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The twelfth session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) is scheduled to be held at the technical level from 4-5 December 1989 and at the ministerial level from 7-8 December 1989. A meeting of heads of delegations at the technical level will be held at 9.00 a.m. on 4 December 1989 prior to the opening session scheduled for 10.00 a.m.

Item 1- Opening of meeting

The outgoing Chairman will declare the meeting open and conduct the election of the new bureau.

Item 2 - Election of officers

Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the CDCC provides that "the Chairman of the Committee shall be the Minister designated as ex officio member of the Committee by the host country of the session and elected by the Committee".

Rule 7 states that "at each session the Committee shall also elect two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur who may be Ministers, Advisers or Experts".

In accordance with practice, the officers comprising the bureau of the technical level meeting should come from the same countries as the corresponding officers of the ministerial level meeting.

It is proposed that the composition of the new bureau should be discussed at the meeting of heads of delegations at the technical level to be held on 4 December 1989.

Item 3 - Addresses

The ministerial level meeting will be preceded by a formal inaugural ceremony scheduled for 7 December 1989. Addresses will be given by the outgoing Chairman, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the incoming Chairman of the Committee. The names of other persons to give addresses will be announced in the Order of the Day for Thursday 7 December 1989.

Item 4 - Adoption of agenda and organization of work

The agenda of the session and the organization of work will be considered at the meeting of heads of delegations of Member Governments.

The Draft Provisional Agenda document proposed by the Secretariat, (document LC/CAR/G.280), subject to changes which may be introduced by delegates, is intended to serve for both levels of meetings. The report of the technical level meeting, including conclusions and recommendations, constitutes the main basis for the discussions at the ministerial level.

Item 5 - Implementation of the work programme of the CDCC (1988-1989)

Document LC/CAR/G.281 covers the activities of the secretariat since the eleventh session held in St. Croix from 18 November 1988. The text refers to the work programme areas included in the final report of the eleventh session of CDCC (LC/CAR/263 Rev.1) as well as document LC/CAR/G.258, and covers activities accomplished, activities postponed or discontinued, and specific authority, endorsement and support requested of the Committee.

Item 6 - A programme of action in support of small-island developing countries

At the eleventh session of CDCC the Committee adopted an Action Plan for Small Island Developing Countries in document LC/CAR/G.259/Rev.1. In light of the proposal by the United Nations General Assembly for a meeting on island developing countries to be held in 1990, this matter remains a very important agenda item on which the Committee is urged to direct the secretariat and to ensure a CDCC input into the proposed meeting.

Item 7 - Action taken on CDCC resolutions and those of ECLAC and other United Nations bodies with implications for CDCC.

Action taken on CDCC resolutions will be dealt with under separate agenda items. There are a number of United Nations resolutions that will be brought to the attention of Member States including:

- (a) The adoption of an International Development Strategy (IDS) for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade 1991-2000. (Resolution 43/182).

(b) A special session of the General Assembly devoted to International Economic Co-operation.

(c) Environmental issues

A number of documents have been prepared by the secretariat and other agencies and these will be brought to the attention of the Committee.

Item 8 - Work programme of the CDCC for the first period of the 1990-1991 biennium

Document LC/CAR/G.283 presents the work programme for the first part of the 1990-1991 biennium as approved at the tenth session of CDCC. The programme contains work not completed in 1989, to be completed in 1990, new activities to be undertaken in 1990 and activities of a continuing nature including follow up on past activities.

Item 9 - Work programme of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean for the 1992-1993 biennium

The Committee is being asked to note the document titled "Draft Summary of the Proposed Work Programme output for the Biennium 1992-1993". (LC/CAR/G.284). This document is a reproduction of the programme of work submitted to the appropriate United Nations Secretariat machinery for the approval of the United Nations General Assembly. It should be noted that the document indicates the main areas of work and activities in which the secretariat will be engaged during the biennium. Copies of the draft work programme document from the CDCC secretariat were circulated to all CDCC Member Governments, requesting comments.

Item 10 - The secretariat's contribution to the United Nations Medium-Term Plan (1992-1997)

The Secretariat prepared for submission to United Nations Headquarters, a paper which outlined the objectives and general orientation of the programme of work for the CDCC secretariat. This document sets out briefly the major problems to be addressed and the secretariat's thrust in its contribution to the economic and social development of the Caribbean subregion during the six-year period. Governments are being asked to comment on the general statement and indicate any modifications which they consider necessary. This action will constitute the necessary legislative authority required by the United Nations programme planning and budgeting process. It should be noted that this document supersedes document LC/CAR/G.236 of 1987 and Rev. 1 of 1988.

Item 11 - Role and functioning of CDCC

Following the proposals made at the eleventh session, the Monitoring Committee met twice to discuss these issues. The reports will be presented to the Committee along with the report of the secretariat in accordance with the decision taken at the First Meeting of the Monitoring Committee.

Item 12 - Other business

Proposals for the establishment of a permanent secretariat for CCST will have a bearing on both the work programme of CDCC with respect to the science and technology area and also manpower. The report of the CDCC will be presented for discussion and consideration by the Committee.

The Committee may also wish to consider to what extent the CDCC can assist in reconstruction efforts in the hurricane-stricken Member Countries.

Members of the Committee may wish to submit items for consideration.

Item 13 - Place and date for CDCC XIII

Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure provides that "regular sessions of the Committee shall be held once a year". The Committee will consider any invitations received from Member Governments for the next session and following the usual consultations will decide on a course of action.

Item 14 - Consideration and adoption of the report