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The tenth Executive Committee meeting directed the interim secretariat to undertake certain activities identified as contained in document LC/CAR/G.286/Rev.1; CCST/89/2. This report outlines the interim secretariat's activities in fulfillment of this mandate.

CCST budget performance

A statement (Annex 1) on contributions received as well as outstanding dues to date has been prepared. With reference to these figures, correspondence was sent in January to all member countries informing them of their arrears. As yet, however, there has been no response from any of the countries and the CCST account now contains US\$136.54.

Eleventh Executive Committee Meeting

Preparations for holding the eleventh Executive Committee meeting began in December, when the interim secretariat sent out correspondence requesting comments on proposed dates, 5 and 6 February.

While one country, Saint Lucia, responded that these dates were convenient, the meeting was subsequently postponed since it would not have been possible for all executive members to attend. This has affected planning of the next plenary session, as it will no longer be possible for that meeting to be held as previously scheduled: before the CARICOM Science and Technology Ministers Meeting in early April.

### National consultations for Belize and Saint Kitts and Nevis

Correspondence was sent out to both countries on holding their respective national consultations. Belize replied that the matter was being addressed by the Ministry of Education and the interim secretariat would be contacted shortly. It is expected that by the second week in March, the dates for the consultation for Saint Kitts and Nevis will have been finalized.

Work on the CCST newsletter continues. Two issues have been published since the last meeting and two others have been readied for publication.

### Inputs into the regional economic conference

The secretariat, through correspondence, has urged member countries to make inputs to their respective national consultations. The CARICOM Secretariat has been asked to provide CCST with documentation about the regional economic conference and on preparatory meetings. The secretariat has recently obtained guidelines for the national and regional consultations in preparation for the conference and is discussing with the authorities concerned to what extent it can make an input into section (d) which deals with science and technology policies. These guidelines are attached (Annex 2).

### Speakers for plenary session and regional science and technology conference.

As agreed, Dr Noel Brown has been invited to speak on the topic - Environment - during the next plenary session of CCST. Discussions are underway to identify another speaker for the regional economic conference.

### Report on CCST achievements

This report has been completed and is presented to the Executive Committee for its comments.

### CCST national focal points

Letters have been sent out to CCST member governments reminding them that each country is entitled to designate two Council members. One country, Saint Lucia, has written the interim secretariat on its designates, who are Mr Aloysius Barthelmy and Mr Cornelius Fevrier of the Energy, Science and Technology Unit of the Ministry of Planning.

### Other activities

The amended version of the CCST statutes was published and sent to member countries.

An edited version of the consultant's report on the establishment of a permanent secretariat for CCST was also distributed.

Preliminary discussions are being undertaken to determine the possibility of closer collaboration between the Patent Information and Documentation Unit of ECLAC/WIPO and CCST. Additionally, in the absence of an Agriculture Unit at ECLAC, Port-of-Spain, it may also be possible to have a revitalized CCST undertake some activities in this area, along with marine, environment and forestry science. In other words, it may be possible to have CCST deal with all activities with a scientific and technological component. This would be in keeping with the objective of the Council, as outlined in the statutes. Further discussions with ECLAC would be necessary to explore such possibilities.

A document can be prepared for circulation expanding those ideas, for the consideration of member countries prior to the next plenary session.

