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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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In conformity with the practice established at its first session the eighth session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) will be divided into a Technical Level Meeting scheduled to be held from 6 to 8 June and a Ministerial Level Meeting scheduled for 11 to 12 June 1984. It is proposed to hold the meeting of heads of delegations at the technical level immediately prior to the opening session on 6 June.

Item 1 - Opening Addresses

The Ministerial Level Meeting will be preceded by a formal inaugural ceremony scheduled for the morning of 11 June, the details of which, including the opening addresses, will be announced in the corresponding Order of the Day.

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 agreed practices the officers 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 these groups of officers should be discussed at the meeting of heads of delegations at the technical level to be held on the morning of Wednesday 6 June 1984.

Item 3 - Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.114 subject to changes which may be introduced by delegates, is intended to serve for both levels of meetings. The conclusions and
recommendations of the Technical Level Meeting have hitherto constituted the main basis for the discussions at the Ministerial Level.

The agenda of the session and the organization of work will also be considered at the meeting of heads of delegations of member Governments on the morning of Wednesday 6 June 1984.

Item 4 – Admission of British Virgin Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands as Associate Members of CDCC

Letters dated 6 April have been received from the Chief Minister, British Virgin Islands and from the Washington D.C. Representative to the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands on this subject.

It will be recalled that a similar application was previously received from the British Virgin Islands. Attention is also directed to the admission of these two territories as associate members of ECLA at the twentieth session held from 29 March to 6 April 1984 in Lima, Peru.

Item 5 – Review and Analysis of Recent Economic Trends in CDCC Member States

The Secretariat proposes to make a short presentation on this subject in the context of work already done in connection with the Annual Economic Survey. It is expected also that governments and subregional and regional intergovernmental organizations will make presentations.

Item 6 – Implementation of the Work Programme since the Seventh Session

The related documentation is "Implementation of the Work Programme of CDCC" (E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.115) and addenda which cover the activities of the Secretariat since the seventh session held in January 1983. Separate sections are included covering implementation of priorities and other elements of the CDCC Work Programme as well as other activities of the office. Also included are activities which have been halted, delayed, postponed, proposed activities for the next inter-sessional period, and requests from the Secretariat to the Committee for authority, endorsement or support for specific courses of action.
Item 7 - Draft Programme of Work for the Biennium 1986-87

The Committee will have before it a document of the same title and two corrigenda (E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.109 and corrigenda 1 and 2). It will be recalled that the twentieth session of ECLA was held during 29 March to 6 April this year. The approved ECLA Work Programme for 1986-87 excludes the component for the ECLA Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean. In this connection the Secretariat wishes to inform the Committee that the twentieth session of ECLA agreed that the proposed Work Programme of CDCC for 1986-87 "will be submitted for the consideration and approval of the Seventeenth Session of the Committee of the Whole" after consideration by the eight session of CDCC. The Work Programme for the ECLA system including the Caribbean Office will be submitted at the appropriate time to the pertinent bodies of the United Nations.

Approval of the CDCC Work Programme is of particular significance since the resulting document constitutes the basis on which the draft budget allotment for the CDCC Secretariat will be prepared at United Nations Headquarters and will therefore determine to a considerable extent the work that will be possible during the 1986-87 biennium.

Item 8 - Action taken on CDCC Resolutions Adopted at the Sixth and Seventh Sessions of CDCC

To assist in consideration of this agenda item the Committee will have before it a paper of the same title (See E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.110). It will be noted that resolution 13(VII) - Functioning of the CDCC Secretariat adopted at the seventh session in many ways strengthens resolution 9(VI) - Co-ordination and Co-operation Activities to Further the Implementation of the CDCC Work Programme. Also action on the part of some member states in furtherance of resolution 10(VI) - Measures for Strengthening the CDCC Secretariat is still outstanding. In addition the establishment of appropriate relationships indicated in resolution 11(VI) - Increased CEPAL Support to Eastern Caribbean Countries is only now commencing. It will be recalled that a paper detailing recommendations for ECLA support including extension of the elements in the Work Programme and co-ordination of this activity with
activities of other UN bodies was submitted to the seventh session. This paper - Action Consequent to CDCC Resolution 11(VI) - (E/CEPAL/CDCC/95/Add.4) is therefore a background document to aid in the discussion.

Item 9 - ECLA Resolutions with Implications for CDCC

The Secretariat considers that the following ECLA Resolutions adopted at the nineteenth and twentieth sessions of ECLA are of particular interest or have direct implications for CDCC. These resolutions are discussed in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/G.117.

Nineteenth Session

(a) Resolution 440(XIX) - Technical and Economic Co-operation between the Countries of the Region.

Twentieth Session

(a) Programme of Work and Calendar of Conferences of ECLA;
(b) Change of Name of the Economic Commission for Latin America;
(c) Technical and Economic Co-operation between the Countries of the Caribbean Area and the other Countries of the Region;
(d) Activities of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) [between sixth and seventh sessions];
(e) Admission of British Virgin Islands and U.S. Virgin Islands as Associate Members of ECLA;
(f) New Programme of Work and support for ILPES.

Item 10 - Other Matters

Members of the Committee may wish to suggest other items for consideration.

Item 11 - Site and Date of the Ninth Session of CDCC

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 12 - Consideration and Adoption of the Report