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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Development problems of the countries of the region and the Regional Programme of Action ^{*/} for the implementation of the International Development Strategy:
 - (i) Examination of the development problems facing the region, especially in connection with the effects and repercussions of the world economic crisis, and
 - (ii) Action to be taken to tackle problems and promote the economic and social development of the region.
4. Future programme of work of CEGAN.

^{*/} Adopted at the nineteenth session of CEPAL (document E/CEPAL/G.1176, pp. 204-240).

Notes on the agenda

1. As noted during the convocation of this session of CEGAN, the Secretariat is carrying out the mandates contained in resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the fourteenth session of the CEPAL Committee of the Whole and in resolution 422(XIX) and 425(XIX), which were adopted at the nineteenth session of the Commission. In accordance with these resolutions, CEGAN, which is composed of the developing member countries of CEPAL, should meet at least once per year in order to analyse and evaluate the implementation of the New International Development Strategy (IDS), placing special emphasis on the advances and obstacles encountered in this field, and on matters related to the implementation of the Regional Programme of Action.
2. Within the context of the mandates contained in the Regional Programme of Action, and taking into account the fact that the first appraisal of the third International Development Strategy is not scheduled until 1984, it has been proposed that the experts adopt the development problems facing the region as the central subject for analysis, particularly insofar as these problems relate to the effects and repercussions of the world crisis on the fulfilment of this strategy.
3. The Secretariat is confident that the topic in question will result in an interesting dialogue, particularly because the discussions in this regard will allow the governments to exchange ideas and viewpoints concerning the present international economic situation and its prospects, as well as because the conclusions reached by the Committee will provide valuable background information to be taken into consideration when the position of Latin America is formulated in the international negotiations held in various forums. This debate will therefore not only make it possible to continue to pursue the IDS objectives and to develop recommendations for its improved implementation, but will also make useful background information available to member governments of the Committee shortly before significant meetings of a world-wide nature are held, including UNCTAD VI.
4. In order to provide more complete information to participants, the Secretariat has prepared a supporting document for the presentation to be made by the Executive Secretary at the commencement of the discussions. (See E/CEPAL/CEGAN 6/L.2.) It is also suggested that in order to give the Committee's work greater flexibility, the results obtained should be presented in a report to be prepared by the Rapporteur with the assistance of the Secretariat.
5. It should be noted that during the preparation of the supporting document, an effort was made to incorporate, as far as possible, the latest information available in the region at the time it was written. The Executive Secretary will make reference to more up-to-date data at the opening of the discussions.
6. In conjunction with the general directions which emerge from the Committee's deliberations, the Secretariat hopes to receive specific mandates regarding coming activities and areas of work which the governments wish to submit to the consideration of CEGAN in future meetings, particularly those which are to be undertaken in 1983.

