



in support of integration efforts, through the Regional Coordination Mechanism and in consultation with other regional and subregional organizations.

II. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013

5. The activities to be carried out relate to programme 17, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6/Rev.1). They also fall under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (A/66/6 (Sect. 21)). The adoption of the draft resolution would not require modification of the programme of work under programme 17.

III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

6. Taking into account the organizational structure approved by the General Assembly for ECLAC for the biennium 2012-2013, the capacity of its Executive Secretary to simultaneously maintain a high-level policy engagement with member States and actively participate in the decision-making process, both internally at the

requiring proper coordination and control. Each of the above-mentioned offices discharges complex programmatic and

IV. Estimated resource and staffing requirements for the biennium 2012-2013

14. To ensure enhanced support and assistance to the Commission to fulfil the request from member States in Commission resolution 674 (XXXIV), it is proposed that two existing posts be reclassified.

15. As detailed in paragraphs 10 and 11 above, it is therefore proposed that two existing posts be reclassified as follows:

(a) A D-1 post to the D-2 level, to carry out the duties of Director of the subregional headquarters in Mexico, under subprogramme 12, Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America, which would result in a net increase of \$13,400;

(b) A P-4 post to the P-5 level, to carry out the duties of Political Affairs Officer in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in Santiago, under executive direction and management, which would result in a net increase of \$26,200.

16. The estimated net increase resulting from the proposed upward reclassifications for 2013 would be offset by the proposed abolition of one existing P-2 post from the Economic Development Division in Santiago, under subprogramme 3, Macroeconomic policies and growth, which would result in savings of \$105,800.

17. The functions of the post proposed for abolition will be absorbed by the remaining staff of the division. The proposed abolition would therefore have no negative impact on programme delivery of the organizational unit.

18. The estimated net resulting cost of the above would result in savings of \$66,200 for the year 2013, as detailed in table 1 below. Table 2 details changes to the overall staffing requirements.

Table 1
Summary of total resource requirements (net)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>Initial appropriation 2012-2013</i>
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