

**684(XXXV) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN FOR THE 2016-2017 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,

Bearing in mind also the outcome document 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”,¹

Bearing in mind further that the process of negotiations to define a post-2015 development agenda is open and that the General Assembly is expected to discuss and adopt a decision on sustainable development goals at its sixty-ninth session,

Taking into account the Report of the activities of the Commission 2012-2013,²

Taking into account also that the thirty-fifth session of the Commission provides the context for the relevant intergovernmental bodies to review the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2016-2017,³ and for a regional consultation on the Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017,⁴ which will be reviewed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-fourth session and subsequently by the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session,

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 in the presentation on the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2016-2017, 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-fourth session,

Having considered also all aspects of the Draft programme of work, which further strengthens programming, results-based management and evaluation,

Bearing in mind that the basic guidelines and overarching orientation for the formulation of the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2016-2017, were drawn from the internationally agreed development goals stemming from the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields, and that equally the Draft programme of work provides scope for incorporating the new directions of the post-2015 development agenda, including the sustainable development objectives to be defined by the General Assembly in due course,

¹ General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012.

² LC/G.2590(SES.35/7).

³ LC/G.2588(SES.35/5).

⁴ A/69/6 (Prog. 18).

1. *Adopts* the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2016-2017, in its totality, which, together with the amendments proposed and observations made in the discussions held in the plenary session and the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-fifth 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. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the proposed budget for implementing the activities described in the programme of work to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

3. *Notes with interest* paragraph 100 of “The future we want”, which states that regional and subregional organizations, including the United Nations regional commissions and their subregional offices, have a significant role to play in promoting a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in their respective regions;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the Report on the activities of the Commission from January 2012 to December 2013 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 needs of the region;

5. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Executive Secretary 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 recommends pursuing those efforts;

6. *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;

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

The delegations of Latin America and the Caribbean,

8. *Express their concern* at the decline in funding allocated to the Commission and at the tendency for the United Nations Secretariat to relegate to the category of extrabudgetary items posts and activities previously funded under the regular budget.