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1. Opening statements

Opening statements will be made in the context of an "Opening Ceremony", by the Outgoing Chair, Dr Carlyle Corbin, (USVI), Mr José Luis Machinea, Executive Secretary of ECLAC; and the incoming Chairman, the Honourable Knowlson Gift, (Trinidad and Tobago).

2. Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 13, immediately prior to the inauguration of the Session, a meeting of ministers and alternates will convene to elect the Bureau (the Chair, 3 Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur). A breakfast meeting will be hosted by the Secretary of the Commission to facilitate the process. All decisions adopted at this ministerial caucus will be presented for endorsement by the Plenary, as the corresponding items are taken.

3. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Rule 13, the Agenda for the session will be adopted at the Meeting of Ministers and Alternates mentioned under Item 2 above.

4. Procedural matters and organization of work

These elements will also be adopted at the Meeting of Ministers and Alternates.

5. Social protection and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): A Caribbean Perspective

These items will be addressed in the format of a Panel on the morning of Day 1.

By addressing, within this session of the CDCC, the theme of *Social Protection* which is also the theme that will be the focus of the thirty-first Session of ECLAC which convenes in Uruguay in March 2006, the opportunity will be provided for Caribbean priority interests and concerns on these important subject areas to be introduced into the deliberations of that session of ECLAC, thus informing the content of its future work programmes. It is envisaged that the outcomes of the Panel presentations, commentary and general discussion will provide the basis for the adoption of a number of resolutions.

Presentations:

Mr Vincent Atkins representative of the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM) will deliver a presentation on behalf of Ambassador Richard Bernal Director-General on "The Globalization of the Health Care Industry: Opportunities for Developing Countries".

Mr Andras Uthoff, Officer-in-Charge of the Social Development Division, ECLAC, Santiago, will provide a preview of the content of the main documentation that will be presented to the thirty-first Session of ECLAC, on the theme of *Social Protection*. He will also review the work programme of the Social Development Division in Santiago, indicating its relevance to the Caribbean.

Ms Asha Kambon, Social Affairs Officer, ECLAC, Port of Spain will address the MDGs and social vulnerability in the Caribbean. Her presentation will link the issue of social vulnerability and social development in the Caribbean with key aspects of progress in the achievement of the MDGs, highlighting the way ahead in meeting these challenges.

Commentary:

These presentations will be followed by a commentary by Dr Dennis Brown, Lecturer, Department of Behavioural Sciences, University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

6. **Follow-up to the Mauritius Strategy for the further implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action**

Discussions in this Panel are expected to identify the priority interests and concerns arising from the *Mauritius Strategy,* in the context of the adoption of a Regional Work Programme to be pursued by the Caribbean during the first implementation period. That work programme is expected to feed into the preparation by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of an interregional work programme for presentation to the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD). Discussions under this item will take into account the outcomes of the *Interregional Meeting of SIDS on the Mauritius Strategy,* that convened in Rome, Italy, 15-16 November 2005, as well as those of the Caribbean Regional Meeting to follow up implementation of the Mauritius Strategy held in St Kitts and Nevis, 5-7 October 2005. A major expected outcome is a decision on a proposal emanating from the *Caribbean Regional Meeting* with respect to the creation of a regional mechanism for coordinating the implementation of the *Mauritius Strategy.* Delegations will recall, in this regard, the decision of the twelfth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee, which convened in Port of Spain, on 12 May 2005, to the effect that a progress report *"on developing an integrated, coordinated oversight mechanism for the implementation process following the Mauritius International Meeting be presented to the next CDCC meeting in 2006"*.

Presentations:

Presentations will be made by Mr Dennis Pantin, Senior Lecturer, Economics Department, University of the West Indies, St Augustine; Mr Garfield Barnwell, Director, Sustainable Development, CARICOM Secretariat and Dr Carlyle Corbin, Chairman of the Core Group of the Regional SIDS Meeting for Follow-up of the Mauritius Implementation Strategy.

The presentation by the CARICOM Secretariat will highlight its coordination of the preparation of a regional work programme to implement the Mauritius Strategy. In his presentation, Mr. Pantin will review the main challenges, as well as the prospects for the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy in the Caribbean.

Discussion:

Open discussion on the main issues contained in the presentations, with particular focus on proposals for implementing the Mauritius outcomes in the Caribbean and the outcome of the Core Group deliberations.

7.   Implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

The outcomes of the second Session of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) will be presented as a basis for the identification of elements of priority concern to the Caribbean, as well as of modalities by which ECLAC might further support the transition to a Caribbean Information Society. It is envisaged that the Session will adopt a resolution on this issue in both these contexts.

Presentations:

Presentations will be made by Mr Hernan Moreno, Division of Production, Productivity and Management, ECLAC, Santiago and Ms Sandra John, Chief of the Caribbean Knowledge Management Center, ECLAC, Port of Spain.

Commentary:

The presentations will be followed by commentary by Ms. Gillian MacIntyre, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration and Information, Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

8.   The ECLAC work programmes for 2004-2009, including the draft proposal for subregional activities in the Caribbean, 2008-2009

Presentations will be made on behalf of the Executive Secretary of ECLAC by Ms Marta Maurás, Secretary of the Commission; Mr Neil Pierre, Director of the Subregional Headquarters of ECLAC for the Caribbean; and the Mr Jorge Mattar, Deputy Director of the Subregional Headquarters of ECLAC, Mexico. Representatives of regional and international organizations will also be invited to address the issue of inter-institutional collaboration within their respective mandates.

It is envisaged that a number of resolutions will be adopted under this item.

The presentations:

The Secretary of the Commission will outline the ECLAC work programme as a whole, indicating recent achievements, the present situation and charting the course for the future. The relationship of the work programme to those of other regional secretariats, as well as its relevance to the Caribbean, will also be outlined.

The Director of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean will present a report on the accomplishments recorded in relation to the programme of work for the 2004-2005 biennium.   The main thrust of his presentation would be the draft programme of work for the 2008-2009 biennium and the repositioning of the Port of Spain Office, highlighting a number of activities envisaged for execution in the short-to-medium term, as well as new orientations to enable it to more adequately respond to the evolving challenges facing the subregion. The outputs determined for the 2008-2009 biennium will be submitted to the thirty-first Session of ECLAC for approval. The programme of work for the 2006-2007 biennium, as approved by the thirtieth Session of ECLAC, will also be tabled for comment.

A supporting document will incorporate a review of activities carried out since January 2004, with annexes covering publications, meetings, workshops and seminars convened during the biennium; technical assistance rendered to member countries and regional institutions; and implementation of extrabudgetary projects.   The Deputy Director of the Subregional Headquarters of ECLAC, Mexico, will make a presentation highlighting aspects of the work of that office that may impact on the Caribbean and identifying areas for collaboration between the two subregions.

Following these presentations, an example of the work being done by the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean will be demonstrated in a brief presentation by Ms Karoline Schmid, Population Affairs Officer, on the status of international and intraregional migration in the Caribbean.

9.   Adoption of decisions and resolutions

The Session will adopt such Decisions and Resolutions as it deems appropriate.

10.   Date and venue of the thirteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee

The Session will determine the dates and venue of the thirteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee. Alternatively, a procedure will be adopted for the determination of these aspects, for example, on the basis of consultations by the Secretariat, with the Chair and member countries.

11.   Other matters

Under this item, delegations and the Secretariat will have the opportunity to raise any matter of relevance to the CDCC that has not been addressed by the Session.

12.   **Closure**

The Session will be brought to closure by the Chair, following brief remarks by delegations and individuals desirous of so doing, under the direction of the Chair.