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## A. INTRODUCTION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), through its Population Division (CELADE), is preparing a review paper to be delivered at the meeting of the ECLAC sessional

than 20% of their nationals live abroad; in the case of some Latin American countries, namely, Cuba, El Salvador, Mexico, Dominican Republic and Uruguay, the percentages range between 8% and 15%.

Towards 2004, the Latin American and Caribbean population in the United States stood at 18 million, more than half of the total immigrant stock in this country. Together with their descendents born in the United States, these immigrants, identified ethnically as “Latinos” currently represent the largest

