Meeting on Removal of Language Barriers
Belize City, Belize
4 - 7 April 1978

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Convened under the auspices of the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), by the Caribbean
Development and Co-operation Committee Secretariat (CDCC) (United
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1. Exchange of information on foreign language teaching in Caribbean countries:

   (a) for international communication;

   (b) for national language policy reasons.

2. Identification of foreign language teaching needs:

   (a) Short term needs:

   - identification of target groups

   - foreign-language teaching for specific technical co-operative projects

   - rationalization of existing services

   - up-grading of existing institutions

   (b) Medium term needs:

   - reforms in education system (curriculum, materials, methodology, teacher training, research)

   - creation of machinery for new functions outside the education system (e.g. translation and interpretership)

   - the use of the media in reducing communication barriers.

3. Regional co-operation in development of foreign language teaching.

4. Utilisation of external sources of assistance.

5. Adoption of Final Report.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 4 April 1978

8.00 - 9.30   Registration of Participants

9.45 - 10.45AM :   OPENING SESSION

         Convenor - Belize Delegation

             Speakers:

            - Mr. Hamid Mohammed, Deputy Director
               United Nations CEPAL Office for the Caribbean
            - (To be announced)

COFFEE BREAK

11.00AM - 1.00PM :   SESSION I

         Convenor - Belize Delegation

    1. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE
       TEACHING IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

        (a) For international communication

2.30 - 5.30PM   :   SESSION II

         Convenor - Suriname Delegation

        (b) For national language policy reasons

Document for Sessions I and II:

"Initial Survey of Foreign Language Teaching Policies, Facilities
and Methodology in the Caribbean"

Delegates will be expected to make brief oral presentations on
national experience. These presentations should include problems
of dialects, national vs. official languages, pluri-lingual
situations and Creole.

Wednesday 5 April 1978

9.00 - 12.30PM   SESSION III

         Convenor - Republic of Cuba Delegation

    2.   IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN-LANGUAGE TEACHING NEEDS

(a) Short term needs -

  - Identification of target groups
  - Foreign-language teaching for specific technical co-operative projects
  - Rationalization of existing services
  - Up-grading of existing institutions

Document for Session III:

"Foreign-language teaching for Special Co-operation Projects"

2.00 - 5.30PM   SESSION IV

    Convenor - Trinidad and Tobago Delegation

(b) Medium term needs -

  - Reforms in education system (curriculum, materials, methodology, teacher-training, research)
  - Creation of machinery for new functions outside the education system (e.g. translation and interpretership)
  - The use of the media in reducing communication barriers

Documents for Session IV:

"Teacher-training in the Development of Foreign-language teaching"

"Translation and Interpretership Services"

"The Media in Foreign-language Teaching"
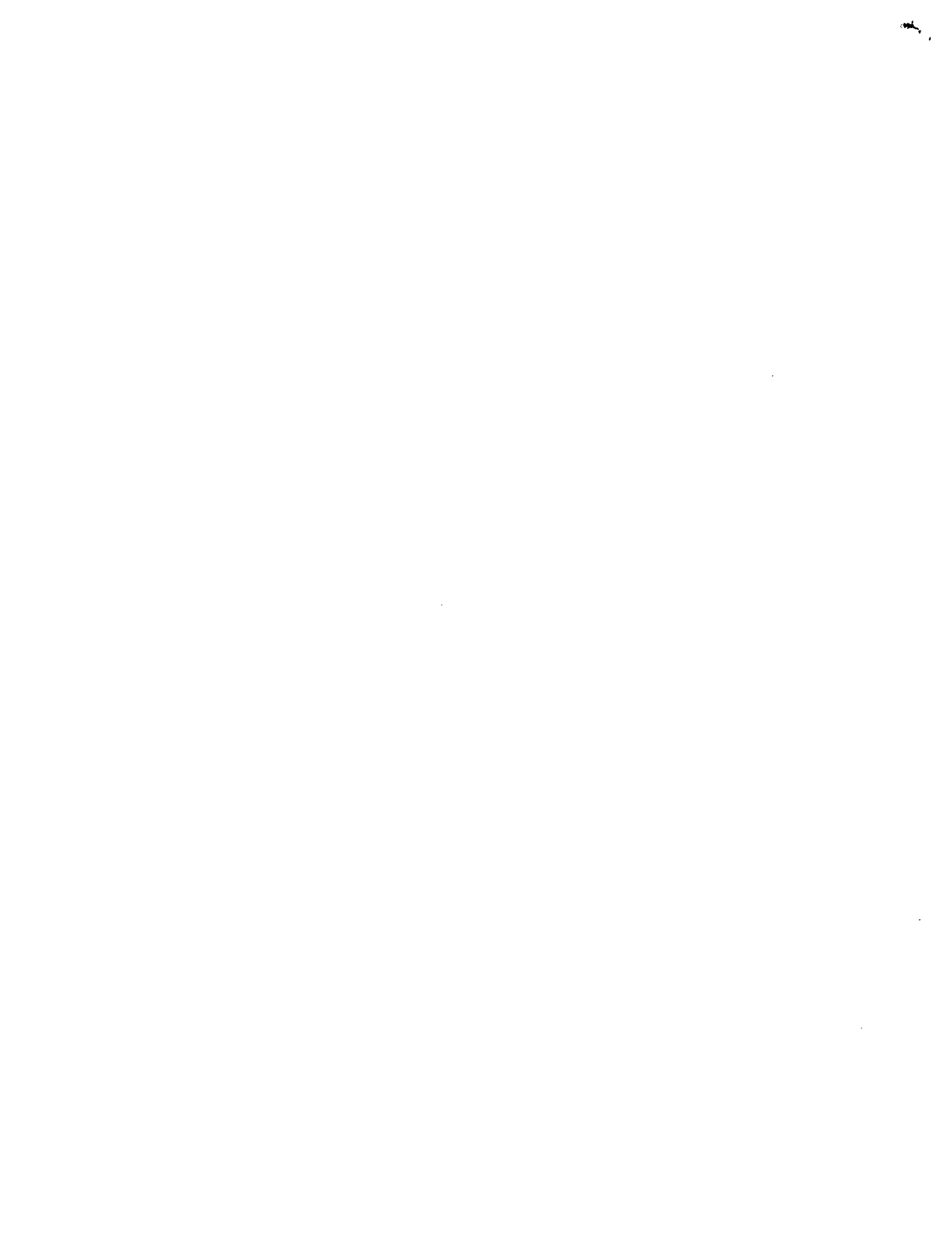
Thursday 6 April 1978

9.00 - 12.30PM)
2.00 - 5.30PM)   WORKING GROUP I

    Convenor - Guyana Delegation

    Rapporteur - Grenada Delegation

IDENTIFICATION OF TARGET GROUPS AND THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Thursday 6 April 1978

9.00 - 12.30PM)
2.00 - 5.30PM)   WORKING GROUP II

      Convenor - Dominican Republic Delegation

    Rapporteur - Bahamas Delegation

    3. REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN-LANGUAGE TEACHING

    4. UTILISATION OF EXTERNAL SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE

Friday 7 April 1978

11.00 - 12.30PM   SESSION V

    Convenor - Haiti Delegation

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS I AND II

Friday 7 April 1978

3.30 - 5.30PM   SESSION VI

    Convenor - Barbados Delegation

ADOPTION OF FINAL REPORT