 16-18 November 2005)

➤ Sustainable development

- First regional forum for the implementation of the decisions adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Santiago, Chile, 19 and 20 January 2006)

Integrated Follow-Up to World Conferences on Economic and Social Issues (continued)

➤ Ageing

- Caribbean Symposium on Population Ageing (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 9 and 10 November 2004)
- Second Central American and Caribbean Forum on Policies for Older Persons (San Salvador, El Salvador, 10-12 November 2004)
- Government and Expert Meeting on Ageing in South American Countries (Buenos Aires, 14-16 November 2005)

➤ Small island developing States

- International Meeting for the 10-Year Review of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005)

➤ Least developed countries

- Activities carried out by ECLAC to support MINUSTAH

➤ Ministerial Meeting of Landlocked Developing Countries

(Asunción, 9 August 2005)

ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES



➤ **Committee of the Whole**

- Twenty-third session of the Committee of the Whole (New York, 16 February 2005)

➤ **Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)**

- Twenty-first session (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 16 and 17 January 2006)
- Twelfth meeting of the Monitoring Committee (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 12 May 2005)

➤ **Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA)**

- Third meeting of the Executive Committee (Santiago, Chile, 24 and 25 May 2004)
- Fourth meeting of the Executive Committee (Dallas, 30 November and 1 December 2004)
- Third meeting of the Statistical Conference (Santiago, Chile, 1-3 June 2005)
- Fifth meeting of the Executive Committee (Mexico City, 14 and 15 November 2005)

ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES (continued)

Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Thirty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers (Mexico City, 9 June 2004)
- Ninth session of the Regional Conference (Mexico City, 10-12 June 2004)
- Thirty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers (Santiago, Chile, 29 and 30 November 2004)
- Thirty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 7 and 8 September 2005)

Regional Council for Planning of ILPES

- Twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers (Havana, Cuba, 29 June 2005)



Multilateral cooperation: seminars and documents

Ongoing collaboration through various activities carried out with multilateral organizations

- International forum “National Visions Matter: Lessons of Success” (July 2004) – World Bank, IDEA-International
- Regional Seminar on Fiscal Policy (January 2005) -IMF, OECD, World Bank, IDB
- Round-table seminar on building prosperity in Latin America and the Caribbean (May 2005) – IMF
- *Environmental Performance Reviews – Chile* (May 2005) - OECD
- *The Millennium Development Goals* (June 2005) – ILO, FAO, UNESCO, PAHO, UNDP, UNEP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, UNIFEM



Multilateral cooperation

- Project on experiences in social innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean: W.K. Kellogg
- Steering Committee of the Regional Programme for Social Cohesion in Latin America (EUROsociAL) – European Commission, UNDP, IDB
- Tripartite Committee (ECLAC/OAS/IDB) providing technical support for the establishment of FTAA
- Subregional integration: SICA, CARICOM, the Andean Community and MERCOSUR
- Inter-Agency Group on Ageing – UNFPA, PAHO/WHO, ILO, IDB, World Bank, United Nations Programme on Ageing
- Inter-Agency Group on Rural Development – FAO, World Bank, IDB, IFAD, IICA, GTZ, USAID

ORGANIZATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Economic agenda

Subprogramme 1: Linkages with the global economy, regional integration and cooperation

Subprogramme 2: Productive, technological and entrepreneurial development

Subprogramme 3: Macroeconomic policies and growth

B. Social agenda

Subprogramme 4: Social development and equity

Subprogramme 5: Mainstreaming the gender perspective in the regional development process

Subprogramme 6: Population and development

C. Sustainable development agenda

Subprogramme 8: Environment and human settlements

Subprogramme 9: Natural resources and infrastructure

D. Training and statistics agenda

Subprogramme 7: Planning of public administration

Subprogramme 10: Statistics and economic projections

E. Subregional focus

Subprogramme 11: Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America

Subprogramme 12: Subregional activities in the Caribbean

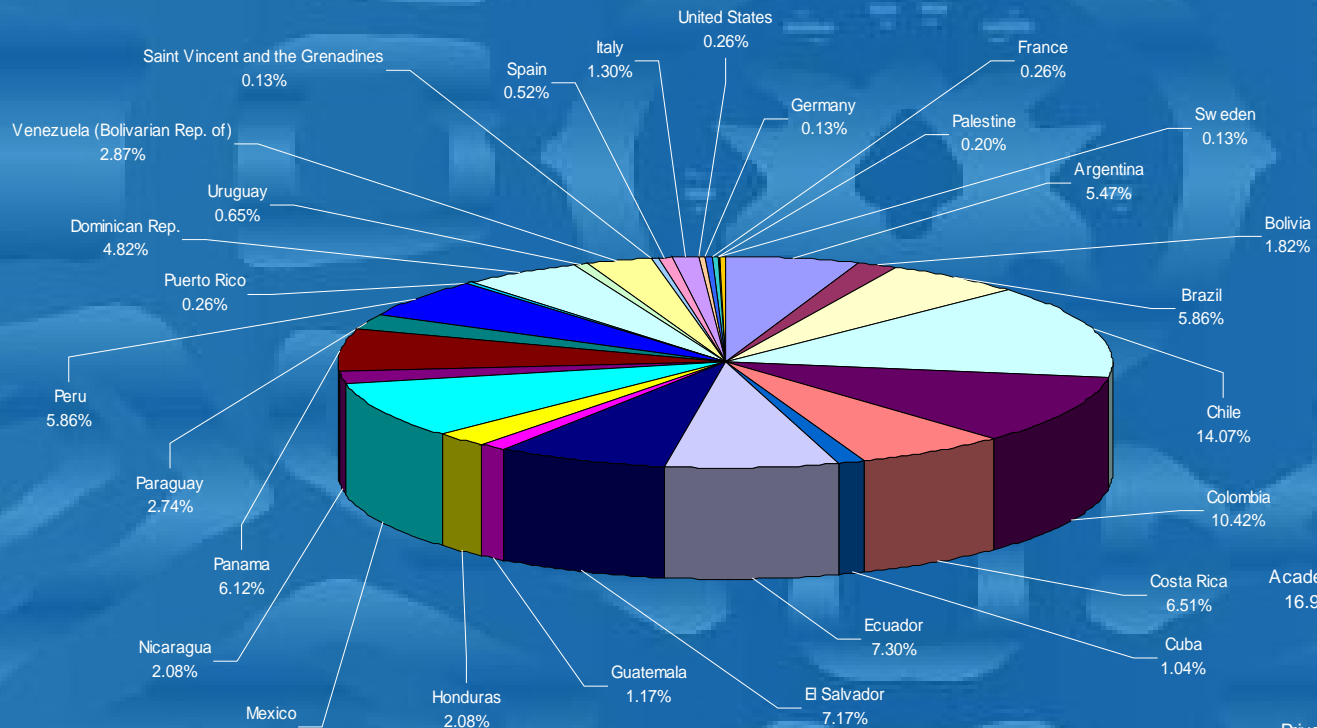
OUTPUTS

ILPES/ECLAC TRAINING

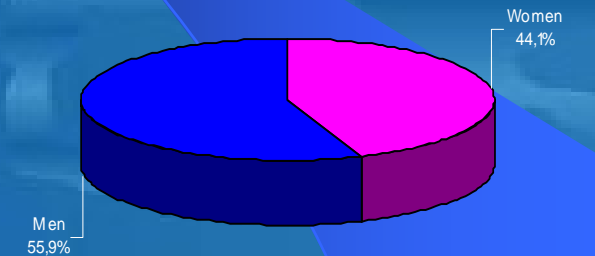
- 43 INTERNATIONAL COURSES
- 4,000 TEACHING HOURS
- 1,500 PARTICIPANTS



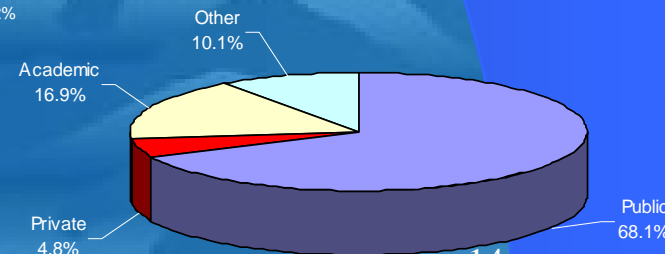
PARTICIPANTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, 2004-2005 BIENNIUM



PARTICIPANTS BY GENDER



EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND



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COOPERATION PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

- ❑ Multi-sector, multi-year approach
- ❑ Projects and programmes with national, local, subregional, regional and international institutions



Extrabudgetary resources: over 180 projects implemented

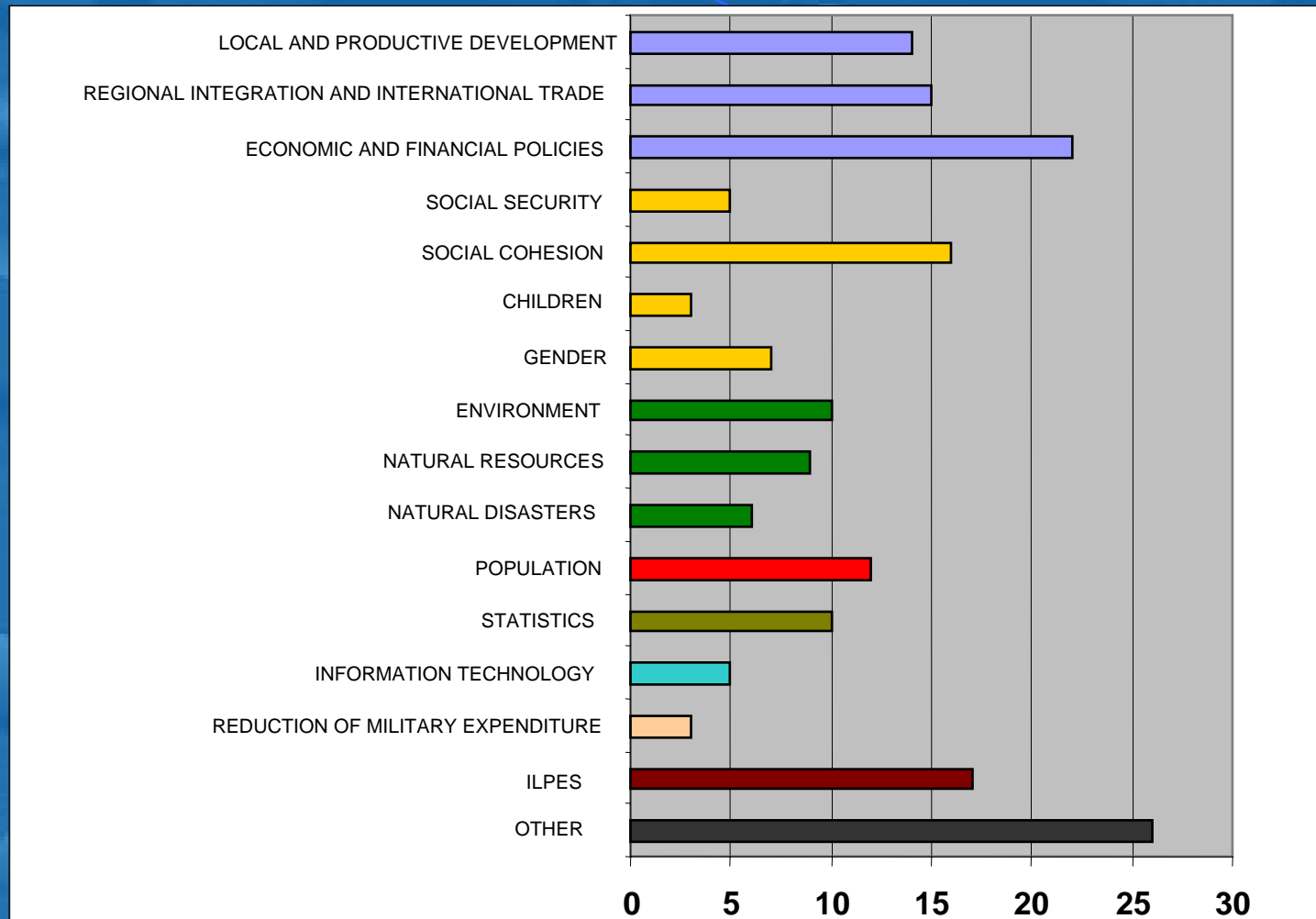
Estimated total expenditure: US\$ 18,588,325

Financing:

- Bilateral sources 64.6%
- Multilateral sources 18.7%
- United Nations 16.7%

AREAS OF COOPERATION

Number of projects under way, 2004 – 2005 biennium, by project cluster



Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), on the basis of official figures up to August 2005.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MISSIONS

1,564 technical assistance missions in

41 Latin American and Caribbean countries

SUBJECT AREAS

Processing and analysis of information gathered in population and housing censuses;
International trade and treaty negotiations;
Natural resource regulations and policies;
Environmental indicators and policies;
State modernization and planning;
Improvement of household surveys and economic and social statistics;
Assessment of natural disasters;
Gender mainstreaming in government policies and programmes.



ECLAC TECHNICAL COOPERATION MISSIONS, 2004-2005 BIENNIUM



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DISSEMINATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

More than **800** new documents produced:

- 18 ECLAC books,
- 4 *Cuadernos de la CEPAL* series
- 25 Co-publications
- 80 Conference documents (including those prepared for the thirtieth session)
- 250 Series
- 13 Issues of the *CEPAL Review* (Spanish and English), plus a special edition in French
- 13 *Notas de la CEPAL*
- 380 Press releases



Other achievements:

- Digital distribution of documents
- Incorporation of new technology (document layout and design)

ECLAC web portal

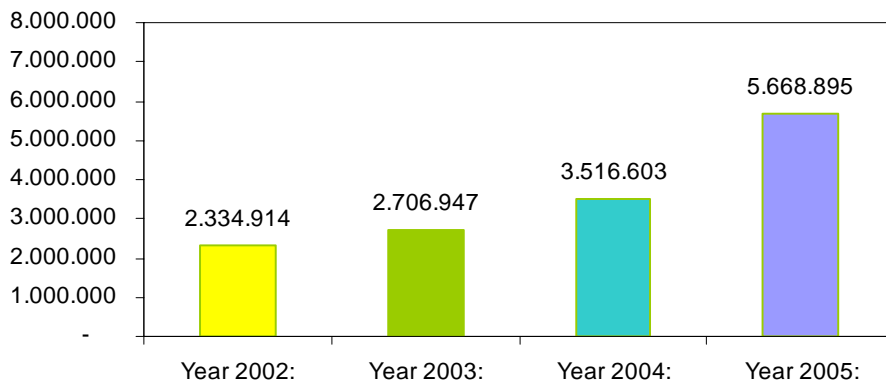
New Internet technology and content management procedures

Creation of new sites, such as:

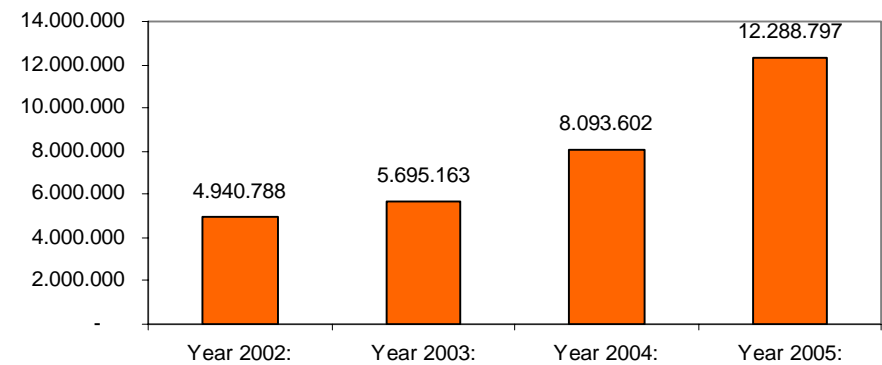
- CEPAL Review
- Network of Social Institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean (RISALC)
- Information Society Project
- Macroeconomic Dialogue Network (REDIMA)
- Macroeconomic cooperation projects
- Statistical Conference of the Americas
- Network of Institutions and Experts on Social and Environmental Statistics
- Online database portal



Hits on the web portal (annual)

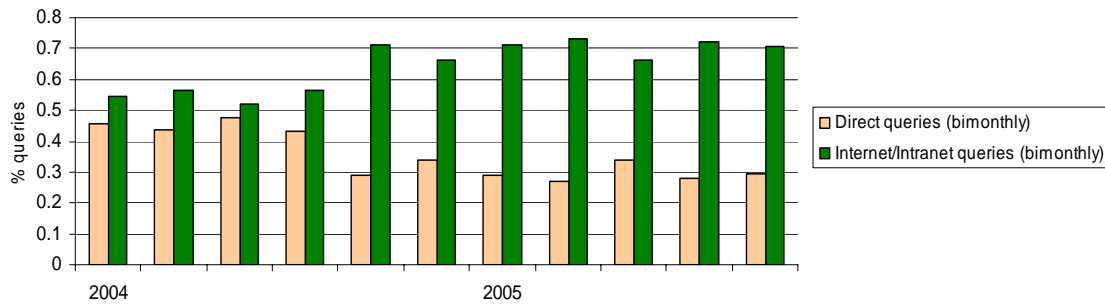


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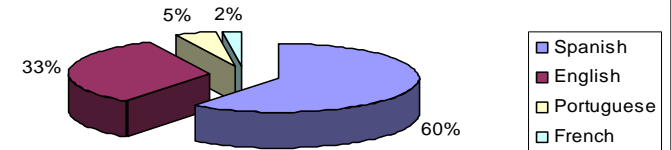


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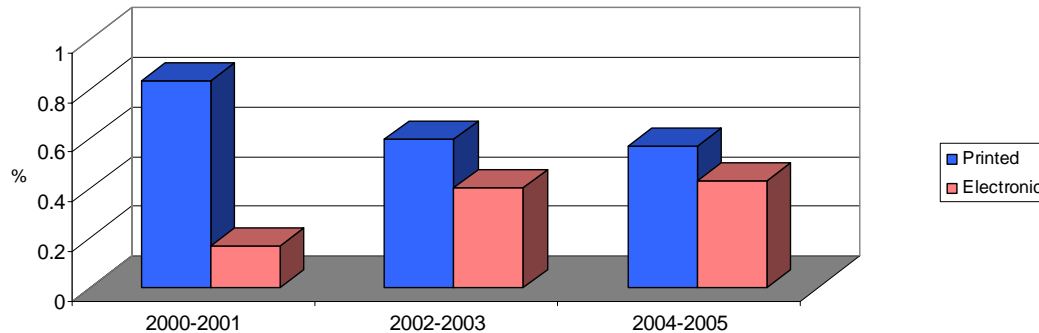
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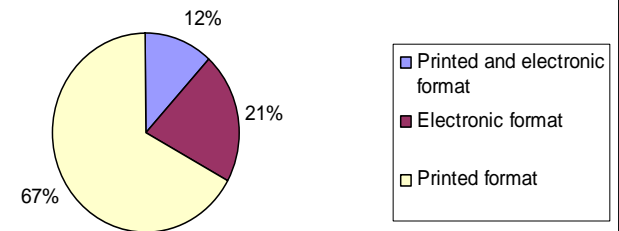
Languages of the databases



Purchase of publications



Serial publications



Official Document System (ODS): digitization of official ECLAC documents as they are produced

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- The report covers all the activities focusing on the region as a whole
- Special attention has been devoted to the subregions:
 - Mexico and Central America
 - Caribbean
 - South America – strengthening coordination

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WORK 2004-2005**