

# RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY ECLAC AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

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SIXTY YEARS WITH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

## 633(XXXII) SANTO DOMINGO RESOLUTION

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Recalling* its resolution 553(XXVI), in which it affirmed that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC is especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106 (VI), in the framework of a restructured United Nations, and that, therefore, ECLAC should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies, together with operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination,

*Bearing in mind* that the draft programme of work of the Commission for the biennium 2010-2011, as presented by the Executive Secretary,<sup>1</sup> comprises efforts to consolidate the progress achieved in terms of macroeconomic stability and further enhance policies to reduce vulnerability; increase the region's productive potential and reduce productivity gaps; improve the region's position in the international economy and foster long-term productive development strategies with appropriate forms of public-private partnership and participation; promote a broad social agreement aimed at enhancing social cohesiveness, reducing social risks and reinforcing gender mainstreaming in public policies; improve sustainable development policies and address the economic and social impacts of climate change; strengthen public management; and improve institution-building related to the management of global issues at the regional level,

*Having examined* the document *Structural Change and Productivity Growth – 20 Years Later. Old problems, new opportunities*,<sup>2</sup> prepared by the secretariat,

1. *Welcomes* the comprehensive approach to development that has marked the thinking of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean since its inception, as reflected in the document *Structural Change and Productivity Growth – 20 Years Later. Old problems, new opportunities*;

2. *Recognizes* the relevance of the issues examined and supports the general tenor of the document's conclusions;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(i) Conduct studies and formulate public policy and scientific and technological policy proposals, in close cooperation with policymakers, with a view to building national productive development and innovation capacities;

(ii) Make institutional efforts, in cooperation with other relevant stakeholders, to promote regional cooperation in productive development and innovation policies;

(iii) Identify successful public-private innovation and productive development initiatives in the region that can be applied and adapted to other national or regional contexts as best practices, taking each country's national characteristics and institutional framework into account;

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<sup>1</sup> LC/G.2373(SES.32/9).

<sup>2</sup> LC/G.2367(SES.32/3).

(iv) Organize, at the thirty-third session, a special meeting to assess the progress of productive development and innovation policies in the region, with special emphasis on national innovation systems;

(v) Devote special efforts to considering the challenges faced by the countries and subregions as a result of the current global energy and food crisis and related issues by convening a meeting of Government experts in this area as soon as possible and conducting specialized studies offering technical advice and public policy options for meeting these challenges;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to widely disseminate the document and promote its review in the economic, academic, political, business and social spheres in the region, by means of national dialogues on the main issues covered, taking each country's national characteristics into account, and in international organizations concerned with economic development, in order to continue to foster more in-depth comparative analysis vis-à-vis countries outside the region.

**634(XXXII) ECLAC CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES FOR THE PERIOD 2008-2010**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Recalling* resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on the rationalization of the institutional structure and the pattern of meetings of the system of the Commission, in which it decided that, at each of the Commission's regular sessions, the complete calendar of conferences and meetings planned up to the next regular session should be considered,

*Taking into account* resolution 489(PLEN.19) on the Commission's intergovernmental structure and functions, in which it was recommended that the current institutional structure should be maintained,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 40/243 on the pattern of conferences and the provision concerning the principle of rotation of the venue for the sessions of the Commission as laid down in rule 2 of its rules of procedure and reiterated in its resolution 480(XXI),

*Taking into account* resolution 553(XXVI) on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on the Commission, in which it was recommended that the current pattern of conferences of the Commission's system should continue to serve as a basis for maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of its work,

*Bearing in mind* the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean that establish and govern the periodicity of the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

*Having examined* the proposed calendar of the Commission's intergovernmental conferences for 2008-2010 as set forth in annex 6 of the relevant document,<sup>1</sup>

*Considering* the objectives and priorities established in the subprogrammes of the work programme approved by the member States at the thirty-second session of the Commission,

1. *Reaffirms* the decision to maintain the current intergovernmental structure and the existing pattern of meetings and approves the calendar of conferences of the Commission as it appears in the annex to this resolution, along with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the thirty-second session of the Commission;

2. *Reaffirms also* that the Commission's current conference servicing system has been found to be efficient, both in terms of its substantive and organizational aspects and in terms of its cost-effectiveness, and recommends that these tasks continue to be the responsibility of the Executive Secretary with a view to an ongoing and sustained improvement in those services;

3. *Reaffirms* further the importance of continuing to entrust the Commission with the task of organizing and holding regional and subregional meetings to prepare for and follow up on world conferences of the United Nations in the economic and social fields;

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed *ECLAC calendar of conferences for the period 2008-2010. Note by the secretariat* (LC/G.2374(SES.32/10)).

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the relevant United Nations bodies such proposals as may be necessary to ensure implementation of the calendar of conferences as approved;

5. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-third session on the implementation of this resolution.

Annex  
**CALENDAR OF ECLAC INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES FOR THE PERIOD 2008-2010**

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2008	Twentieth session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	<sup>a b</sup>	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2008	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	<sup>a b</sup>	ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2008	Forty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	<sup>a b</sup>	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2008	International seminar on climate change and follow-up in Latin America and the Caribbean	ECLAC headquarters, Santiago, Chile <sup>b</sup>	ECLAC resolution 602(XXX)	Extrabudgetary resources
2008	Regional meeting of experts: agriculture, rural development, land, drought and desertification. Policy recommendations and good practices for sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean for the seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development	ECLAC headquarters, Santiago, Chile <sup>b</sup>	ECLAC resolution 602(XXX)	ECLAC regular budget
2008	Eighth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic October	ECLAC resolution 580(XXVIII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2008	Twenty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	<sup>a b</sup>	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	Regular budgets of ILPES and ECLAC
2009	Twenty-fifth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC	United Nations Headquarters New York <sup>b</sup>	Economic and Social Council Resolution 106(VI) (para 3); ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	Regular budget
2009	Forty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	<sup>a b</sup>	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2009	Fourteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	<sup>a b</sup>	ECLAC resolution 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.19); 489(PLEN.19); and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2009	Forty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	ECLAC headquarters, Santiago, Chile <sup>a</sup>	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget

## Annex (concluded)

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2009	Twenty-first meeting of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	<sup>a b</sup>	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2009	Ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	<sup>ab</sup>	ECLAC resolutions 580(XXVIII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2009	Fifth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	ECLAC headquarters Santiago, Chile <sup>b</sup>	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2009	Twenty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	<sup>ab</sup>	ECLAC resolution 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	Regular budget of ILPES and ECLAC
2009	Forum on the implementation at the regional level of the decisions adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development	ECLAC headquarters, Santiago, Chile	ECLAC resolution 602(XXX)	ECLAC regular budget
2010	Twenty-third session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	<sup>ab</sup>	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2010	Eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Brasilia, Brazil June <sup>ab</sup>	Decision of 21 November 1977, eleventh special session of the Committee of the Whole	ECLAC regular budget
2010	Regional evaluation meeting on the Regional Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, eLAC 2010	Lima, Peru <sup>b</sup>	ECLAC resolution 610(XXX)	Extrabudgetary resources
2010	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	<sup>ab</sup>	ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2010	Tenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	<sup>ab</sup>	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	Regular budget of ILPES and ECLAC
2010	Twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	<sup>ab</sup>	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2010	Twenty-third session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	<sup>ab</sup>	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2010	Thirty-third session of ECLAC	<sup>ab</sup>	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	ECLAC regular budget

<sup>a</sup> Place to be determined.<sup>b</sup> Date to be determined.

**635(XXXII) PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC  
COMMISSION FOR THE 2010-2011 BIENNIUM**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Bearing in mind* rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations concerning the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system and General Assembly resolution 59/265 and Economic and Social Council decision 1984/101 regarding recurrent publications of the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind also* the Millennium Declaration, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session,<sup>1</sup> the assessment of progress and pending tasks as identified by the secretariat of the Commission to facilitate its implementation in the region<sup>2</sup> and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>3</sup>

*Taking into account* the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011,<sup>4</sup> which will be duly reviewed by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session,

*Having considered* the proposed work priorities for the Commission as set out by the Executive Secretary in his introduction to the draft programme of work of the system of the Commission for the 2010-2011 biennium, which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at its preceding session,

*Having considered also* all aspects of the draft programme of work for the system of the Commission for the 2010-2011 biennium, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning and in which the results-based programming and management approach is deepened and enhanced,

1. *Endorses* the proposed priorities for the work of the Commission for the 2010-2011 biennium as set forth by the Executive Secretary, which encompass the consolidation of the advances achieved in the area of macroeconomic stability and the subsequent promotion of policies to reduce vulnerability, an increase in the region's production potential and a reduction in productivity gaps, an improvement in the region's position in the international economy and the promotion of long-term production development strategies involving appropriate forms of public- and private-sector cooperation and participation, the promotion of a broad social agreement to strengthen social cohesion, to reduce social risks and to strengthen gender mainstreaming in public policies, the refinement of sustainable development policies and an examination of the socio-economic implications of climate change, the strengthening of public management, and the improvement and consolidation of institutions relating to the management of global issues at the regional level;

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<sup>1</sup> See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

<sup>2</sup> See *The Millennium Development Goals: a Latin American and Caribbean perspective* (LC/G.2231-P), Santiago, Chile, June 2005; *Millennium Development Goals 2006: a look at gender equality and empowerment of women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2352-P), December 2007; *Objetivos de desarrollo del Milenio. La progresión hacia el derecho a la salud en América Latina y el Caribe* (LC/G.2634), May 2008.

<sup>3</sup> See General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 24 October 2005.

<sup>4</sup> A/63/6 (Prog. 17).



2. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to make a special effort to examine the challenges faced by the region in connection with the current global energy and food crisis and related issues by undertaking specialized studies that will permit the provision of technical advisory services and the formulation of public policy options for dealing with such challenges;

3. *Approves* the programme of work for the system of the Commission for the 2010-2011 biennium,<sup>5</sup> which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, and which, with the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-second session of the Commission, shall become the legislative mandate for the execution of programmes, projects and technical cooperation activities and for the production of recurrent publications identified therein;

4. *Notes* that the allocation of the necessary resources for implementing the activities described in the programme of work should be submitted to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration before it is carried out;

5. *Encourages* the Executive Secretary to continue the practice of convening the Committee of the Whole in the intervals between the sessions of the Commission in order to strengthen and broaden the dialogue between member States and the secretariat on issues deemed to be relevant;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made in implementing this resolution at the thirty-third session of the Commission.

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<sup>5</sup> Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2010-2011 (LC/G.2373 (SES.32/9)).

**636(XXXII) SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN  
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Recalling* its resolution 340(AC.66) of 25 January 1974, in which it directed that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning should become a permanent institution of the Commission, with its own identity and with direct responsibility to the Executive Secretary of the Commission,

*Taking into account* that the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning held its thirteenth meeting in Brasilia, Brazil, on 27 June 2007,

*Reiterating* its recognition to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning and its Presiding Officers for the valuable support they provide to the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning in terms of both guidance and regular financing,

1. *Takes note* of the resolutions adopted at the thirteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Institute;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Expresses* to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning its appreciation for their contributions to the regular system of Government funding, which provides financing for a large share of the Institute's activities and inputs;

3. *Expresses* its satisfaction with the support provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Commission for the activities of the Institute and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to support its work with human and financial resources so that it may conduct its activities effectively;

4. *Reiterates* the recommendation that the Institute should strengthen its capacity as the body responsible for training within the system of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and should broaden the activities it conducts in that area in collaboration with the subregional headquarters, divisions of the Commission and other international institutions.

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<sup>1</sup> Thirteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning, Brasilia, Brazil, 27 June 2007 [online] [http://www.cepal.org/ilpes/noticias/noticias/5/28195/2007-579\\_Resolutions\\_XIII\\_RCP\\_BRASILIA\\_ILPES\\_translated\\_vf\\_v1.pdf](http://www.cepal.org/ilpes/noticias/noticias/5/28195/2007-579_Resolutions_XIII_RCP_BRASILIA_ILPES_translated_vf_v1.pdf).

**637(XXXII) FOLLOW-UP TO THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE INFORMATION SOCIETY  
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Recalling* the principles and objectives set out in the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted during the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Geneva in December 2003, and in the Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, adopted during the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Tunis in November 2005, with a view to contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 at the latest and to the promotion of social, economic and cultural development,

*Recalling also* the principles and objectives set forth in the Bávaro Declaration, adopted in the Dominican Republic in January 2003, and in the Rio de Janeiro Commitment and the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2007), adopted at the Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2005, as well as in the San Salvador Commitment and the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2010), adopted at the Second Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San Salvador in February 2008,

*Recognizing* the support function performed by the United Nations regional commissions in the implementation of the Plan of Action adopted in Geneva, especially as regards the contribution made by Governments and stakeholders to the promotion of information and communication technologies for development and as regards international and regional cooperation and the creation of an enabling environment,

*Recalling* resolutions 610(XXX) and 629(XXXI) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, adopted at its thirtieth and thirty-first sessions, respectively,

*Recognizing* the substantive contribution made by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in supporting the countries of the region in both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society and in building the information society in the region since 2000, including the valuable technical support provided for the Second Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San Salvador in February 2008,

*Recalling* paragraph 101 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, which states that the United Nations regional commissions may, in response to requests made by Member States and within approved budgetary resources, organize follow-up activities to the World Summit on the Information Society at appropriate intervals in collaboration with regional and subregional organizations, as well as furnishing Member States with technical and other information for the design of regional strategies and the implementation of the agreements reached at regional conferences,

*Recognizing* that the year 2015 is the date set for meeting the global targets of the Plan of Action for the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society and that the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2010) is a second step towards their attainment,

*Welcoming* the offer made by the Government of Peru to host a meeting to evaluate eLAC2010 in 2010,

*Taking into account* the need to promote a Latin American and Caribbean vision of the information society,

*Requests* the secretariat, within available resources, to:

(i) Provide support to the countries of the region, especially in the formulation of national strategies, for the fulfilment of the goals of the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2010), which are derived directly from the commitments undertaken at the World Summit on the Information Society, by furnishing technical cooperation, carrying out studies and collaborating in the organization of meetings to the extent of its capabilities and competence;

(ii) Provide technical support for the eLAC2010 Regional Follow-up Mechanism through studies, statistics and substantive reports on the information society and associated public policies, the preparation of newsletters, the maintenance and expansion of a collaborative virtual forum and its cooperation in organizing technical meetings, the conference to be held to evaluate eLAC2010 and its preparatory process;

(iii) Provide technical support to the Presiding Officers of the eLAC2010 Regional Follow-up Mechanism so that synergies may be sought with initiatives of international agencies that may contribute to the achievement of the goals set out in eLAC2010, which shall consult with Member States regarding any such initiatives, and

(iv) Provide technical support for the organization of the forthcoming Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Peru.

**638(XXXII) STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECONOMIC  
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Recalling* resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, whereby the Council approved the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission,

*Bearing in mind* Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/6 on strengthening statistical capacity,

*Bearing in mind also* that the objectives of the Statistical Conference of the Americas include the preparation of a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the demands of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources,

*Taking into account* that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its fourth meeting in Santiago, Chile, from 25 to 27 July 2007, and on that occasion adopted a strategic plan for 2005-2015, together with a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2007-2009,<sup>1</sup>

*Taking into account also* that the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas has held two meetings since the last session of the Commission: the sixth meeting, held in Madrid on 25 and 26 September 2006, and the seventh meeting, held in Bogotá on 29 and 30 November 2007,<sup>2</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that, on those occasions, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the respective reports,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the reports of the sixth and seventh meetings of its Executive Committee;

2. *Welcomes* the strategic plan adopted by the Conference for the period 2005-2015 as a frame of reference for the development of policies to strengthen and develop national statistical systems.

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2795).

<sup>2</sup> Report of the sixth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2651); Report of the seventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2870).

**639(XXXII) ACTIVITIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA  
AND THE CARIBBEAN IN RELATION TO FOLLOW-UP TO THE MILLENNIUM  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES  
OF THE MAJOR UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS IN  
THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Recalling* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 60/265 and 61/16 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/44,

*Recalling further* the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the development goals and objectives set out therein, and recognizing the vital role played by those conferences and summits in shaping a broad development vision and in identifying commonly agreed objectives, which have contributed to improving human life in different parts of the world,

*Emphasizing* the need to fully implement the global partnership for development and enhance the momentum generated by the 2005 World Summit in order to operationalize and implement, at all levels, the commitments in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the 2005 World Summit, in the economic, social and related fields,

*Bearing in mind* that, pursuant to the mandate contained in its resolution 625(XXXI), the secretariat coordinated the preparation, in 2006, 2007 and the first half of 2008, of the regional inter-agency reports *Millennium Development Goals 2006: A Look at Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* and *Objetivos de desarrollo del Milenio. La progresión hacia el derecho a la salud en América Latina y el Caribe*<sup>2</sup> in collaboration with all the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes active in the region,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to cooperate with the countries of the region in the implementation and follow-up of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the 2005 World Summit Outcome;

2. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue to coordinate the preparation of annual regional inter-agency reports on the progress made towards the targets on the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger in the Millennium Development Goals.

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 60/1.

<sup>2</sup> LC/G.2352-P and LC/G.2364.

**640(XXXII) ADMISSION OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF  
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

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

*Recognizing* that the Cayman Islands enjoys close economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region and that it is committed to strengthening these links wherever possible,

*Aware also* that associate membership in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will make a considerable contribution to the effort to achieve this goal,

*Welcoming* the request made by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Cayman Islands should be granted associate membership in the Commission,

*Decides* that the Cayman Islands shall be admitted as an associate member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

**641(XXXII) CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

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

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

*Bearing in mind* that, as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its twenty-second session in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 22 and 23 April 2008, that the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its thirteenth meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 23 and 24 August 2007 and that, on those occasions, they adopted a series of agreements and resolutions which appear in their respective reports,<sup>1</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the twenty-second session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee and of the thirteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee;

2. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to employ all measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of the decisions and resolutions contained in the reports of the twenty-second session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee and of the thirteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the twenty-second session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/L.169) and Report of the thirteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (LC/CAR/L.132).



**642(XXXII) SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Considering* General Assembly resolution 62/209 on South-South cooperation, in which the Assembly recognized the need to strengthen and further invigorate South-South cooperation and decided to convene a High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, no later than the first half of 2009,

*Recalling* resolution 620(XXXI) on South-South cooperation, adopted at the Commission's thirty-first session, in which the Commission reiterated the importance of such cooperation among the countries of the region and requested the Executive Secretary to take steps, in particular, to strengthen South-South cooperation in the secretariat's programme of work, especially with regard to projects financed with extrabudgetary resources,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report on activities to support such cooperation, which notes that there has been a large increase in extrabudgetary funding for technical cooperation activities of the Commission that include a major South-South cooperation component;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to continue the efforts that have yielded such positive results in terms of increasing the secretariat's provision of technical cooperation to the countries of the region;

3. *Requests* the secretariat, in collaboration with other regional institutions, to support the preparatory activities of the High-level Conference on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, in particular the envisaged regional preparatory consultation.

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<sup>1</sup> *Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support South-South cooperation during the biennium 2006-2007. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.2371(SES.32/7)).*

**643(XXXII) PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 15 of its terms of reference and rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,

*Considering* the invitation of the Federative Republic of Brazil to host the thirty-third session of the Commission,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Brazil for its generous invitation;
2. *Accepts* this invitation with pleasure;
3. *Recommends* that the United Nations Economic and Social Council approve the decision to hold the thirty-third session in Brazil in 2010.

**644(XXXII) POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR  
THE PERIOD 2008-2010**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean*

*Recalling* the Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development adopted in Mexico City in May 1993, the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in September 1994, the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development of 1994, the document entitled “Latin America and the Caribbean: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development”,<sup>1</sup> the report of the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly entitled “Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development”; the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly entitled “Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development”, the United Nations Millennium Declaration of September 2000, the reports of the First Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing,<sup>2</sup> and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>3</sup>

*Taking into account* resolutions 615(XXXI) and 616(XXXI) as adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-first session, held in Montevideo, Uruguay, in March 2006,

*Considering* the agreements reached at the seventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Bogotá, Colombia, in November 2007, as well as the conclusions reached at the Workshop on Preparatory Activities, Analysis and Exchange of Experiences for the Successful Implementation of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, held in Panama City in September 2007,

*Welcoming with satisfaction* the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (September 2006) held with a view to strengthening dialogue and cooperation among countries, the outcome of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on Population and Development and its consideration of the issue of international migration and development, the explicit guidelines on international migration set forth in the Plan of Action signed by the Heads of State and Government participating in the Second Summit of the Americas and the measures adopted within the framework of the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, which reflected the desire of the Heads of State and Government of the Ibero-American countries to ensure that the rights of migrant workers and their families are upheld and protected,

*Taking into account* the Brasilia Declaration as adopted at the Second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing: towards a society for all ages and rights-based social protection, held in Brasilia in December 2007,

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<sup>1</sup> LC/DEM/G.184 (1999).

<sup>2</sup> LC/L.2079 and LC/L.2891(CRE.2/5).

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution 60/1.

*Emphasizing* that 2007 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre - Population Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, which was celebrated with various commemorative activities,

1. *Expresses appreciation to and commends* the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre for having organized the technical aspects of the meeting of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and for having prepared the documentation for that meeting, in particular the document *Demographic transformations and their influence on development in Latin America and the Caribbean*,<sup>4</sup> the United Nations Population Fund for its contribution to these activities and both organizations for the support provided to the countries of the region in implementing the Programme of Action adopted in Cairo at the International Conference on Population and Development, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing;

2. *Welcomes* the holding of a seminar marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre in October 2007, and expresses appreciation to the countries and the international community, in particular France and the Population Fund, for the support they provided to ensure the success of this activity;

3. *Underlines* the importance of the Brasilia Declaration adopted at the Second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing, expresses appreciation to the secretariat for its technical contribution to the organization of that meeting, as well as for having prepared the corresponding substantive documentation, and thanks Brazil and the Population Fund for their support for the Conference;

4. *Reiterates* the importance of improving data sources, particularly population censuses, vital statistics and specialized surveys, for the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the United Nations Second World Assembly on Ageing and the Millennium Summit, as well as the importance of developing reliable, timely and high-quality national statistical information systems for decision-making and for the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and development programmes;

5. *Reaffirms* the agreements set forth in resolution 615(XXXI) adopted at the thirty-first session of the Commission, in which it calls upon the Governments that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying the legal instruments of the United Nations designed to promote and protect migrants' human rights as a means of achieving full social integration, and invites the Governments that have signed these instruments to ensure their full implementation;

6. *Recommends* that the secretariat move forward with the creation of an inter-agency group, to be coordinated by the Commission, that will be responsible for follow-up of issues relating to international migration and development in the region;

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<sup>4</sup> LC/G.2378(SES.32/14).

7. *Requests* that the secretariat, in coordination with the organizations of the Inter-Agency Group on Ageing, continue providing technical support to the countries for the application of the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and reinforce follow-up to the agreements set forth in the Brasilia Declaration, with special reference to public policy, information, research and human rights issues, and encourages the secretariat to make every effort to incorporate the regional perspective into the strategic framework for the application of the Madrid Plan of Action to be submitted to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-seventh session in February 2009;

8. *Requests* the secretariat to provide technical advice for the convening of meetings to follow up on the Brasilia Declaration, particularly with respect to the issue of international mechanisms to protect the rights of older persons;

9. *Encourages* the secretariat to continue coordinating efforts with other international and multilateral agencies to conduct activities that will benefit member countries and, in particular, notes with satisfaction the links established with the Ibero-American Secretariat;

10. *Urges* the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre, the Women and Development Unit of the Commission and the United Nations Population Fund to furnish support for the follow-up of the countries' plans of action for attaining the Millennium Development Goals, as agreed at the 2005 World Summit;

11. *Requests* that the secretariat, in coordination with the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee and with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, continue to give priority to the following issues as viewed from a gender perspective: the status, determinants and implications of demographic trends; population dynamics, equity and poverty; ageing; indigenous and Afrodescendent populations in Latin America; international and internal migration; human resources development in the fields of demographics and of population and development; the 2010 round of population and housing censuses; and vital statistics;

12. *Invites* the secretariat to organize in 2009, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, a seminar to analyse the progress made in implementing the Programme of Action adopted in Cairo at the International Conference on Population and Development 15 years after its adoption and how it relates to the Millennium Development Goals, including universal access to sexual and reproductive health;

13. *Proposes* that the secretariat, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund, study the possibility of implementing a strategy for providing training in the field of population and development and that it conduct a regional training course on demographic analysis for development beginning in 2009 which will focus on censuses in preparation for the 2010 round;

14. *Requests also* that the Ad Hoc Committee report on the activities carried out in the areas mentioned in the three preceding paragraphs at its next meeting;

15. *Recommends* that the Ad Hoc Committee analyse the subject of population, development and health, including sexual and reproductive health, at its next regular meeting in 2010, and asks the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee to prepare the corresponding substantive documents in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund;

16. *Further requests* the secretariat to consider the possibility of extending the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee to at least two days at future sessions of the Commission;

17. *Calls upon* the countries of the region to continue making every effort to apply the key measures outlined in the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo, and in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the accompanying Regional Strategy for its implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly within the framework of policies for reducing social and ethnic inequalities, overcoming gender inequity and eradicating poverty, and urges the international community to increase technical and financial cooperation for the achievement of these objectives.

**645(XXXII) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND  
THE CARIBBEAN**

*The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Recalling* its resolution 558(XXVI), in which it adopted the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001,

*Taking note* of provisions that emphasize the fundamental role played by the regional commissions in these areas, in particular General Assembly resolutions 50/203 of 22 December 1995, 51/69 of 12 December 1996, 52/100 of 12 December 1997, 52/231 of 4 June 1998, 53/120 of 9 December 1998, 54/142 of 17 December 1999 and 61/145 of 19 December 2006 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/61 on the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits,

*Taking into account* that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, has held its tenth session, which took place in Quito from 6 to 9 August 2007,

*Bearing in mind* the fact that, on that occasion, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean adopted the Quito Consensus,<sup>1</sup>

*Taking into account* that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, has held three meetings of its Presiding Officers: the thirty-ninth meeting, held in Mexico City on 11 and 12 May 2006; the fortieth meeting, held in Santiago, Chile, on 3 and 4 October 2006; and the forty-first meeting, held in Bogotá on 24 and 25 April 2008,

*Bearing in mind* that the participants at those meetings adopted a number of agreements that were reflected in the respective reports,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the reports of the thirty-ninth, fortieth and forty-first meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2361(CRM.10/8)).

<sup>2</sup> Report of the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2599); Report of the fortieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2695); Draft report of the forty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

2. *Underlines* the importance of the Quito Consensus as adopted by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at its tenth session;

3. *Commends* the Executive Secretary for having successfully completed the necessary procedures at United Nations Headquarters to convert the Women and Development Unit into a Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.