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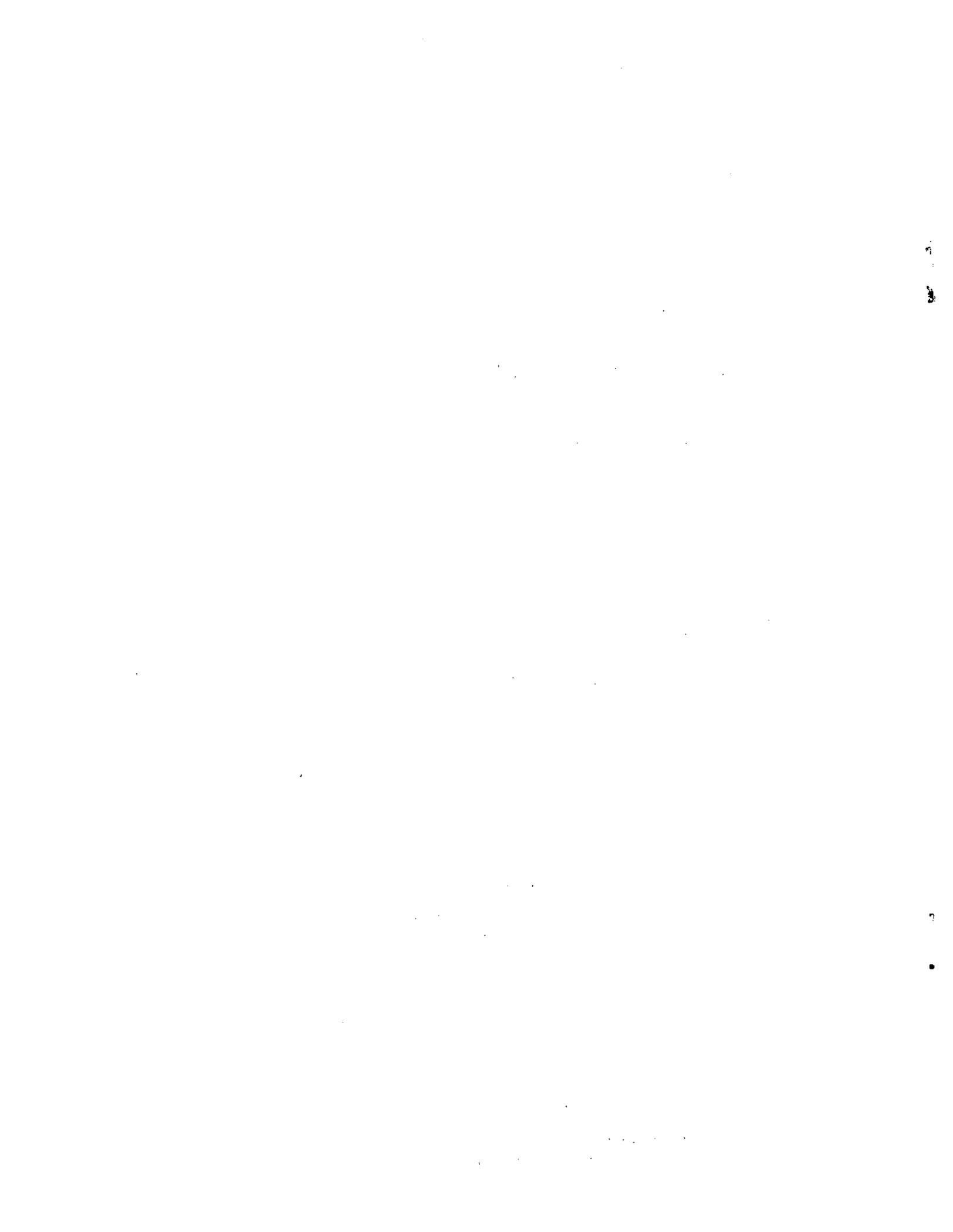
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The First Meeting of the Review Committee dealt at length with items (i) and (iii) of CDCC Resolution 19(IX) - Establishment of the CDCC Review Committee, namely -

"(i) to review the work of the CDCC from its inception, with a view to evaluating existing priorities and other work programmes; and

(iii) to examine the role and function of the monitoring mechanism of CDCC established at the seventh session of CDCC, respectively."

Proposals on these items were submitted for the consideration of member States.

2 This Second Meeting dealt essentially with item (ii) of Resolution 19(IX) namely "to examine activities of agencies and other bodies in relation to the work programme of CDCC in respect of programme co-ordination" and finalized proposals with respect to item (iii) - *Role and Function of the Monitoring Committee* - in accordance with the recommendation of the First Meeting on this question.

3 In preparation for this 2nd Meeting, the Secretariat held discussions with representatives of various agencies located in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Views were expressed to the effect that the question of programme co-ordination would require a much more elaborate effort, structure and mandate from the governing bodies of each agency to be effective, and would have to be worked out over a longer period of time. Nevertheless, it was felt that some immediate action can be taken at the field and national levels to improve collaboration

and co-operation. Discussions were also held with some member States concerning the Monitoring Committee.

4 On the basis of the foregoing discussions, the Secretariat prepared a paper which was considered by the Meeting. As agreed by the Committee, recommendations of the meeting have been incorporated in the report of the First Meeting and appear as Annex I.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In fulfilment of the mandate given at the ninth session of CDCC, the Review Committee wishes to submit the following recommendations for consideration at the tenth session of the CDCC:

It is essential that countries demonstrate the necessary political will to co-operate among themselves and to ensure the implementation of the work programme.

The CDCC should continue to serve as a vehicle for promoting regional co-operation, engage in policy studies on topics of interest to and affecting the development efforts of member states and implement projects given to it by member governments as part of its work programme.

THE WORK PROGRAMME

1. In view of the importance attached to the Work Programme of the CDCC, the Secretariat should continue to seek additional extra-budgetary resources towards its implementation. Such resources could be obtained through bilateral agreements with donor countries or agreements with other organizations provided that such agreements do not exclude any CDCC member country, and the projects and programmes undertaken could be of benefit to all members of the CDCC.

2. The Secretariat of the CDCC should seek to undertake or identify action-oriented activities and/or projects with positive multiplier effect to be executed by two or more countries. A list of such projects should be circulated to member states for consideration and subsequent approval by CDCC regular sessions. The Secretariat should seek financial resources from the United Nations System and elsewhere to execute these projects.
3. The Secretariat should seek to develop training programmes based on requests of the smaller member states of the CDCC in order to develop the manpower capabilities and resources of those states. Such programmes could include the posting of officials at the Secretariat for short periods to undertake specific tasks and to become acquainted with the activities of the CDCC.
4. Continued advice should be given by the Secretariat to member states, on request, on ways and means of deriving benefits from the system and from other development agencies. This notwithstanding, the Secretariat should make every effort to provide on a regular basis to all member states and their UN representatives, information on its activities, programme of work and other matters including financial status.
5. Concerning relations with NGOs, the CDCC as a United Nations affiliate, should continue to deal with those NGOs that have consultative status within the United Nations System. Regarding relations with those without such status, a list should be drawn up by the Secretariat and presented to the CDCC for approval at the annual meetings.

6. On the basis of the foregoing, special consideration should be given to the priorities established in the work programme by the tenth session of the CDCC.

TCDC ACTIVITIES

7. In developing projects, particular and specific emphasis should be placed on:-

- (a) fostering TCDC activities; and
- (b) the co-ordination of such activities at the national, regional and international levels.

8. The Secretariat should compile information on member countries' needs, either by written requests or by visits, with a concomitant list of possible donor countries, the areas in which they can assist and a roster of experts and other inputs for TCDC in the subregion.

9. The level and frequency of contact between the Secretariat and member governments should be increased so as to facilitate a two-way flow of information and exchange of ideas both on the implementation of the approved work programme and in undertaking the mandates and decisions of the CDCC. To this end, member governments are urged to give effect to the establishment of focal points where these do not yet exist and to strengthen those that exist in order to facilitate the information exchange envisaged in CDCC Resolution 10(VI).

CO-ORDINATION AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

10. On the question of co-ordination and collaboration with other agencies of the United Nations System, greater use could be made of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC).

11. Accordingly, and in keeping with the mandate of CDCC Resolution 20(IX) - Future Action of CDCC - the Director of the Subregional Office should hold discussions with the relevant authorities in the member states with a view to submitting recommendations to the Secretary General of the United Nations for transmission to the ACC, on areas in which inter-agency co-operation and co-ordination can be achieved within the ACC in respect of CDCC programmes.

12. A meeting should be held with agencies and other regional organizations prior to the preparation of the Work Programme of CDCC to enable such organizations to contribute to the work programme by an exposé of their own programmes and projects.

13. The Programme Officers of the various agencies represented in the Caribbean should meet on a regular basis to compare project execution and evaluate implementation processes.

14. The CDCC Secretariat should be invited to submit comments on and make inputs into the preparation of the Agencies' country programmes for member states.

15. Recognizing that co-ordination at the agency level is dependent on the co-ordinated efforts at the national level, the CDCC Secretariat should hold periodic meetings with the focal points at the national level in order to ensure that no duplication of activities takes place at the agencies level, and that agencies are informed of ongoing or proposed activities.

MONITORING COMMITTEE

16. The Monitoring Committee shall be open-ended with a core membership comprising the /current/ Chairman of the Bureau of CDCC; the Chairman of the preceding year and two members elected in alphabetical order beginning with 'A' when this proposal comes into force.

17. The Committee shall meet twice a year between sessions of the CDCC. One of these meetings will be held immediately before the annual session of CDCC.

18. The primary mandate of the Committee will be:-

- (a) to assess the stage of implementation of the work programme of the CDCC;
- (b) to discuss proposed projects and programmes;
- (c) any other matter referred to it by the CDCC;
- (d) to make recommendations on the above to the following session of the CDCC.

19. The CDCC Secretariat will serve as Secretary of the Monitoring Committee and will be responsible for providing the Committee with documents and papers on the stage of implementation and comments from governments.

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