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On Behalf of GRULAC**

**on Agenda Item 21
"Cooperation Between the United Nations
and the Latin American System" (SELA)**

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Mr. President

On behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, I have the honour to present the draft resolution entitled: "Cooperation between the United Nations and Latin American System (SELA) contained in document A/56/L43 further to the statement I made on December 9, 2001, in connection with the report of the Secretary General (Doc. A/56/171).

This resolution which is presented biennially to the General Assembly, aims at encouraging greater cooperation in support of economic and social development in the region between SELA and the United Nations organizations, agencies and programmes, particularly the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

The draft before us is essentially an update of A/54/8 that was adopted by consensus during the 54th Session of the General Assembly in 1999.

In the preambular part of the draft resolution, reference is made, *inter-alia* to the Agreement between the United Nations and SELA in which both parties agree to strengthen and expand their cooperation in matters that are of common concern in the field of their respective competence, further to their constitutional instruments. Reference is also made to the joint activities that the Latin American Economic System is developing with the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system.

Finally, the preambular part of the resolution welcomes the continued monitoring and changes in the treatment of topics relating to the United Nations system, in close contact with the delegations of member states participating in such deliberations.

In the operative part of the draft resolution, the General Assembly:

- urges the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to continue deepening its coordination and mutual support with the Latin American Economic System;
- Urges the UNDP to continue its financial and technical cooperation programmes that the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System is carrying out in areas of mutual interest and concern;
- Urges the specialized agencies and other funds and programmes of the United Nations System to continue and intensify their support for and cooperation in the activities of the Latin American Economic System .

In operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly reiterates its request that both the Secretary General of the United Nations and the Permanent Secretary of SELA assess the implementation of the Agreement between the two bodies, and report to the General Assembly at its 58th Session.

In operative paragraph 6, the Secretary General is requested to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly at its 58th Session.

Mr. President,

I wish to conclude by commending the draft resolution contained in document A/56/43 for adoption by consensus.