Inter-American Dialogue Presents Alternative To U.S. Baker Plan For Relief To Debtor Nations

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The Washington-based Inter-American Dialogue, headed by Sol Linowitz, former US ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS) and major US negotiator of the Panama Canal treaties (Carter administration), presented an alternative proposal to the US Baker Plan three weeks ago. The IAD proposal calls for $20 billion in supplementary resources to be made available on an annual basis to debtor nations. In particular, the document states that adequate financial resources for economic development must be provided to Argentina, Ecuador, Chile, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The IAD proposal consists of three major elements for alleviating the negative effects of the debt crisis, and reestablishing economic growth via new productive investments in the region: 1) restructuring the current debt of all Latin American nations; 2) the quantity of financial resources provided to Latin America must be doubled (to total $100 billion in a three-year period), and 3) interest rate reduction. (Basic data from EXCELSIOR, 9/12/86)

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