

DECISION N° 493

WORK PROGRAMME OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT FOR THE YEAR 2009

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 15, paragraph 6, of the Panama Convention, and

The document "Draft Work Programme of the Permanent Secretariat for the year 2009" (SP/CL/XXXIV.O/DT N° 4-08).

CONSIDERING:

The contents and spirit of Decision N° 440, adopted by the Latin American Council at its XXVIII Regular Meeting, held in Caracas in April 2003.

DECIDES:

Article 1. To approve the Work Programme of the Permanent Secretariat of SELA for the year 2009.

Article 2. In executing its Work Programme, the Permanent Secretariat shall take into account the discussions, proposals and conclusions of this meeting on this subject.

Article 3. The Work Programme of the Permanent Secretariat for the year 2009 should be implemented in a flexible enough manner so as to enable the Permanent Secretary to adjust the contents and schedule for implementation, in consultation with the Member States, of those priority activities and initiatives aimed at strengthening SELA's activities within the region, as well as those initiatives that may emerge from the regional and international agenda, which are of interest for the Member States.

DECISION N° 494

**REGIONAL PROGRAMME ON THE SOCIAL DIMENSION
OF INTEGRATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

The document "Proposal for a Regional Cooperation Programme on the Social Dimension of Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean" (SP/CL/XXXIV.O/DT N° 11-08/Rev.1).

CONSIDERING:

The conclusions and recommendations made by the Member States of SELA within the framework of the Regional Seminar for Consultation on the Social Dimension of Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (Caracas, 16 and 17 July 2008) and the Regional Meeting on the Social Dimension of Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (Caracas, 18 July 2008).

DECIDES:

Sole Article.- To approve the Regional Programme on the Social Dimension of Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (2009-2011), to be implemented within the framework of the Work Programme of the Permanent Secretariat.

DECISION N° 495

**REGIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME
ON FOOD SECURITY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

The document "Proposal for a Regional Cooperation Programme on Food Security in Latin America and the Caribbean" (SP/CL/XXXIV.O/DT N° 12-08).

CONSIDERING:

The conclusions and recommendations made by the Member States of SELA within the framework of the High-Level Regional Meeting on Food Security in Latin America and the Caribbean (Caracas, 30 May 2008) and the Regional Meeting on the Challenges of the Adverse International Economic Situation (Caracas, 30 October 2008).

DECIDES:

Sole Article.- To approve the "Regional Cooperation Programme on Food Security in Latin America and the Caribbean" (2009-2011), to be implemented within the framework of the Work Programme of the Permanent Secretariat.

DECISION N° 497

**AUDIT REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT AT 31 DECEMBER 2007**

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 15, paragraph 5, and Article 31, paragraph 7 of the Panama Convention;
and,

The Financial Statements of the Permanent Secretariat at 31 December 2007 and the Auditor's Reports that form part of document "Audit Report on the Financial Statements of the Permanent Secretariat at 31 December 2007" (SP/CL/XXXIV.O/DT N° 7-08).

DECIDES:

Sole Article.- To approve the Audit Report on the Financial Statements of the Permanent Secretariat for the fiscal year 1 January to 31 December 2007.

DECISION N° 498

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2008

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 34 of the Permanent Secretariat regulations which, among other provisions, stipulates that "in selecting the external auditor, an attempt will be made to rotate the position among the Member States, as far as it is possible, and considering the financial implications", and

The audit services bids received by the Permanent Secretariat, encompassed in document "Audit proposal for the year 2007" (SP/CL/XXXIV.O/DT N° 8-08).

DECIDES:

Sole Article.- To designate PERALES, PISTONE & ASOCIADOS, as the firm in charge of auditing the Financial Statements of the Permanent Secretariat for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2008, bearing in mind the rules that govern the System.

DECISION N° 499

DESIGNATION OF A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL OF SELA

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

Decision N° 370 and 485,

and the Document "Election of a Member of the Administrative Tribunal of SELA"
(SP/CL/XXXIV.O/DT N° 9-08),

DECIDES

Sole Article.- To designate Dr. Roger Yepez, of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as Member of the Administrative Tribunal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System, for the period 1° January 2009 to 31 December 2011.

DECISION N° 500

**REGULATIONS FOR ELECTIONS OF SELA
AT THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL**

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

The document "Draft Regulations for Elections of SELA for consideration of the Latin American Council" (SP/CL/XXXIV.O/DT N° 10-08).

CONSIDERING:

The agreements reached by the Member States of SELA during the XXXIII Regular Meeting of the Latin American Council (Caracas, 26 to 28 November 2007) and ratified at the XI Special Meeting of the Latin American Council (Caracas, 31 March to 1 April 2008).

DECIDES:

Sole Article.- To approve the Regulations for Elections of SELA.

DECISION N° 502

**DEVELOPMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE DATABASE ON PUBLIC POLICIES FOR POVERTY
REDUCTION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

That in compliance with the Work Programme for 2008, Project I.3 Knowledge and ICTs for development and integration in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Permanent Secretariat intends to become a focal point for the provision, access, exchange and timely dissemination of strategic information that would serve as an input and support to the decision-making process in the subject matters of relevance for its Member States;

That the Permanent Secretariat is implementing a database on public policies for poverty reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean, and that for the development and consolidation thereof, it requires the contribution of its Member States.

CONSIDERING:

The Permanent Secretariat's need to count on the pertinent, updated and timely information on the programmes, projects and services regarding public policies for the reduction of, and fight against, poverty;

DECIDES:

Sole Article. The Member States are urged to timely send to the Permanent Secretariat all pertinent information regarding their public policies, programmes, projects and services for the reduction of, and fight against, poverty in their respective countries, for the purposes of developing and consolidating the database on "Public Policies for Poverty Reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean", which is managed by the Permanent Secretariat.