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Present:

Dr. Dennis Irvine	—	Chairman (Guyana)
Mr. Iwan Kortram	—	Vice-Chairman (Suriname)
Ms. Merline Smith	—	Treasurer (Jamaica)
Dr. James de Vere Pitt	—	Member (Grenada)
Dr. John Spence	—	ECLA/CCST Secretariat

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
(AGENDA ITEM 1)

1.   The Draft Provisional Agenda (Annex I) was approved
after it was agreed that the Work Programme would be discussed as
Item 10, Any Other Business thus becoming Item 11.

MATTERS FROM CCST FIRST PLENARY SESSION
(AGENDA ITEM 2)

a)   Membership of Executive Committee

2.   It was agreed that member countries should be circular-
ized with the names of members of the CCST and of the Executive
Committee.

b)   Funding of the Work of the CCST

3.   It was decided that the report which the Economic Commission
for Latin America (ECLA) Office for the Caribbean will make to the
Sixth Session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee
(CDCC) would include the budgeted cost of the CCST Secretariat and
also details of the decision on funding which was taken at the Council
Meeting.

4.   Executive Committee members were authorized to seek funds for projects and to keep the Secretariat informed of such activities. In turn the Secretariat would circulate such information to all members of the Executive Committee. The Secretariat (ECLA/CCST) was also authorized to seek funds and to keep the members of the Executive Committee informed. It was agreed that final formal applications for funds would however be signed by the Chairman.

c)   Collaboration with Other Institutions

5.   The following were added to the list of possible collaborating institutions:

Aid Agencies
Swedish Aid
Academic Societies
National Academy of Sciences (USA)
Royal Society (UK)
Swedish Academy of Sciences (Sweden)
Regional Agencies
Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC)

6.   Institutions which would be extended invitations to attend regularly, meetings of the CCST were agreed on and the list is given as Annex II to these Minutes.

7.   It was agreed that a paper would be prepared by the Secretariat for the Extraordinary Plenary Session of the CCST on the association of the CCST with National Science Councils and similar bodies, and on the association of the CCST with bodies such as Interciencia and UNICA.

d)   Working Groups/Committees

8.   It was agreed that the Secretariat would write to each National Science Council, or similar body, and request submission of the names of nationals who could serve on the various Committees (except as indicated in minute 9 below). The CCST Executive Committee would then recommend to the Plenary Session, the names of members and of the Chairman.

9.   With respect to Agricultural Research it was agreed to request the

Directors of Crop Research and Livestock Research of CDCC member
countries to serve as well as the UWI Faculty of Agriculture and
the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).
The Caribbean Food Corporation (CFC), Agricultural Economics Society,
Plant Protection Society, Caribbean Food Crops Society, Inter-American
Institute for Co-operation in Agriculture (IICA), Caribbean Community
Secretariat (CARICOM) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture
Organization (FAO) would be requested to send observers to meetings
of the Committee.

10.   It was also agreed to set up a Committee on /New Technologies
(i.e. information systems, micro-processors and bio-technology)7.

e)   Permanent Secretariat

11.   It was proposed that the CCST might seek funds to appoint
a consultant to assist the ECLA/CDCC Secretariat with servicing the
CCST, with the intention that eventually governments would take over
funding of such a post. This would be an initial step towards the
setting up of a permanent secretariat of the CCST.

MATTERS FROM INFORMAL MEETING OF
REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES WHICH
PROVIDE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(AGENDA ITEM 3)   (ANNEX III)

12.   It was proposed that if there was any difficulty about ECLA
Office for the Caribbean receiving funds on behalf of the CCST that since
the Treasurer was a representative from Jamaica, an agency in that country
might be requested to handle funds on behalf of the CCST.

UNESCO'S MEDIUM TERM PLAN
(AGENDA ITEM 4)

13.   With respect to the UNESCO's Medium Term Plan it was agreed
that the Chairman would make an input to discussions on the plan in
Paris on behalf of the CCST.

LA PAZ MEETING OF
LATIN AMERICAN SCIENCE COUNCILS
(AGENDA ITEM 5)

14.   The La Paz meeting was discussed and it was agreed that the
Chairman would discuss the CCST input with UNESCO in Paris in addition
to which the ECLA/CCST Secretariat would endeavour to determine which
member countries would be attending.

VENUE AND DATE OF
SECOND (EXTRAORDINARY) PLENARY SESSION OF CCST
(AGENDA ITEM 6)

15.   It was agreed that the Extraordinary Plenary Session of the
CCST would be held in Guyana from 9-12 December 1981. The Chairman
was requested to pursue the arrangements for this meeting.

16.   The following additional Agenda Items were agreed following
discussions of the Draft Agenda for the Extraordinary Plenary Session
proposed at the First Plenary Session of the CCST:

    i)   Relationship with Other Institutions

    ii) Promotion of Professional Associations

    iii) Permanent Secretariat

    iv) UNESCO Medium Term Plan

    v)   Working Groups/Committees

    vi) Agenda and Date for Second Regular Session of the CCST.

17.   It was decided that CCST Plenary Sessions should be in closed
and open sessions with observers being present only for open sessions.
It was further decided that items i) and iii) above, as well as the
Review of the Work of the CCST which would take the form of a report by
the Executive Committee, should be in closed session. The proposed Agenda
is given in Annex IV to these Minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA, VENUE AND DATE
OF SECOND MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(AGENDA ITEM 7)

18.   It was decided to defer consideration of the Second Meeting of the Executive Committee but it was agreed that the next Regular Plenary Session should be held in Jamaica during May/June 1982.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OF CCST
(AGENDA ITEM 8)

19.   The decision was taken to publicize the CCST through the Press, Television and Radio as well as by Public Lectures and Panel discussions.

20.   The holding of a National Workshop in Trinidad and Tobago on Technology Transfer Management and New Technologies as a joint United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and CCST effort was endorsed. Also endorsed was the holding of a joint CCST, University of the West Indies (Faculty of Agriculture), International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) Workshop on Agricultural Research Management and the ECLA/CCST Secretariat was authorized to pursue these matters.

INVITATIONS TO PLENARY SESSIONS AND
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF CCST
(AGENDA ITEM 9)

21.   This Item was discussed under 2(i) above but it was also agreed that where there was any doubt as to the invitation list the Chairman would make the final decision.

WORK PROGRAMME
(AGENDA ITEM 10)

Project 1

22.   The meeting was informed that application had been made to

the United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development
(UNIFSTD) for funding of the First Workshop with good indication that
this would be approved.

23.   It was also agreed that the First Workshop would be held in
Suriname and the Vice-Chairman was requested to pursue this matter.

24.   Invitations would be issued to the following institutions
(some of whom would be requested to prepare background papers):

>   United Nations Centre for Science and Technology
>   for Development (UNCSTD)
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>   United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific
>   Organization (UNESCO)
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>   Organization of American States (OAS)
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>   United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
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>   United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
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>   United Nations Interim Food for Science and Technology
>   for Development (UNIFSTD)
>
>   Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)
>
>   Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
>
>   Caribbean Technology Policy Project - (University of
>   the West Indies/University of Guyana).

25.   · It was also agreed to invite National Co-ordinators from Guyana,
Jamaica and the Dominican Republic to prepare base study papers of their
respective countries.

26.   It was proposed and agreed that the meeting would be held in
October if the arrangements could be completed in time and that the ECLA/CCST
would provide Suriname with details of requirements for the Workshop in good
time.

27.   The ECLA/CCST Secretariat would write to the participating
governments requesting them to name National Co-ordinators.

Project 2

28.   The Chairman reported on fruitful discussions with
Dr. L. Campbell of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) at which it
was agreed that this project would be put to CDB for consideration
for funding. This was agreed to and it was further suggested that
the project should nevertheless be put to IDRC, OAS, UNESCO, UNIFSTD,
USAID, CIDA, EDF and CADEC.

29.   It was noted that material for the publication could come
from UNESCO and National Science Councils.

30.   It was agreed that an approach should be made to CONACYT
(Mexico) for collaboration in publishing a Spanish Edition but it was
also noted that Cuba might be able to provide assistance with this.

31.   It was also decided that the publication should be of the
magazine type and that a suitable name would have to be found.

32.   It was decided that the Chairman of the working groups/
committees would be invited to act as Editorial Advisers with the
ECLA/CCST Secretariat acting as general editor.

Project 3

33.   The existence of CARNEID was noted and the possible
collaboration that could develop between the two projects. The
Chairman was requested to approach UNESCO for funding of this project.

34.   The ECLA/CCST Secretariat was authorized to pursue the
matter of promotion of the project with local TV Stations.

Project 4

35.   It was agreed that this project should be put to IDRC by
the Chairman.

Project 5

36.   It was agreed that this project also be put to IDRC but the
approach to GTZ by the ECLA/CCST Secretariat was also noted.

Project 6

37.   It was agreed that in view of a similar project being pursued
by CDB that CCST would collaborate with the CDB and not pursue the project
separately at this stage.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
(AGENDA ITEM 11)

38.   It was decided that the format of Council would be such as would
be appropriate to a Council made of individual persons as members (nominated
by Governments) rather than the format that would be appropriate if it were
composed of countries.

39.   There being no further business the meeting ended.

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1.   Approval of Agenda

2.   Matters from First Plenary Session of the CCST
held from 28 June to 2 July 1981:-

     a)   Membership of Executive Committee

     b)   Funding of the Work of the CCST

     c)   Collaboration with Other Institutions

     d)   Working Groups/Committees

     e)   Permanent Secretariat

3.   Matters from Informal Meeting of Representatives
from Countries which would provide Membership of
the Executive Committee

4.   UNESCO's Medium Term Plan

5.   La Paz Meeting of Latin American Science Councils

6.   Venue and Date of Second (Extraordinary) Plenary
Session of the CCST

7.   Consideration of Agenda, Venue and Date of Second
Meeting of the Executive Committee

8.   Public Relations of the CCST

9.   Invitations ·to Plenary Sessions and Executive
Committee Meetings of the CCST

10.   Work Programme

11.   Any Other Business

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PROPOSED OBSERVERS AT CCST MEETINGS

United Nations System

Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC)

Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA)

Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

Centre for Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

United Nations Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development (UNIFSTD)

Inter-Governmental Agencies

Commonwealth Science Council (CSC)

Organization of American States (OAS)

National Councils for Science and Technology particularly from the Third World

Aid Agencies

Ford Foundation

International Foundation for Science (IFS - Sweden)

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

National Foundation for Science (NFS - USA)

Rockefeller Foundation

SAREC - Sweden

Regional Agencies

Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)

Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)

Inter-American Institute for Co-operation on Agriculture (IICA)

University of the West Indies (UWI)

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NOTES ON AN INFORMAL MEETING OF MEMBERS FROM
COUNTRIES WHOSE DESIGNATED MEMBERS WILL FORM THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CARIBBEAN COUNCIL FOR
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HELD IN BARBADOS ON 3 JULY 1981

Present:

Dr. U. Trots (Guyana)	-	Chairman
Ms. E. Eersel (Suriname) Mr. I. Kortram	-	Vice-Chairman
Ms. M. Smith (Jamaica)	-	Honorary Treasurer
Dr. J. de Vere Pitt (Grenada)	-	Member
Mr. W. Whittingham Dr. J. Spence	-	ECLA/CDCC Secretariat

1.   No formal agenda was adopted for the meeting and after full
discussion, decisions were taken on a number of matters referred to
the Executive Committee by the First Meeting of the CCST. It was
decided that:

2.   a) ECLA/CDCC Secretariat would draw to the attention of
            Governments that they all had the right to name two
            members to the CCST as well as two alternates, and
            that they would charge their representatives at any
            time (Article 5, 6 and 7 of the Statutes);

        b) When the report of the First Meeting of the CCST
            is circulated by the ECLA/CDCC Secretariat attention
            should be drawn to the recommendation on funding;

        c) All communications to Governments on CCST matters
            should be copied to the CCST members designated by
            Governments;

d) A meeting of the Executive Committee would be held in Barbados during the first week of August 1981;

e) UNESCO would be asked to allow the use of savings from the First Meeting of the CCST for financing the meeting of the Executive Committee referred to in 2 d) above;

f) The Provisional Agenda for this Meeting of the Executive Committee would be:

1) The Work Programme of the CCST

2) Funding of the Work Programme

3) Appointment of Committees and/or Working Groups

4) Secretariat of the CCST.

3. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR

SECOND EXTRAORDINARY PLENARY SESSION

OF THE CCST

1.   Approval of Agenda

2.   Review of Work of the CCST

3.   Funding of Proposals

4.   Progress of the Work Programme

5.   Any Other Business

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