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EO 12065: NA  
TAGS: OCON, ECLA, UN  
SUBJECT: ECLA PLENARY CONFERENCE: COMMITTEE II (INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES/PROGRAM OF WORK)

REF: LA PAZ 3493

1. SUMMARY. AS OF EVENING OF APRIL 21, COMMITTEE II'S WORK HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY COMPLETED, THE COMMITTEE HAVING FULLY DISCUSSED THE SECRETARIAT'S ACTIVITIES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE SECRETARIAT'S PROJECTED WORK PROGRAM FOR 1979-81, AND HAVING CONSIDERED 25 OUT OF 26 DRAFT RESOLUTIONS BEFORE IT. THE US DELEGATION PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE AND WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING GREATER CONCERN OVER THE NEED FOR BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE AND THE NEED TO STOP THE PROLIFERATING NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF ECLA. A VERY GOOD RESOLUTION ON DECENTRALIZATION (RESTRUCTURING) OF UN ACTIVITIES WAS ADOPTED WHICH INCORPORATES THE CONCEPT OF REDEPLOYING RESOURCES FROM NEW YORK TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSION TO ENABLE THE LATTER TO EFFECTIVELY ASSUME THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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GROWING RESPONSIBILITIES (TEXT TO BE SENT SEPTEL). ONLY REMAINING BUSINESS ON COMMITTEE II AGENDA IS CONSIDERATION OF URUGUAYAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ENERGY WHICH IS STILL BEFORE LATIN AMERICAN WORKING GROUP AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE II REPORT WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO PLENARY.  
END SUMMARY.

2. COMMITTEE II, WHICH WAS ASSIGNED TO REVIEW THE SECRETARIAT'S ACTIVITIES AND WORK PROGRAM, HAS COMPLETED VIRTUALLY ALL ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA AND DEALT WITH 25 DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. IN ADDITION TO THE RESOLUTIONS NOTED IN REFTEL, THE FOLLOWING NINE RESOLUTIONS WERE ALSO CONSIDERED:

(A) COM II/19: WITHDRAWN

(B) COM II/21

SPONSOR: VENEZUELA

SUBJECT: AMENDS RESOLUTION 13

US POSITION: YES, WITH RESERVATION

COMMENT: OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE ON GRADUATION REMOVED,

US SUPPORTED CONSENSUS

(C) COM II/22: WITHDRAWN

(D) COM II/23:

SPONSOR: ARGENTINA, COSTA RICA, CUBA, EL SALVADOR,  
GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, VENEZUELA

SUBJECT: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROJECTIONS

US POSITION: YES

(E) COM II/24

SPONSOR: URUGUAY

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SUBJECT: DECENTRALIZATION OF UN ACTIVITIES

US POSITION: YES

COMMENT: APPROVED WITH US AMENDMENTS ON TRANSFER  
AND REDEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES.

(F) COM II/25

SPONSOR: BOLIVIA

SUBJECT: THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND THE SHAPING OF  
THE COMING GENERATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

US POSITION: YES

(G) COM II/26

SPONSOR: URUGUAY

SUBJECT: ENERGY

US POSITION: TO BE DECIDED

COMMENT: REMANDED TO WORKING GROUP

(H) COM II/27

SPONSOR: CUBA, GUATEMALA, MEXICO

SUBJECT: REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT.

US POSITION: NO

COMMENT: US OPPOSED CREATION OF ECLA INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE. NO CONSENSUS BY COMMITTEE.

(I) COM II/28

SPONSOR: COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS

SUBJECT: METHODOLOGICAL RESEARACH FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE PATRIMONY OF RESOURCES IN THE SYSTEM OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS.

US POSITION: NO

COMMENT: US OPPOSED BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.  
NO CONSENSUS BY COMMITTEE.

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THE GREATEST NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED BY CONSENSUS WITH LITTLE OR NO DEBATE, BUT SEVERAL PROVED TROUBLESOME FOR THE COMMITTEE. NO VOTES WERE TAKEN, EVEN WHEN STRONG DIFFERENCES OF OPINION EMERGED AND SEVERAL OF THE MORE CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS WERE EITHER WITHDRAWN, SEVERELY WATERED DOWN, OR PASSED TO PLENARY FOR FINAL DISPOSITION WITHOUT CONSENSUS HAVING BEEN REACHED. IN THIS CATEGORY WERE A SURINAMESE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PROCLAMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF AUTOCHTHONOUS (INDIGENOUS) TRADITIONS WHICH WAS WATERED DOWN TO ASKING THE SECRETARIAT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A YEAR; A BOLIVIAN RESOLUTION FOR REMOTE SENSING SYSTEMS FOR THE STUDY OF NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH WAS KILLED IN FAVOR OF MORE INNOCUOUS REMOTE SENSING RESOLUTION BEFORE COMMITTEE III (WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE), SEE SEPTEL; A BOLIVIAN DRAFT

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ECLA TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
CREATING A LATIN AMERICAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FUND  
WHICH WAS PASSED TO COMMITTEE I WITHOUT CONSENSUS FOR  
FINAL DECISION; A MEXICAN, CUBAN, AND GUATEMALAN DRAFT  
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CREATING A NEW ECLA COMMITTEE ON  
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HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TO MEET BEFORE THE END OF 1979 WHICH  
WAS WATERED DOWN TO A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SESSIONAL  
COMMITTEE OF FUTURE ECLA PLENARY SESSIONS TO CONSIDER  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ISSUES; AND A COSTA RICAN DRAFT  
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR METHODOLOGICAL RESEARCH FOR THE  
INCLUSION OF THE PATRIMONY OF RESOURCES IN THE SYSTEM  
OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS WHICH WAS WITHDRAWN (FOR THE  
COGNIZANT THIS MEANS QUANTIFYING NATURAL RESOURCE  
ENDOWMENT AND THEN INCORPORATING THE DEVELOPMENTAL  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL COST OF ECONOMIC GROWTH INTO  
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS).

3. THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THE US DELEGATION IN  
COMMITTEE II WAS THE TWIN THEME OF BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE  
AND THE NEED TO SET CLEAR PRIORITIES AMONG COMPETING  
PROGRAMS WHICH THE US DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO INJECT  
INTO THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS. THIS APPROACH  
WAS A CONSTANT NOTE IN US INTERVENTIONS AND BY THE END  
OF THE WEEK SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS (MOST  
NOTABLY COLOMBIA AND BRAZIL) JOINED OTHER DEVELOPED  
COUNTRY MEMBERS OF ECLA IN SUPPORT OF US CONCERNs.  
THIS POINT DID NOT SEEM TO BE MISSED BY ECLA SECRETARIAT.

4. SECOND MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF US DELEGATION IN  
COMMITTEE II WAS SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION WITH SECRE-  
TARIAT AND URUGUAY TO COME UP WITH VERY SATISFACTORY  
RESOLUTION ON DECENTRALIZATION OF UN ACTIVITIES. KEY  
POINT IN RESOLUTION FROM US POINT OF VIEW IS THAT IT  
CALLS UPON SYG TO DECENTRALIZE APPROPRIATE RESEARCH  
AND ANALYSIS ACTIVITIES FROM UN HEADQUARTERS TO  
ECLA IN ACCORD WITH THE RESTRUCTURING RESOLUTION (32/197)  
AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ECLA ADEQUATE BUDGETARY AND  
FINANCIAL RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY THROUGH REDEPLOYMENT,  
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IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMISSION'S CAPABILITIES.

5. A THIRD SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE US  
DELEGATION WAS THE AMENDMENT TO THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

RESOLUTION NOTED ABOVE. IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION (WHICH REPEATEDLY PROVED TO BE A USEFUL AND SKILLFUL ALLY IN CONTAINING POTENTIALLY COSTLY RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES AND/OR MEETINGS) THE US DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO PERSUADE THE COMMITTEE THAT A COSTLY NEW HUMAN SETTLEMENTS COMMITTEE NEED NOT BE ESTABLISHED AND MEET LATER THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO GIVE ADEQUATE DIRECTION TO THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DIVISION OF THE ECLA SECRETARIAT. INSTEAD A SESSIONAL COMMITTEE WILL BE CREATED DURING THE NEXT ECLA PLENARY TO WHICH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WILL BE ASKED TO SEND EXPERTS.

6. OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS WERE: THE DELETION OF NEGATIVE REFERENCES TO THE PRINCIPLE OF "GRADUATION" CONTAINED IN A RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM SPONSORED BY CHILE, GUATEMALA, URUGUAY, AND VENEZUELA; DISCRETE US SUPPORT FOR A BOLIVIAN RESOLUTION CALLING ON ECLA TO STUDY THE CAUSE, EFFECTS, AND MOST APPROPRIATE REMEDIES FOR THE MIGRATION OF UNSKILLED LABORERS FROM THE LESS DEVELOPED TO OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION; AND OPEN AND EXPLICIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT THAT THEY OPERATE UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF NO NET REAL GROWTH IN THE ECLA BUDGET.  
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