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Twenty-second session of the Committee of the Whole and  
Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group  
established pursuant to resolution 553(XXVI)

New York, 20 April 2004

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**



## **A. BACKGROUND**

1. By resolution 553(XXVI), adopted at the twenty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Commission established an ad hoc working group open to all ECLAC member countries, with the mandate of defining, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, priorities for the work programme and of recommending to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities, taking into account the development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as budgetary considerations. This mandate was renewed at the twenty-seventh session by resolution 565(XXVII), at the twenty-eighth session by resolution 578(XXVIII) and at the twenty-ninth session by resolution 598(XXIX), in which the Ad Hoc Working Group was requested to continue collaborating with the Executive Secretary in carrying out its mandate under resolution 553(XXVI), taking into account the objectives and commitments agreed upon in the Millennium Declaration.
2. The Committee of the Whole is an ECLAC body established to enable member Governments to meet between the official sessions of the Commission.

## **B. ANNOTATED AGENDA**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The delegations will have before them the following provisional agenda for their consideration and adoption:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean: strategic directions for the Commission's future activities
3. Priorities of the member countries
4. Strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007
5. Follow-up of United Nations world conferences and summits, with special emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals; collaboration and coordination among United Nations agencies in the region
6. Thirtieth session of ECLAC
7. Other matters

## **2. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean: strategic directions for the Commission's future activities**

The Executive Secretary will present an overview of the economic and social situation in Latin America and the Caribbean and will identify the five priority challenges which, in his view, ECLAC should address in the coming years, namely: hemispheric integration, productive development, international migration, social cohesiveness and sustainable development. He will also identify the activities which the Commission is in a position to carry out in these areas.

## **3. Priorities of the member countries**

Under this agenda item, delegations will have the opportunity to bring to the attention of the ECLAC secretariat those issues within the Commission's mandate which they consider important and which the secretariat should address on a priority basis in the future.

## **4. Strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007**

The Committee of the Whole of ECLAC will have before it for its consideration a note by the secretariat on the preparation of the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007. In this connection, attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare, for submission to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, a strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007, comprising Part One: Plan outline and Part Two: Biennial programme plan, which would replace the current medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

The Committee of the Whole of ECLAC is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for programme 18: Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be executed by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and to provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be first submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fourth session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session when it considers the Secretary-General's proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007.

## **5. Follow-up of United Nations world conferences and summits, with special emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals; collaboration and coordination among United Nations agencies in the region**

The secretariat will give a brief account of the activities being carried out pursuant to the mandates of the General Assembly, which, in successive resolutions, has given the regional commissions the task of preparing for and following up on world conferences and summits. Currently, the secretariat is working to ensure that regional activities in follow-up to these conferences and summits are better coordinated and more consistent with the fulfilment of those Millennium Development Goals that are within its sphere of action and competence. It will also report on the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Mexico City from 10 to 12 June 2004.

In addition, the delegations will be informed of the activities that ECLAC has been carrying out in the region, in collaboration with other United Nations agencies, for the systematic monitoring of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

#### **6. Thirtieth session of ECLAC**

The secretariat will provide delegations with preliminary information on the agenda and organization of work proposed for the thirtieth session of the Commission (San Juan, Puerto Rico, 28 June-2 July 2004).

#### **7. Other matters**

Under this item, the delegations will consider any other issues they may wish to raise.

