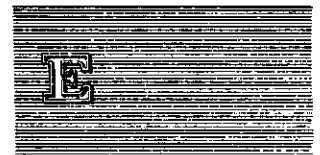


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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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I. INTRODUCTION

The seventeenth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLA is convened in accordance with the terms of ECLA resolution 465(XX) on the programme of work and calendar of conferences of ECLA, adopted at the twentieth session of the Commission. This meeting of the Committee of the Whole has been added to the calendar of conferences at the request of several delegations, mainly in order to deal with the programme of work of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) for the biennium 1986-1987. The time available for preparing this meeting was therefore very short, and as the eighth session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) took place only very recently, between 6 and 12 June, the Secretariat has not been able to distribute the final report of that session, which is the principal working document of the Committee of the Whole, within the time limits laid down in the Rules of Procedure. In addition, in response to a request made by the representative of El Salvador on 6 April 1984 at the twentieth session of ECLA, the Secretariat has prepared a document on the evolution of the economy of that country, and for the same reason it has not been possible to distribute this document as much in advance as was desired either.

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III. ANNOTATIONS ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Officers

Rule 16 of the ECLA Rules of Procedure provides for the election of a group of Officers at the beginning of each session of the Commission in order to direct the debates. On previous occasions, the Officers elected at the last session of the Commission have been asked to continue in office and to fulfill the same functions at the meetings of the Committee of the Whole held between the sessions of the Commission. If this practice is followed, then the following countries which made up the Officers of the twentieth session of ECLA (Lima, 29 March-6 April 1984) would be responsible for directing the work of this session of the Committee of the Whole:

Chairman: Peru

First Vice-Chairman: Argentina

Second Vice-Chairman: Trinidad and Tobago

Third Vice-Chairman: Nicaragua

Rapporteur: Spain

2. Adoption of the agenda

Delegates will have before them for their consideration and possible approval the provisional agenda (E/CEPAL/PLEN.17/L.1) which was also reproduced in part II of the present document.

3. Report of the eighth session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC), Port-au-Prince, 6-12 June 1984

a) CDCC programme of work for the biennium 1986-1987

It is recalled to delegates that when the programme of work of the Commission was approved at the twentieth session, the member governments indicated their desire that the programme of work of the CDCC should be approved by the member countries of that Committee before being submitted to the Commission. This programme of work is contained in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/109 and Corr. 1 and 2 in the report of the eighth session of the CDCC, which contains a record of the amendments decided on by the members of the CDCC.

b) Other business

The Secretariat will make a presentation of the conclusions and recommendations approved by the CDCC at its eighth session, as well as any other points requiring the attention of the ECLA Committee of the Whole.

4. Matters to be submitted for the consideration of the United Nations Economic and Social Council

a) ECLA calendar of conferences

In its resolution 465(XX) ECLA approved the calendar of conferences for the period 1984-1986 reproduced in annex 1 of this document. Furthermore, in the report of the twentieth session it was noted that the date of the Latin American Regional Preparatory Meeting for the forthcoming World Conference to review and appraise the achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, would be decided at the seventeenth session of the Committee of the Whole, bearing in mind Cuba's offer to host the meeting and the progress made in the studies being carried out by governments and the Secretariat in preparation for the Conference.

In accordance with consultations carried out with the Government of Cuba, the Secretariat proposes that the Regional Preparatory Meeting should be held from 19 to 22 November 1984.

The report of the twentieth session also noted that, as regards the possibility of holding an interregional consultation on developmental social welfare programmes and policies, several delegations observed that the mandate given by the Economic and Social Council was rather unclear and proposed that the meeting should be postponed until the period 1986-1987. Another delegation however, had emphasized the importance of the subject, and finally it had been agreed to consider the matter at the seventeenth session of the Committee of the Whole.

b) Decisions and recommendations adopted by ECLA at its twentieth session (Lima, 29 March-6 April 1984)

ECLA adopted a number of recommendations and resolutions which are given in the draft report of the twentieth session (document E/CEPAL/SES.20/G.32). Since some of these decisions must be confirmed or approved by the Economic and Social Council, the pertinent draft resolution which will be considered by the Economic and Social Council at its next session is attached for the information of delegates in annex 2.

5. Request by the Government of El Salvador for that country to be considered as a relatively less developed country for the effects of General Assembly resolution 2768(XXVII)

This item has been included in the provisional agenda for the seventeenth session of the Committee of the Whole in accordance with the request made by the Government of El Salvador at the twentieth session of the Commission. In this respect, the Secretariat has prepared a document entitled "El Salvador: principales rasgos de su evolución económica reciente" (E/CEPAL/PLEN.17/L.2).

CALENDAR OF ECLA INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES FOR THE PERIOD 1984-1986

| Year | Title | Place and date | Legislative authority | Source of financing |
|------|--|---|--|--|
| 1984 | Eighth Session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN): Appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for Latin America and the Caribbean, taking into account the current international economic crisis | Montevideo 18-23 January | ECLA resolutions 419 (PLEN. 14); 422 (XIX); 425 (XIX); 432 (XIX) and 449 (PLEN. 16) | ECLA regular budget |
| 1984 | Ninth Session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN): Science and technology for development | Montevideo 23 and 24 January | | |
| 1984 | Twentieth Session of ECLA | Lima, 29 March - 6 April | ECLA resolutions 432 (XIX) and 449 (PLEN. 16) | ECLA regular budget |
| 1984 | Eighth Session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) | Port au Prince June | ECLA resolutions 358 (XVI); 432 (XIX) and 449 (PLEN. 16) | |
| 1984 | Latin American Technical Meeting for the Fourth General Conference of UNCTAD | 7-10 May ECLA Headquarters | United Nations General Assembly resolution 38/192 | |
| 1984 | Latin American Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference to review and appraise the achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women | Cuba <u>a/</u> | The Conference was set up as a permanent subsidiary organ of ECLA, by decision of the Eleventh Extraordinary Session of the Committee of the Whole (E/CEPAL/AC.71/4) | United Nations Headquarters budget <u>b/</u> |
| | Seventeenth Session of the ECLA Committee of the Whole | United Nations Headquarters, New York <u>a/</u> | | |
| 1984 | Central American Economic Co-operation Committee | <u>c/</u> | ECLA resolution 9 (IV) | ECLA regular budget |
| 1985 | Latin American Regional Meeting to review the implementation of the Plan of Action for Youth | Spain <u>a/</u> | Para. 97 of the Regional Plan of Action for Latin America and the Caribbean for the International Youth Year (document E/CEPAL/SES.20/G.22) | |
| 1985 | Tenth Session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN) | <u>c/</u> | ECLA resolutions 310 (XIV); 419 (PLEN.14); 422 (XIX), para. 204; 425 (XIX) | ECLA regular budget |
| 1985 | Ninth Session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) | <u>c/</u> | ECLA resolution 358 (XV) | ECLA regular budget |
| 1985 | Eighteenth Session of the ECLA Committee of the whole | <u>c/</u> | ECLA resolution 419 (PLEN. 14) | ECLA regular budget |
| 1986 | Eleventh Session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN) | <u>c/</u> | ECLA resolutions 310 (XIV); 419 (PLEN.14); 422 (XIX), para. 204; 425 (XIX) | ECLA regular budget |
| 1986 | Tenth Session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) | <u>c/</u> | ECLA resolution 358 (XVI) | ECLA regular budget |
| 1986 | Twenty-first Session of ECLA | <u>c/</u> | ECLA resolution 449 (PLEN. 16) | ECLA regular budget |

a/ Date to be decided.

b/ A request has been made for the transfer of funds to ECLA.

c/ Place and date to be decided.

Annex 2

RESOLUTION 1984/ . ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA: MEMBERSHIP,
TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America, held in Lima, Peru, from 29 March to 6 April 1984,*/

Having considered the decisions and recommendations adopted by the Commission at that session,**/

I

MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

1. Approves the title "Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean" as the new name of the Commission, as recommended in ECLA resolution 455 (XX), and authorizes the Secretariat to continue using the symbol "CEPAL" to refer to the Commission in Spanish;

2. Endorses ECLA resolution 452 (XX) welcoming the application by the Government of Portugal for the admission of that country as a member of the Commission;

3. Also approves the Commission's recommendation that the words "región de las Antillas" should be replaced by the words "región del Caribe" in the Spanish text of the ECLA Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure and that the words "région des Antilles" should be replaced by "région des Caraïbes" in the French version of the same text;

4. Decides, therefore, to make the necessary changes in the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Commission in order to incorporate the decisions referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 above;

5. Takes note with satisfaction of ECLA resolutions 454 (XX) and 455 (XX) whereby the Commission decided to admit the United States Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands as associate members of the Commission;

*/ See Document E/CEPAL/G.1310.

**/ Ibid.

II

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

6. Endorses ECLA resolution 465 (XX) on the programme of work and calendar of conferences of ECLA, and especially the recommendations therein regarding the holding by ECLA of regional preparatory meetings for United Nations world conferences and the allocation of additional resources for the holding in 1985 of a regional meeting to appraise the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for Latin America and the Caribbean for the International Youth Year.