

**DECISION N° 489**

**ELECTION OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY**

**THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS:**

That the present Regular Meeting has expressed consensus in favour of a re-launching of SELA that allows the organization for fully complying with its important tasks as regards articulation, cooperation and integration of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, for which it was established.

That it is necessary to open up a space to allow for consultations among Member States so that, based on the important analyses carried out during this Meeting, strides can be made in the assessment of nominations for the position of Permanent Secretary that count on the resolute support of the Member States of SELA.

**DECIDES:**

1. That the Permanent Secretary convenes, for late March 2008, a Special Meeting of the Latin American Council which shall proceed to elect a Permanent Secretary for the period 2008-2012. In addition, that meeting shall consider the Proposal of the Working Commission for the regularization of the debt of the Member States with SELA as well as the update of the Regulations of SELA vis-à-vis its new challenges.
2. To extend the mandate of the Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Floria Caricote Lovera, until April 1st, 2008.