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In reference to the request for input related to the work of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities for the fiftieth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has highlighted some experiences and practices related to the long-term sustainability of outer space activities.

ECLAC most recently had the privilege to be part of United Nations/Chile Workshop on Space Technology Applications for Socio-Economic Benefits, organized by the Office for Outer Space Affairs and held on 12-16 November 2012 in Santiago, Chile, where the Outcomes of Rio+20 and the Post-2015 Agenda, from the perspective from Latin America and the Caribbean, were highlighted. The presentations can be found on the Space Workshop web page: www.spaceworkshop-chile2012.cl/en/presentations.

ECLAC also held a seminar at ECLAC on 22-23 October 2012 on ICT and Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: experiences and policy initiatives. Especially in session 4 on “Adaptation and prevention of the negative effects of climate change, deployment of early warning systems and prevention of catastrophes”, the important uses of satellite information and remote sensing were presented. ECLAC believes that these have a large role in the prevention and early warning for natural disasters and climate change adaptation. A summary of the event along with the presentations and audio can be found at <http://media.eclac.org/tic>.

Considering the above, ECLAC supports the work of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities and the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, and establishes its willingness to contribute and support their work in Latin America and the Caribbean. ECLAC believes that the framework, tools and results obtained can allow increased interregional cooperation.