Election of officers

Under the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and in accordance with established practice, the first order of business is to elect a chairperson, two or more vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur from among the representatives present at the meeting to direct the work of the Committee.

Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda may be adopted as submitted by the secretariat or with such amendments, as the participants may deem appropriate. The organization of the work of the sessional committee shall also be decided upon. The rules of procedure provide for the possibility of holding only plenary meetings to consider the agenda in detail and to prepare the report of the Committee. In this case, any item requiring special consideration may be dealt with in a working group. A proposal to this effect may be made by any of the delegations represented at the meeting.
3. **Report on activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support cooperation among developing countries and regions since the previous meeting of the Committee, held during the twenty-eighth session of the Commission**

The secretariat will submit the “Report on the activities of the Commission since April 2000. Note by the secretariat” (LC/G.2160(SES.29/6)) to the delegations for their consideration. Section II.C(iii) of that document contains the report on activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support cooperation among developing countries and regions since the preceding meeting of the Committee, held during the twenty-eighth session of the Commission, at which resolution 583(XXVIII) on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions was adopted.

Subsection (a) gives a brief description of the inter-agency framework in which TCDC is currently conducted at the global and regional levels and the role played by ECLAC in that context.

Subsection (b) provides further details on the TCDC activities carried out by the ECLAC system as part of technical cooperation projects focusing on capacity-building in the countries.

Subsection (c) sets forth a number of guidelines suggested by the secretariat for further TCDC activities of the ECLAC system, bearing in mind the need to advance simultaneously towards sustained economic growth and greater social equity.

4. **Guidelines for future activities of the ECLAC system at the regional, subregional and interregional levels to promote and support cooperation among developing countries and regions**

Under this agenda item, the delegations may consider and propose strategic guidelines for the TCDC activities of the ECLAC system in the biennium 2002-2003, including guidelines for the financing of TCDC activities, in order to ensure that such activities continue to meet the economic and social development needs of the countries in the region and that the proposed activities are properly conducted within the framework of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the report on new directions for TCDC endorsed in General Assembly resolution 50/119.

The delegations may see fit to consider some of the suggestions put forward by the secretariat as mentioned under agenda item 3 *supra* with a view to facilitating the work of the Committee.

5. **Other matters**

Under this agenda item, the delegations may consider any other matter they deems appropriate within the general scope of the meeting.

6. **Adoption of the report of the meeting**

The report of the meeting will be adopted under the rules of procedure, if possible by consensus, in accordance with established practice. It will contain considerations and recommendations which the Committee deems appropriate for guiding the activities of the ECLAC system in the field of technical cooperation among developing countries and regions. The report will subsequently be submitted to the Commission for its approval.