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Regulations for Elections of SELA for consideration of the Latin American Council

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The Member States of SELA requested the Permanent Secretariat to submit these Draft Regulations for Elections of SELA, by means of Decision No. 489, as adopted by the XXXIII Regular Meeting of the Latin American Council (Caracas, November 2007).

Complying with such mandate, the Permanent Secretariat submitted the Draft Regulations for Elections of SELA at the Latin American Council (SP/CL/XI.RE/DT No. 2 – 08), which was scheduled to be discussed by the XI Special Meeting of the Latin American Council, held in Caracas on 31 March 2008.

Following an adjustment process to include some remarks received on the original text presented by the Permanent Secretariat of SELA, the Member States adopt, by means of Decision N° 500, the Regulations for Elections of SELA.

Article 1. Elections at the Latin American Council will be held by secret vote. When there is one single candidate and the representatives of more than half of the Member States are attending the meeting, the Chairman of the Council may declare the candidate to be elected, without voting. In case there is any objection, the Council shall proceed to vote immediately, without further debate.

Article 2. In convening the Council Meeting in which a Permanent Secretary or a Deputy Permanent Secretary is to be elected, the Permanent Secretary shall invite the Member States to nominate candidates no less than one month in advance of the date agreed to for the Council meeting, in order to allow for analysis and consultation of the nomination, and shall suggest that the presentation letter be accompanied with the *curriculum vitae* of the candidate and an account, drafted by the candidate, of the Work Programme that would be developed in case he or she is elected Permanent Secretary.

The provisions contained the foregoing paragraph shall not preclude the possibility of nominating candidates after the specified deadline, in case it is necessary in order to ensure occupation of the position.

In making a nomination, the Member State must have previously made sure that the candidate is actually willing to take over the position, in case he or she is elected.

Article 3. Candidates to the positions of Permanent Secretary or Deputy Permanent Secretary must be a native and citizen of one of the Member States of SELA. They shall not have the same nationality of the official they are to succeed. In case the election is being made for only one of the aforementioned positions, the candidate shall not have the same nationality as the person who is holding the other position.

Article 4. The election of the Permanent Secretary or of the Deputy Permanent Secretary will require an affirmative vote by a majority of two-thirds of the Member States present, or by an absolute majority of the Member States, whichever is greater.

Article 5. Once the first vote is held, if no candidate obtains the required majority of votes, up to three additional voting rounds will be held, if necessary, so as to decide between the two candidates who obtained the highest number of votes in the first voting.

Article 6. If no candidate still receives the required majority, the nomination of candidates for the next vote will be re-opened. If no candidate is elected in this new vote, the procedure set forth in Article 4 shall be followed until a candidate is elected.

Article 7. The Latin American Council may decide, at any moment, by the majority indicated in Article 4, to postpone the election for a subsequent regular or special meeting of the Council.

Article 8. Unless it is decided otherwise, elections for any other position will be made by means of a favourable vote of the absolute majority of the Member States attending the meeting and voting. If no candidate obtains the absolute majority in the first vote, a new vote will be held to decide between the two candidates who obtained the highest number of votes.