

DECISION N° 509

JOINT REGIONAL PROGRAMME UN-CEFACT/SELA/ECLAC FOR DIGITALIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE PROCEDURES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

The conclusions and recommendations made by SELA Member States during the "First Regional Seminar: Digital Contents, Applications and Uses of ICTs in Latin America and the Caribbean," (Caracas, 27 and 28 October 2008), included in the Final Report of the "First Regional Seminar: Networks and Digital Integration: Digital contents, applications and uses of ICTs in Latin America and the Caribbean" (SP/SRRID-TICALC/IF-08).

The Work Programme of the Permanent Secretariat for 2010, and particularly "Project 1.6. Regional Programme on Digitalization of Foreign Trade Procedures in Latin America and the Caribbean and Normalization of cross-border paperless Trade".

CONSIDERING:

That among the conclusions of the aforementioned Final Report emphasis is made on "the use of Information and Communication Technologies in foreign trade, and on the simplifications of trade procedures, while ensuring international compatibility of the systems involved".

That, among the recommendations included in the aforementioned Final Report, the Member States advised "that SELA continues its activities to support the creation of networks and foster integration in the use of ICTs in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), particularly concerning the efforts that are required for the region to take part in the digitalization process of international trade".

DECIDES:

Sole Article. To request the Permanent Secretariat to prepare a "Joint Regional Programme UN-CEFACT/SELA/ECLAC for Digitalization of Foreign Trade Procedures in Latin America and the Caribbean" and to conduct the relevant consultations with the Member States of SELA, in order to know their observations. In the future, in case that said Programme is approved, the Permanent Secretariat would implement it depending on the availability of resources for its execution, within the framework of its Work Programme and in coordination with interested countries.