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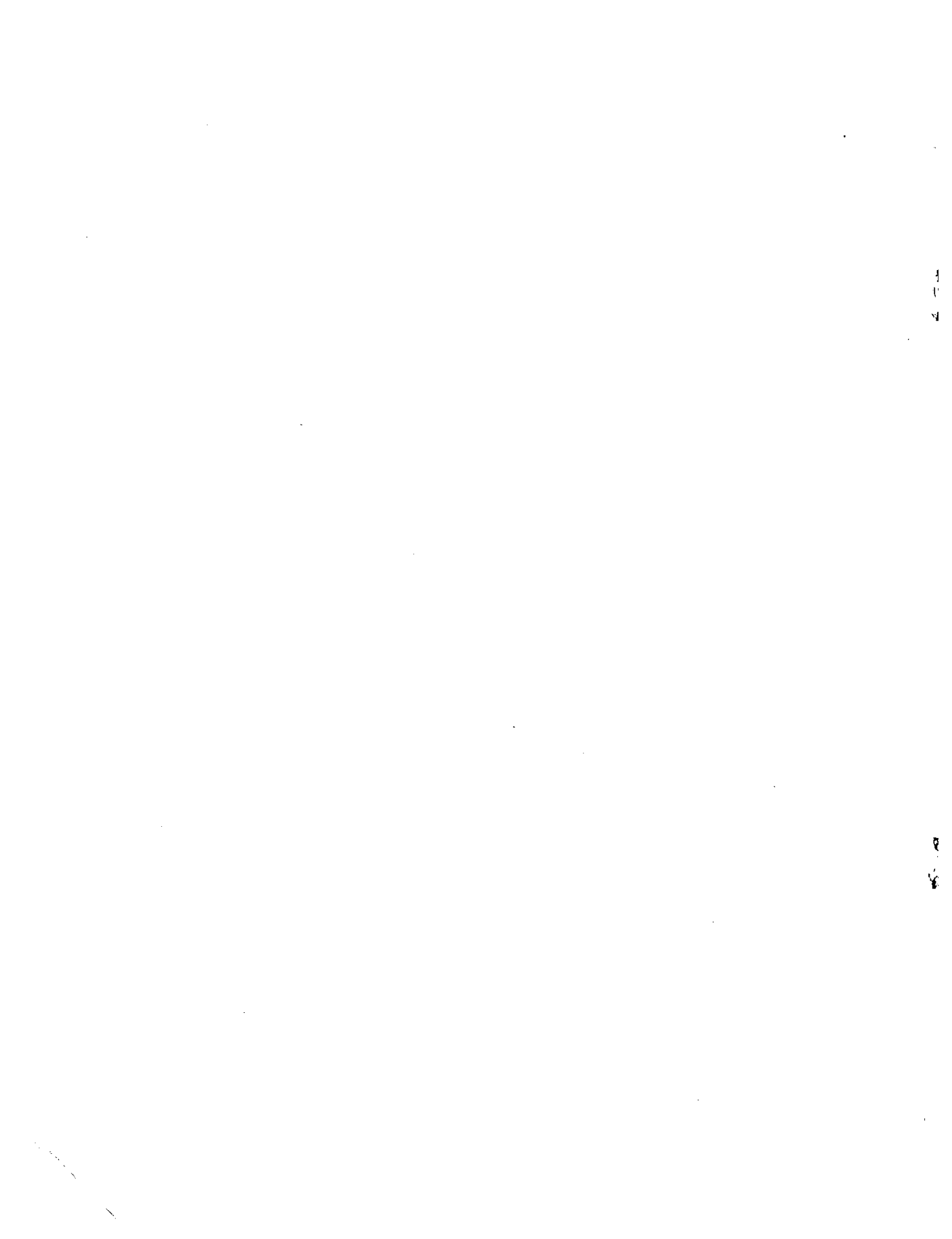
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



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Organization of Work

In conformity with the practice established at its First Session in Havana, the Second Session of the CDCC will be divided into a Technical Level Meeting from 16 to 19 March and a Ministerial Level Meeting from 21 to 22 March.

1. Opening Addresses

The Ministerial Level phase will be preceded by a formal inaugural ceremony scheduled for the morning of 21 March the details of which including the opening addresses will be announced in the corresponding order of the day.

2. Election of Officers

Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure provides that "the Chairman of the Committee shall be the Minister designated as ex-officio member of the Committee by the host country of the session and elected by the Committee."

Rule 7 states that at "each session the Committee shall also elect two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, who may be Ministers, advisers or experts."

At the Committee's First Session in Havana it was agreed that subject to appropriate changes of rank, the officers of the Ministerial Level Meeting should come from the same countries as the corresponding officers of the Technical Level Meeting.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/10, subject to the changes which may be introduced by delegates, is intended to serve for both levels of meetings, it being understood that the conclusions and recommendations of the Technical Level Meeting will constitute the main basis for the discussion at the Ministerial Level.

4. Co-ordination of the Programme of Work of CDCC

(a) Report of the Inter-Agency Meeting (New York, 28-30 June 1976)

Document - UN Inter-Agency Meeting on Co-ordination for Implementation of the Work Programme of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (E/CEPAL/CDCC/11).

The programme of the CDCC, as approved by the First Session of the CDCC (document E/CEPAL/CDCC/8/Rev.1, Annex 3), stresses the need for a pragmatic approach with emphasis on sub-regional co-operation. The prime focus is centred on developing the possibilities for collective efforts in the sub-region, and the adoption of strategies especially suited to the needs and characteristics of the area. In addition to actions by the Governments themselves, it was seen as very important to promote and achieve greater co-ordination of technical support not only on the part of the ECLA system but from the United Nations family of organizations as a whole. Accordingly, an Inter-Agency Meeting was convened in New York on 28-30 June 1976.

It should be noted that the discussions were conducted against a background of stringency within the UN system which severely restricts the scope for traditional support to projects of technical co-operation. In this context attention was devoted to:

- (a) identifying activities on which it was possible for support to be given to the CDCC programme within the scope of already budgeted programmes;
- (b) indicating subject areas which need greater precision of definition so that inputs and the ways in which they may be combined can be spelled out more precisely;
- (c) isolating those areas of the CDCC programme for which no clear support is evident and which may involve going back to the Governments.

Tables 1, 2 and 3 at pages 16-32 of the document, list the activities in a corresponding framework.

(b) Report of the CDCC Secretariat

- Documents - Review of Activities since the First Session of the CDCC (E/CEPAL/CDCC/12)
- Agricultural Statistics of the Caribbean Countries - August 1976 (E/CEPAL/CDCC/13)
 - Preliminary Draft Directory of Associations of Producers, Dealers and Exporters of Agricultural and Livestock Products of the Caribbean Countries (E/CEPAL/CDCC/14)
 - Economic Activity - 1975 - Caribbean Community Countries (E/CEPAL/CDCC/15)
 - Caribbean Documentation Centre (E/CEPAL/CDCC/16/Rev.1)

Under this sub-head a review of activities since the First Session of the CDCC, November 1975 to March 1977, is presented. It is sub-divided as follows:

- (i) Implementation of the CDCC Work Programme;
- (ii) General economic development, statistics, and advisory services;
- (iii) Co-ordination with international and regional bodies.

Under point (i), the Secretariat presents the activities undertaken by the Office for the Caribbean according to the classification and ordering of the work programme. Reports and publications issued are noted. Under point (ii), general economic and statistical work undertaken is presented together with publications issued; technical assistance rendered to individual countries is also presented. Under point (iii), the efforts and results of collaboration with international and regional bodies are presented.

5. Programme of activities including specialised meetings

(a) ECLA Office for the Caribbean:

Documents - Programme of Activities proposed up to the Third Session of the CDCC (E/CEPAL/CDCC/18)

- Joint ECLA/UNESCO Programme (E/CEPAL/CDCC/19)

Under this sub-head, the work programme for the period between the second session and third session of the CDCC is presented. It is sub-divided into four parts as follows:

- (i) Work Programme mandated by the CDCC at First Session, Havana, 1975: the items proposed follow the classification and mandates given at that session. Essentially, the work will be undertaken by staff at the ECLA Office for the Caribbean. However, there is need for extra-budgetary finance, commissioning of special studies and projects for which no specific financial provision has as yet been made, and assistance of member Governments in the provision of experts to undertake specific studies; projects with such requirements have also been included and are noted accordingly.
- (ii) Work mandated by the CDCC at the First Session, but for which no specific action is proposed: this includes one important area viz. Coastal Area Development for which there is no staff member to maintain continuing action.

- (iii) General activities of an economic nature, including technical assistance on request and on ad hoc basis, undertaken under previous ECLA mandates.
- (iv) A joint ECLA/UNEP two-year (1977/1978) project leading to an action programme for environmental management of the wider Caribbean area, including the CDCC region.

Besides reviewing the specialised meetings proposed during the First Session of the CDCC (See Report of the First Session E/CEPAL/CDCC/8/Rev.1) two new meetings at the Expert Level are suggested by the Secretariat, one for Librarians and Documentalists with reference to the Documentation Centre established at the ECLA Office for the Caribbean at Port of Spain (See E/CEPAL/CDCC/16/Rev.1 and E/CEPAL/CDCC/19 Section 1) and the other with regard to measures and programmes to overcome language barriers (See E/CEPAL/CDCC/19 Section 11).

(b) UN and Specialized Agencies

The outcome of the Inter-Agency Meeting held in New York, June, 1976 is presented in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/11 (cf. item 4(a) above). Efforts have been made to obtain from the Agencies a more precise definition of their projects, the nature and scope of the resources, and the time-frame of the activities. A paper incorporating this information will be presented during the session.

6. Conclusions and recommendations of regional meetings sponsored by ECLA and their application within the CDCC area

- (a) ECLA/FAO Food Conference;
- (b) Regional Preparatory Meeting of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for United Nations Water Conference;
- (c) Regional Latin American Meeting on Human Settlements.

Document - Conclusions and Recommendations of ECLA Regional Meetings and application within CDCC area (E/CEPAL/CDCC/20)

The titles of the agenda item and of the document give sufficient indication of the subjects of discussion.

7. Other matters

Members may wish to suggest other items for consideration.

8. Site and timing of Third Session

Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure provides that "regular sessions of the Committee shall be held once a year". The Committee will consider the invitations received from member Governments for the next session and will decide on a place and time.

9. Consideration and approval of report including possible financial implications

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