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(ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN
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INTEGRATION ASSOCIATION**

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11 May 1981**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

BASIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF ECLAC AND THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF LAIA

Whereas the 1980 Montevideo Treaty² instituting the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) — which is intended to continue the process of Latin American integration and to achieve, as its long-term objective, the gradual and progressive establishment of a Latin American common market — is now in force;

And whereas article 2 of the said Treaty establishes, as basic functions of LAIA, the promotion and regulation of reciprocal trade, economic complementarity and the development of economic cooperation activities conducive to the expansion of the market;

And whereas article 3, paragraph (iii) (e), of resolution 8 of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs recommends that the technical assistance provided by ECLAC be maintained and strengthened;

And whereas, in accordance with article 38, paragraph (d) of the Treaty, the General Secretariat has the power to represent the Association before international economic organizations;

And whereas ECLAC, in keeping with its basic objectives of collaborating with Latin American Governments on the region's economic development, gives assistance with economic integration arrangements — particularly the process under way among LAIA's member countries — and constantly encourages review and implementation of proposals aimed at the achievement of a Latin American common market;

Now, therefore, the Executive Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC) and the General Secretariat of the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) agree to sign the following Basic Cooperation Agreement:

One. The Executive Secretariat of ECLAC, hereinafter referred to as the Executive Secretariat, and the General Secretariat of LAIA, hereinafter referred to as the General Secretariat, shall afford each other such cooperation as they can, in the context of the general objectives of their respective institutions and programmes of activity, through specific cooperation projects to be agreed on under this Agreement.

Two. The Executive Secretariat and the General Secretariat shall exchange all information and documentation necessary for each organization to be aware of the activities the other is developing or planning to develop, in order to facilitate the identification of concrete opportunities for cooperation. The Montevideo office of ECLAC shall maintain a permanent operational link between the Executive Secretariat and the General Secretariat.

¹ Came into force on 11 May 1981 by signature.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1329, p. 225.

Three. When required by the procedures or cooperative activities undertaken under this Agreement, the Executive Secretariat may assign missions to the General Secretariat, and the latter may do likewise to the Executive Secretariat so as to facilitate the execution of specific cooperation programmes or the coordination of their activities.

Four. The Executive Secretariat and the General Secretariat shall each invite the other to participate in meetings organized by them on subjects of mutual interest, and may co-sponsor such meetings if they deem it desirable.

To that end, each Secretariat shall provide the other, in good time, with their respective schedules of meetings and the agendas thereof.

Five. Both Secretariats shall periodically review the implementation of this Agreement and shall take suitable measures to facilitate or expand their co-operation.

To that end, biennial cooperation programmes shall be agreed upon concerning issues of mutual interest; these programmes shall be subject to yearly review, for purposes of assessing and adjusting them, if necessary.

DONE at Montevideo, in two equally authentic copies, on 11 May 1981.

For the Executive Secretariat of the Economic Commission
for Latin America:

[Signed]

ENRIQUE IGLESIAS
Executive Secretary

For the General Secretariat
of the Latin American Integration Association:

[Signed]

JULIO CÉSAR SCHUPP
Secretary-General
