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Introduction

The Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), will continue to analyse and make recommendations on issues of special relevance to the economic and social development of the member countries of the CDCC, with a view to providing technical assistance and advisory services geared to their specific needs, within the limits of staff and financial resources of the Office. It is proposed to continue a process, which began with the work programme for the 1994-1995 biennium, which sought to take account, more explicitly than previously, of the needs and priorities of the countries as articulated by their representatives at sessions of the CDCC and meetings of the Monitoring Committee. The 1996-1997 work programme was presented to the sixth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of CDCC held in Port of Spain, 25 November 1993. The work programme reflects much of the outcome of recent discussions on the role and function of the CDCC, and the intention to continue the process of revitalizing it, the beginnings of which process were evident at its thirteenth session and continued through to the fourteenth session.

In keeping with the wishes of the CDCC, the 1996-1997 work programme accords high priority to the promotion of cooperation in functional and sectoral areas both among the member countries of the Caribbean and between them and the countries of Latin America. The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat will work together with ECLAC Headquarters and other Caribbean organizations in the public and private sectors in pursuing cooperation with Latin America, within a structured framework developed during the previous biennium. As part of its policy to promote intra-Caribbean cooperation, the high priority accorded by member countries to a programme for the reduction of language barriers to such cooperation is reflected in the work programme. With the same goal in mind, the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat will pay attention to the special circumstances and needs of the Non-Independent Caribbean Countries (NICCs), within the framework of the United Nations system, and will convene a workshop of national focal points of the CDCC with a view to promoting awareness of the functions and aims of the CDCC and providing a firmer basis for collaboration with, and among, the member countries. This proposed workshop will build on the very successful first workshop of its kind which took place in Port-of-Spain in July 1992.

The issue of island developing countries, which was elevated to the status of a separate programme element in the 1994-1995 biennium, in direct response to the repeated requests of the CDCC member countries that this topic be accorded higher priority, will continue to receive attention. Research will be conducted on the development

circumstances of small island developing countries and on their relations with the international community. The work in this area will take account of the outcome of the 1994 Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, scheduled for Barbados, 25 April to 6 May 1994.

In the context of the structural adjustment measures adopted by a number of countries in recent years, social aspects of development will be explored with consideration to be given to the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the development process. Due regard will be paid to the conclusions of the 1995 World Summit for Social Development. These activities will be carried out under a new programme element: Economic and social development. It is expected that projects related to the alleviation of poverty and employment will be carried out in the 1996-1997 biennium.

Emphasis will continue to be placed on issues affecting women in Caribbean development and this will include assistance to member countries in the follow-up to the 1995 World Conference on Women. More broadly, under this programme element attention will be paid to issues of gender equality in the Caribbean.

In relation to the environment, the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat will be updating its database on environmental statistics and continuing its examination of environmental implications of sustainable development in the Caribbean. In the course of the work under this programme element, due account will be taken of the conclusions of the 1994 Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. Activities in science and technology will continue to be carried out by the interim secretariat of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) during the 1994-1995 biennium, until such time as other arrangements are made. Activities in population and development will continue as part of the regular budget work programme of the Office, this inclusion having taken effect in the previous biennium in response to mandates of the member countries, through CDCC resolution 39(XIV). The work in this area will take account of the outcome of the World Population Conference of 1995.

The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat will continue its annual summaries of the economic performance of the countries of the subregion. It is proposed to organize and provide substantive servicing for a meeting to deal with issues of national economic management and planning. The implications for member countries of global and regional economic developments will be reviewed and studies will be carried out on economic integration and on the financial aspects of Caribbean development. A newsletter on international economic developments will continue to be produced especially for the benefit of the smaller member countries of the CDCC. In relation to the industrial sector, the Office will build on the work which was carried out in the 1992-1993 and 1994-1995 bienniums; and the mandate from the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to pay attention to the tourism sector will continue to be respected. The secretariat will continue to follow up decisions and actions of other institutions as these affect member countries of CDCC. It is expected that work will continue in considering the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on regional development as well as the implication for CDCC when the

The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat will continue to service the Caribbean Information System, in terms both of its own work programme and of the needs of the member countries. It will also continue to provide statistical support to assist the delivery of its approved work programme and for more general purposes, and will provide assistance towards the improvement of the national statistical capabilities of member countries.

With regard to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), a study will be conducted on the integration process within this subgrouping of countries within the CDCC, and other technical support to this Organization will be provided within the limits of the staff and financial resources of the secretariat.

Consistent with mandates from the member governments, every effort will be made to work in close collaboration with other ECLAC Offices, other United Nations organizations, and with Caribbean regional organizations.

Programme element 13.1: Promotion of cooperation among member countries of CDCC and between the Caribbean and Latin America

Objectives

In keeping with the objectives and purposes of the CDCC, promote cooperation among CDCC member countries, and between the Caribbean and Latin America, in economic and non-economic areas, as a means of contributing to the development of the member countries.

Activities

a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings

i) Ad hoc expert group meeting on issues of development cooperation affecting the member countries of the CDCC.

b) <u>Documents and publications</u>

1) Non-recurrent publications

- i) Study on possibilities for increased cooperation in economic and non-economic areas between the Caribbean and Latin America.
- ii) Study on possibilities for greater economic and other interrelationships among the member countries of the CDCC.
- iii) Paper on issues of particular interest to the non-independent member countries of the CDCC.

c) <u>Intermediate activities</u>

- i) Report on action taken on decisions and recommendations of the CDCC and other United Nations bodies.
 - ii) Report on participation of member countries in the work of the CDCC.

d) Operational activities

- i) Contributing to the process of reducing language barriers to increased cooperation among the member countries of the CDCC.
- ii) Providing support to the Working Group of Non-Independent Caribbean Countries (NICCs) in furtherance of the participation of the NICCs in activities of the United Nations.

Execution of this operational activity will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

e) <u>Information materials and services</u>

Publication of an information bulletin on the reduction of language barriers among member countries of the CDCC.

f) Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Substantive collaboration will be sought first and foremost with the ECLAC Offices in Santiago and Mexico City. Collaboration will also be sought with international, regional and subregional organizations, governmental and intergovernmental, operating in the Caribbean and Latin America, such as CARICOM, OECS, SELA, INTAL and the Andean Group. The cooperation of governments of the CDCC member countries will be essential.

g) Users and anticipated uses of the output

Users will be governments, non-governmental organizations and institutions with an interest in developing or expanding cooperation relationships with other countries in the Caribbean and with countries of Latin America. It is expected that the anticipated outputs will also be utilized by other interested organizations such as the subregional private sector organizations and the subregional universities. Users will be reached through meetings, circulation of documents and consultations.

The outputs will seek to assist the processes of deepening cooperation among member countries of the CDCC and between the Caribbean and Latin America.

Programme element 13.2: Island Developing Countries

Objectives

Keep under continuous review the circumstances and needs of island developing countries, and assist member countries to obtain the support of the international community in regard to this issue.

Activities

a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings

i) Ad hoc expert group meeting on development issues affecting island developing countries.

b) <u>Documents and publications</u>

i) Analysis of development issues of particular importance to island developing countries.

operational activities

Assistance, on request, to member countries of the CDCC with a view to effective follow-up of aspects of the outcome of the 1994 Global Conference on Small Island Developing Countries.

Execution of this operational activity will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

d) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

Regular consultation is envisaged with UNCTAD, the United Nations Secretariat and other United Nations agencies as well as with governments and other interested international bodies. Collaboration with regional and subregional organizations is also envisaged.

e) <u>Users and anticipated uses of the outputs</u>

Users of the outputs will be government planners, other departments of government and experts from regional and international organizations, which have an interest in examining development issues affecting island developing countries and advancing the interests of these countries. Users will be reached through meetings, circulation of papers and consultations.

The outputs will expand knowledge on the development issues affecting IDCs and on their relations with the international community.

Programme element 13.3:

Women in Development

Objectives

Analyse and evaluate specific issues relating to women and development in the Caribbean, and assist in representing the interests of Caribbean women's organizations on regional and international development issues.

Activities

- a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings
- i) Ad hoc meeting of experts on issues of gender equality in the Caribbean.
 - b) <u>Documents and publications</u>
 - 1) Non-recurrent publications
 - i) A document on aspects of gender equality in the Caribbean.
- ii) Update and publication of women in development (WINDEV) computerized bibliographic data base.
- iii) A document on aspects of the outcome of the 1995 World Conference on Women, from the perspective of the Caribbean.

c) Operational activities

i) Provision of assistance to member countries, at their request, in activities which fall within the scope of the women in development programme of ECLAC/CDCC.

Execution of this operational activity will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

d) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

Continued collaboration with ECLAC, Santiago, is envisaged as well as strengthened work relationships with other United Nations bodies working in this area and with subregional governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with issues of gender equality.

e) Users and anticipated uses of the output

The outputs will be of direct interest to women's organizations, to national, subregional and international development agencies and to academic and other researchers. Users will be reached through meetings, publications and dissemination of information.

The outputs will contribute to an appreciation of the factors and circumstances impacting on the role of women in development and on gender equality and will contribute to gender equality.

Programme element 13.4: Economic and social development

Objectives

Review the economic and social performance of the economies of CDCC member countries with a view to informing public policy, providing inputs into development planning and operational activities at regional and global levels, and providing an informed basis for advisory services.

Activities

- a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings
- i) Ad hoc expert group meeting on aspects of national economic management and planning in the Caribbean
 - b) <u>Documentation and publications</u>
 - 1) Recurrent publications
- i) Evolution of economic (including social) performance of CDCC member countries for 1995 (third quarter 1996).
- ii) Evolution of economic (including social) performance of CDCC member countries for 1996 (third quarter 1997).

2) <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>

i) Study on social aspects of the development performance of the countries of the Caribbean subregion.

- ii) Review of trade policies of CDCC member countries for the period 1984-1995: Prospects and proposals (fourth quarter 1996).
- iii) Evolution of financial institutions: Recommendations for policy (fourth quarter 1996).

c) Operational activities

- i) Provision of technical support to member countries and national and regional institutions in activities such as development planning, preparation of papers and participation at conferences.
- ii) Collaboration with non-governmental organizations in the furtherance of economic and social development in the Caribbean subregion.

Execution of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

d) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

As appropriate, there will be consultation with relevant offices of the United Nations system with responsibility in the areas of economic and social development. Regular consultations will also be carried out with the ECLAC Mexico Subregional Office, with respect to inputs and data relating to Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti, and with CARICOM, the OECS, the CTO and the central banks of CDCC member countries, regarding data for the annual economic surveys. Consultations with governments will be held on a regular basis to update economic information. Support will be sought from the Joint ECLAC/ILPES Planning Unit in Santiago in the execution of economic planning activities. Cooperation with non-governmental organizations will continue.

e) <u>Users and anticipated uses of the outputs</u>

Users of the outputs will generally be economic planners and national economic managers of the member countries, as well as development departments, universities, central banks, non-governmental organizations and other institutions. Information will be available to international, regional and subregional institutions, and other users of economic and social data. Users will be reached through dissemination of papers and reports and meetings.

It is expected that these outputs will contribute to the processes of conceptualizing and managing the social and economic development of countries of the subregion.

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Programme element 13.5:

International trade and finance

Objectives

Provide member countries with information on, and analyses of, global economic issues, including developments in international trade and finance.

Activities

a) Documents and publications

1) Non-recurrent publications

- i) Document on aspects of economic integration in the Caribbean.
- ii) Document on aspects of financial development in the Caribbean.
- iii) Document on selected global and regional developments and their impact on countries in the subregion.

b) <u>Information materials and services</u>

Newsletter on international trade developments.

c) Operational activities

Provision of assistance to member countries and subregional institutions, at their request, in activities which fall within the scope of the international trade and finance programme of ECLAC/ECLAC.

d) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

Collaboration will be sought with UNCTAD, with other ECLAC Offices, with subregional institutions such as the CARICOM and OECS Secretariats and with the central banks of the subregion.

e) Users and anticipated uses of the output

Users will include trade and development departments of the member countries and subregional development or integration secretariats. Users will be reached through document dissemination, meetings and consultation.

The outputs will contribute to an understanding of the place of the Caribbean in the changing global economic context, and to a deeper appreciation of aspects of financial development and economic integration in the Caribbean.

Programme element 13.6:

Tourism and industry

Objectives

Analyse the industrial sectors of member countries of the subregion with a view to formulating proposals for improvement in the performance of these sectors. Evaluate tourism policies of member countries.

Activities

a) Documents and publications

1) Non-recurrent publications

- i) Two studies on aspects of industrial policy in the countries of the subregion.
- ii) Study on aspects of the performance of, and prospects for, tourism in Caribbean countries.

b) Operational activities

Provision of advisory services to member governments, at their request, in connection with the development of industry and tourism.

Execution of this operational activity will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

c) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

Consultation will be held with the ECLAC/UNIDO Industry and Technology Division, and with relevant sector specialists within the United Nations system. Close collaboration will be maintained with the Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC), the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) and with various public and private sector organizations concerned with industry and tourism at the subregional and national levels.

d) <u>Users and anticipated uses of the outputs</u>

National economic managers and planners, subregional development institutions, such as the CAIC, the integration secretariats, and the CTO are expected to have a strong interest in the outputs. Users will be reached through regular consultation, dissemination of documents and other relevant information; consultative missions, and participation in regional and subregional meetings.

The documents produced under this programme will assist development planners and managers, researchers, consultants and other interested persons to better understand problems facing the growth of the industry and tourism sectors, and will provide valuable perspectives on the development problems and potential of the Caribbean countries.

Programme element 13.7: Environment and development

Objectives

Strengthen member countries' capabilities to incorporate environmental considerations into development planning. Assist and coordinate policy formulation at the subregional level on matters relating to environment and development.

Activities

a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings

i) Ad hoc expert group meeting on the use of economic and financial instruments in the furtherance of sustainable development objectives.

b) <u>Documents and publications</u>

1) Non-recurrent publications

- i) Update of environmental statistics of Caribbean countries.
- ii) Study on environmental and economic implications of sustainable development in countries of the Caribbean subregion.

2) Technical material

i) Updating of computerized environmental database, which will provide on-line access to environmental data.

c) Operational activities

- i) Active collaboration with other interested United Nations and other interested organizations in sustainable development statistics.
- ii) Provision of advisory services, on request, in aspects of environment and development.

iii) Provision of assistance to member countries, at their request, in the implementation of decisions and recommendations adopted at the 1994 Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing Countries.

Execution of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

d) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

Activities will be carried out with cooperation from other units of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean and from UNEP. Coordination will be maintained with UNEP, UNESCO and other relevant organizational units of the United Nations. Coordination will include joint execution of activities, participation and consultation. Collaboration and consultation will also be maintained with subregional institutions such as CARICOM, the OECS, CDB and the Caribbean Conservation Association.

e) Users and anticipated uses of the output

Users will include national development departments, subregional development institutions and international agencies with an interest in sustainable development. Users will be reached through meetings, consultations and dissemination of documents and other information.

The outputs will contribute to the availability of statistical information and to a better appreciation of environmental aspects of sustainable development.

Programme element 13.8:

Science and technology

Objectives

Provide substantive servicing of meetings of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST); coordinate the work of the CCST; improve mechanisms for technology transfer and development in CDCC member countries.

Activities

a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings

i) Substantive servicing of two plenary and four executive meetings of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology.

- ii) Two ad hoc expert group meetings of the technology extension service; (subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources).
- iii) One ad hoc expert group meeting of the core group of the history of science and technology project; (subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources).

b) Documents and publications

1) Recurrent publications

i) Eight issues of the CCST newsletter

2) Non-recurrent publications

i) Status report on the organization and management of science and technology in the subregion.

3) Technical material

i) Establishment of a regional database in science and technology for use by small and medium industries.

c) Operational activities

- i) Implementation of the technology extension service project.
- ii) Implementation of the history of science and technology project in the region.
- iii) Implementation of the popularization programme for science and technology in the region.
- iv) Provision of advisory services to governmental and non-governmental organizations, on request.

Execution of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary activities.

d) Intermediate activities

i) Preparation of project documents with a view to the furtherance of science and technology objectives of the Caribbean subregion.

e) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

Regular consultations will be held with sector specialists in a number of Caribbean and international organizations. Collaboration at the subregional level will be maintained with CARICOM, OECS and the CDB Technology and Energy Unit. At the international level, working relationships with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), UNDP, UNESCO, UNCSTD and all United Nations bodies operating in the field of science and technology will continue. At the national level there will be close operational relationships with institutions engaged in science and technology activities.

f) Users and anticipated uses of the outputs

Users will be science and technology, planning and other departments of member countries; the private sector; universities and subregional and international bodies engaged in science and technology activities. Users will be reached through workshops/seminars, dissemination of the newsletters, documents and other information, consultative missions, and participation in regional and subregional meetings.

It is anticipated that the outputs generated from this programme will serve to strengthen the role of science and technology in the sustainable development of the Caribbean.

Programme element 13.9:

Information, documentation and statistical services

Caribbean Information System

Objectives

Facilitate the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat by providing necessary bibliographic material. Maintain and service the Caribbean Information System. Provide technical information services to member countries, and assist the development of computerized databases. Assist in developing the capabilities of member countries to develop and maintain computerized information and documentation systems.

Activities

a) <u>Information materials and services</u>

i) Collection, organization and dissemination of documents in support of the work programme of the secretariat of the subregional headquarters for the Caribbean.

- ii) Twenty issues of <u>Current Awareness Bulletin</u> (English only).
- iii) Maintenance and hosting of bibliographic and full- text databases for remote access.
 - iv) Four issues of <u>CARISPLAN Abstracts</u> (English only)

b) Operational activities

[Projects under this programme area may be in implementation during this biennium, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.]

c) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

As appropriate, activities will be carried out in cooperation with ILO, UNCTAD, PAHO, BIREME, UNESCO, UNEP, UNIC and other organizational units of the United Nations system, the IDRC, regional academic and research institutions and regional integration secretariats (CARICOM, OECS, CDB and SELA). Cooperation may include joint execution of activities.

d) Users and anticipated uses of the outputs

The material produced under this programme element will be made available to economic planners and managers, consultants, researchers and other interested persons through the various regular publications and the ongoing programme of the Caribbean Documentation Centre. Users will be reached through workshops/seminars, dissemination of documents and other relevant information, and participation in regional and subregional meetings.

It is anticipated that the outputs will be used in the preparation of documents on the entire range of economic and social development in the Caribbean.

Statistical services

Objectives

Develop and maintain statistical databases to facilitate the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat and for the use of member countries; provide assistance to member countries in the development of national statistical capabilities; provide statistical information for publications of ECLAC and other United Nations organizations.

Activities

a) Documents and publications

1) Recurrent publications

- i) Two issues of "Selected Statistical Indicators";
- ii) Incorporation of intra-CDCC trade statistics into database and "Selected Statistical Indicators"; and
 - iii) One issue of "Major Statistical Publications Abstracts".

2) <u>Technical material</u>

i) Improvement of database design with a view to increased data search capabilities.

b) <u>Information materials and services</u>

i) Collection, organization and dissemination of statistics that explain the economic and social reality of the Caribbean countries.

c) Operational activities

- i) Provision of training and advisory services to member countries, at their request.
 - ii) Technical meeting on the establishment of country databases.

Execution of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

d) Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Activities will be carried out in coordination with other units of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean. Direct inputs are provided by the countries in the form of publications and data. Collaboration will be continued with international, regional and subregional institutions in the field of data collection and dissemination. There will be close collaboration with subregional institutions such ass CARICOM and the OECS, and with national statistical offices.

e) Users and anticipated uses of the outputs

Users will be departments of government with responsibility for economic and social development and foreign trade, various agencies of the United Nations, academic and other researchers, subregional and international institutions. Users will be reached through workshops/seminars; dissemination of documents and other relevant information and participation in regional and subregional meetings.

The documents and databases produced under this programme will provide essential statistical information to economic and social planners and managers, researchers, consultants and other interested persons in the preparation of specific reports and documents in the areas of economic and social development.

Patent information and documentation

Objectives

Assist the strengthening of the industrial property systems within the subregion, with emphasis on patents. Provide a patent information service to users in industry, research and development institutions, inventors and others.

<u>Activities</u>

- a) <u>Servicing of intergovernmental meetings</u>
- i) Meetings of the Advisory Committee on the Caribbean Patent Information Network.

b) <u>Documents and publications</u>

- 1) Non-recurrent publications
- i) Report on meetings of the Advisory Committee on the Caribbean Patents Information Network.

Execution of all activities under "Patent Information and Documentation" will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.10:

Technical support to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Objectives

Provide technical support to the processes of economic and functional cooperation among the member countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Activities

a) Documents and publications

1) Non-recurrent publications

i) Study on aspects of development cooperation among the member countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

b) Operational activities

i) Provision of advisory services, through the OECS Secretariat, to member States of the OECS in priority areas of development cooperation among these countries.

Execution of this operational activity will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

c) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

Continued close collaboration with the OECS is essential to the execution of the activities under this programme. As appropriate, cooperation will be sought from other United Nations bodies, other international agencies and from subregional institutions.

d) Users and anticipated uses of outputs

The main users of the outputs will be the Secretariat of the OECS and national development offices. They will be of use to subregional and international agencies with a strong interest in the OECS and its member countries. Users will be reached through meetings, consultations and dissemination of documents and other information.

The outputs will contribute to analysis and elucidation of aspects of economic and functional cooperation among the member countries of the OECS.

Programme element 13.11:

Population and development

Objectives

Assist member countries to develop their capabilities to integrate population into developmental planning and policy formulation; provide and analyse population data for the purpose of informing social and economic planning.

Activities

- a) <u>Documents and publications</u>
 - 1) Recurrent publications
 - i) Regional Digest of Socio-economic Indicators.
 - 2) Non-recurrent publications
- i) Study on relationships between population, development and poverty.
- ii) Study on adolescent fertility and socio-economic relationships within the Caribbean subregion.
- iii) Document on population projections, 1990-2010, for the Caribbean subregion.
 - 3) <u>Technical material</u>
 - i) Updating and expansion of socio-demographic data bank.
 - ii) Expansion of vital statistics computerized data systems.

b) Operational activities

- i) Provision of training and advisory services to countries members of CDCC, at their request, in population policy implementation and evaluation, integration of population in development planning, techniques of demographic analysis and evaluation and analysis of census data and vital statistics.
- ii) Implementing follow-up activities to 1995 United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (September 1994), and in particular to the Latin American and Caribbean regional plan of action.

Execution of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

c) <u>Inter-agency cooperation and liaison</u>

Collaboration is expected to continue with ECLAC/CELADE and UNFPA. Collaboration is also envisaged with other United Nations and international agencies. Collaboration is also expected to continue with Caribbean regional organizations, and with academic and other research institutions.

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d) <u>Users and anticipated uses of the outputs</u>

Users will be the member governments' development planning, population and other departments. The outputs will also be of direct interest to ECLAC/CELADE and UNFPA, and will be of use to various subregional and international institutions with an interest in the development of the countries of the Caribbean. Users will be reached through documents, technical assistance and consultations.

The outputs will contribute to a better understanding of the population dimension in development planning and of specific population and development issues in the Caribbean.

Programme element 13.12: Substantive servicing of meetings of the CDCC

Objectives

In accordance with the mandate of the CDCC, to organize regular sessions of the CDCC in order to review the work of the Commission, and to discuss issues of development cooperation.

Activities

a) <u>Servicing of intergovernmental meetings</u>

i) Two sessions of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), and two meetings of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC.

b) Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Continued cooperation with ECLAC, Santiago, is envisaged and with other United Nations bodies. Working relationships with subregional organizations at the CARICOM and OECS levels are expected to continue.

c) Users and anticipated uses of the outputs

Users will be primarily the foreign affairs and planning ministries of the member countries of the CDCC, but will include the United Nations and ECLAC Secretariats, other United Nations bodies and other subregional organizations. Users will be reached through document dissemination, consultations and meetings.

The outputs will contribute to an appreciation of the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat and of the United Nations in the development sphere. It will also assist the process of the development cooperation among the member countries of the CDCC.

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