

**673(XXXIV) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
FOR THE 2014-2015 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 66/233 and previous relevant resolutions 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,¹ the assessment of progress and pending tasks as identified by the secretariat of the Commission to facilitate its implementation in the region² and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,³

Bearing in mind further the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from 20 to 22 June 2012 entitled “The future we want”,⁴

Taking into account the Report of the activities of the Commission from January 2020 to December 2011,⁵

Taking into account also and the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015,⁶ which was duly reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and will be reviewed by the United Nations General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session,

Bearing in mind the Report of the twenty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole,⁷ held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 28 March 2012, on which occasion the member States considered the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 presented by the Executive Secretary,

Having considered the outcomes and activities of the previous biennium and the proposed strategic framework and the work priorities for the Commission as set out by the Executive Secretary in her introduction to the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2014-2015,⁸ which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, and which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at its thirty-third session,

¹ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

² *The Millennium Development Goals: a Latin American and Caribbean perspective* (LC/G.2231-P), 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; *Millennium Development Goals. Progress towards the right to health in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2634), August 2008, and *Millennium Development Goals: Advances in environmentally sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2428-P), January 2010 and *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals with equality in Latin America and the Caribbean: Progress and challenges* (LC/G.2460), August 2010.

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

⁴ A/CONF.216/L.1.

⁵ LC/G.2528(SES.34/7).

⁶ A/67/16 (Prog. 18).

⁷ LC/L.3487.

⁸ LC/G.2526(SES.34/5).

Having considered also all aspects of the Draft programme of work, which deepens and enhances the results-based programming and management approach and proposes the creation of a new subprogramme on support for regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organizations,

Bearing in mind that the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2014-2015, as set forth by the Executive Secretary, which concentrates on the priorities of: (a) Improving macroeconomic stability and further enhancing policies that reduce vulnerability and mitigate the effects of economic and financial crises; (b) Strengthening the region's access to financing for development and enhancing the financial architecture at the global, regional and domestic levels; (c) Increasing the region's production potential and reducing productivity gaps to achieve convergence with a particular emphasis on innovation and new technologies; (d) Improving the region's position in the international economy through trade, regional integration and cooperation; (e) Promoting a social covenant between State, market and society, by putting equality at the heart of development to reduce social risks, and by reinforcing gender mainstreaming in public policies; (f) Enhancing sustainable development policies, boosting energy efficiency and addressing the impacts of climate change, bearing in mind and facilitating the outcome of the Rio+20 Summit; (g) Strengthening public management to enhance the role of the State in achieving integrated development; and (h) Improving institution-building related to the management of global and transboundary issues and the provision of public goods at the regional level,

1. *Adopts* the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the 2014-2015 biennium in its totality, including the creation of subprogramme 14, Support for regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organization, which, together with the revisions proposed and observations made in the discussions held in the plenary session and the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, shall become the legislative mandate for the execution of programmes, projects and technical cooperation activities and for the production of the publications identified therein;

2. *Welcomes* the inclusion in the Commission's programme of work of subprogramme 14, which is aimed at supporting integration and cooperation processes and organizations through technical, substantive and logistical contributions, when the participation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean is required, with a view to facilitating debate, decision-making and consensus-building both within the region and beyond;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of redoubling the efforts of the Commission to strengthen national science, technology and innovation systems and to bolster measures to support structural change and industrial, fiscal and monetary policies for facilitating growth with a view to reducing gaps with respect to the developed world;

4. *Values and reaffirms* the importance of cooperation between the secretariat and the member States and of the participation and engagement of civil society in the implementation of the programme of work, in accordance with the rules and practices agreed internationally within the United Nations;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the allocation of the necessary resources for implementing the activities described in the programme of work to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to make particular efforts to examine the challenges faced by the region in connection with the ongoing impacts of economic and financial crisis of 2008-2009 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;

7. *Notes with interest* that the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled *The Future we Want*, encourages the enhancement of the United Nations regional commissions and their subregional offices in their respective capacities to support Member States in implementing sustainable development;

8. *Notes with satisfaction* the Report on the activities of the Commission from January 2010 to December 2011 and underlines the wide-ranging outcomes achieved by the Commission in the different areas of work, commending especially its results-based approach and capacity to respond to the region's needs;

9. *Thanks* the Office of the Executive Secretary for its efforts to strengthen accountability and evaluation with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and relevance of the Commission to the benefit of the region's development, and encourages it to continue those efforts;

10. *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;

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