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Programme element 5.2

Proposal: Substitution due to unavailability of staff members responsible for implementation

Replacement: By seminar on assisting the Subregional Ministries of Foreign Affairs in dealing with international organizations, particularly with reference to ECLAC/CDCC for the third (3rd) quarter of 1990. This was a priority highlighted by CDCC member countries at the CDCC XII meeting.

Programme element 5.3

Proposal: Incorporation of an industry sector study as a subsector under the Science and Technology element: Preparation of an inventory of industrial skills available in the Caribbean (Skills Bank) for the 4th quarter of 1991. This would take into account those lists which may have been prepared by each country or individual research institution.

Programme element 5.4

Proposal: Substitution of output (i) and Technical publication (ii) (a)
Due to the absence of a tentative date to convene the World Conference which makes the organization of a regional preparatory meeting and its related report unnecessary at this point in time.

Replacement: By ad hoc Experts Group Meeting on women in the informal sector and report on ad hoc Experts Group Meeting on women in the informal sector, both scheduled for the first (1st) quarter of 1991.

Proposal: Postponement of operational activity (i)(b) from second (2nd) quarter to third (3rd) quarter 1990 because of expected delay due to the need to plan the details of the publication and ensure output from throughout the subregion

Programme element 5.5

Proposal: Postponement of operational activity (a) from second (2nd) and fourth (4th) quarters 1990 and second (2nd) quarter 1991 to fourth (4th) quarter 1991 due to the delay in UNFPA funding for recruitment of national population co-ordinators to head Population Units.
Postponement of operational activity (b) from first (1st) and third (3rd) quarters 1990 to fourth (4th) quarter 1990 due to delays on the part of the consultants responsible for carrying out the research.

Programme element 5.7

Proposal: Postponement of output technical publication (b) from third (3rd) quarter to fourth (4th) quarter 1990 foreseeing some delay in processing the Agricultural Statistics Document as there is usually a considerable time lag in obtaining responses from countries.

Programme element 5.8

Proposal: Substitution of output (i) technical publication (a) to adapt the document to the new priorities in the trade area as discussed in the last (XII) CDCC meeting

Replacement: By document on the compilation of market profile for agro-industry products for the third (3rd) quarter of 1991

Proposal: Substitution of output (i) technical publication (b) to adapt the document to the newly emerged priority of conducting a study on resource flows to the subregion as discussed in the last (XII) CDCC meeting

Replacement: By document on resource flows to CDCC member countries during the 1980's for the second (2nd) quarter 1990.

Proposal: Deletion of output (i) technical publication (c) and output (ii)

Subprogramme 2. Economic relations between Latin America and other regions**(a) Resource requirements:**

Regular budget: \$666,300 (14.0 per cent of programme total in 1990-1991; 16.0 per cent of programme total in 1988-1989);

Extrabudgetary resources: \$22,600 (14.0 per cent of programme total in 1990-1991; 15.0 per cent of programme total in 1988-1989).

(b) Reference: medium-term plan 1984-1989 (A/37/6 and Corr. 1), paras. 16.155-16.158, as extended to 1991.

(c) Programme elements:**2.1 Relations with the developed market economy countries****

Output: Technical publications: (a) report on Latin America's relations with the developed market economy countries (fourth quarter, 1991); (b) two reports on certain aspects of the international economic relations and co-operation links between countries of the region and the market economy countries, one with the United States and the other with the European Economic Community and Japan (second quarter, 1990; fourth quarter, 1991); (c) monthly newsletter in English, "CEPAL News", designed for governmental and non-governmental institutions in the United States and Canada; and (d) yearly survey in English, "The U.S. Economy" (fourth quarter, 1990 and 1991).

2.2 Economic relations with countries having centrally-planned economies

Output: Technical publication: formulation of guidelines for expanding and intensifying trade and economic relations between the countries of the region and the member countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (third quarter, 1990).

Subprogramme 3. Latin America and the international monetary system**(a) Resource requirements:**

Regular budget: \$333,200 (7.0 per cent of programme total in 1990-1991; 3.0 per cent of programme total in 1988-1989);

Extrabudgetary resources: \$11,300 (7.0 per cent of programme total in 1990-1991; 5.0 per cent of programme total in 1988-1989).

(b) Reference: medium-term plan 1984-1989 (A/37/6 and Corr. 1), paras. 16.159-16.162, as extended to 1991.

(c) Programme elements:**3.1 Development financing**

Output: Technical publications: two studies on macro-economic policy options regarding the generation and allocation of financial resources for development (fourth quarter, 1990 and 1991).

3.2 Regional financial integration

Output: Technical publications: two studies on different forms of financial co-operation among the countries of the region (third quarter, 1990 and 1991).

Subprogramme 4. Economic integration and co-operation**(a) Resource requirements:**

Regular budget: \$523,500 (11.0 per cent of programme total in 1990-1991; 10.0 per cent of programme total in 1988-1989);

Extrabudgetary resources: \$17,700 (11.0 per cent of programme total in 1990-1991; 10.0 per cent of programme total in 1988-1989).

programme total in 1990-1991; 10.0 per cent of programme total in 1988-1989).

(b) Reference: medium-term plan 1984-1989 (A/37/6 and Corr. 1), paras. 16.163-16.166, as extended to 1991.

(c) Programme elements:**4.1 Analysis of the regional integration and co-operation processes and support for these processes**

Output: Technical publications: (a) study on the role of private enterprise in regional integration and co-operation efforts (third quarter, 1991); and (b) two studies on the evaluation of the economic integration process in Central America (second quarter, 1990 and 1991).

Operational activities: (a) Study on the evolution of the integration processes with proposals for strengthening them (third quarter, 1990); and (b) study on the possible ways in which the relatively less economically developed countries or countries in special situations can effectively share in the benefits of integration and co-operation (first quarter, 1991).

4.2 Co-operation with and advisory assistance to Latin American countries in specific areas

Output: Technical publication: study on the potential for co-operation among Latin American countries in the joint development of some spearhead technologies such as biotechnology, informatics, micro-electronics and technologies related to the production of new raw materials (second quarter, 1991).

Operational activities: (a) Study on the possibility of increasing co-operation in the area of services, especially those which are traded internationally (fourth quarter, 1990); and (b) study on areas of co-operation between relatively less developed and more developed countries in the region, with special emphasis on some specific branches of industry, in order to help improve the exporting position of the former (fourth quarter, 1991).

4.3 Latin America's relations with developing regions and countries

Output: Technical publications: (a) study on economic and technical co-operation between the developing countries of Latin America and Africa in the fields of interregional trade, transport and financing of mutual trade (first quarter, 1991); and (b) study on economic and technical co-operation between the developing countries of Latin America and Asia in the fields of interregional trade, transport and financing of mutual trade (third quarter, 1991).

4.4 Promotion of economic co-operation between the Central American subregion and the main countries of Latin America**Output:**

(i) Technical publications: two studies on current trade and financing agreements between the countries of the Central American subregion and the main countries of Latin America (third quarter, 1990 and 1991);

(ii) Organization and servicing of an *ad hoc* expert group to examine the study on current trade and financing agreements between the countries of the Central American subregion and the main countries of Latin America (fourth quarter, 1991).

Subprogramme 5. Economic integration and co-operation among the Caribbean countries**(a) Resource requirements:**

Regular budget: \$2,474,900 (52.0 per cent of programme

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total in 1990-1991; 55.0 per cent of programme total in 1988-1989);

Extrabudgetary resources: \$83,800 (52.0 per cent of programme total in 1990-1991; 55.0 per cent of programme total in 1988-1989).

(b) Reference: medium-term plan 1984-1989 (A/37/6 and Corr.1), paras. 16.167-16.170, as extended to 1991, and as revised in A/39/6, paras. 16.167-16.170, and A/41/6, para. 16.167.

(c) Programme elements:

5.1 Economic survey of Caribbean countries

Output: Technical publications: (a) an evaluation of the economic performance of CDCC countries (1979-1989), with special emphasis on the tourism sector (fourth quarter, 1990); and (b) an evaluation of the economic performance of CDCC countries (1980-1989), with special emphasis on the agricultural sector (fourth quarter, 1991).

5.2 Economic and social planning in the Caribbean

Output: Organization of a seminar on information for social and economic planning (second quarter, 1990).

5.3 Science and technology in the Caribbean

Output:

(i) Organization and servicing of two plenary sessions of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) (one each in 1990 and 1991);

(ii) Organization and servicing of four working groups of the Executive Committee of CCST (second and fourth quarters, 1990 and 1991).

5.4 Social development in the Caribbean

Output:

(i) Organization and servicing of a subregional meeting to review and appraise the implementation in the Caribbean of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (first quarter, 1990) (XB);

(ii) Organization and servicing of a subregional meeting on the issue of violence against women and the relation to child abuse (fourth quarter, 1991) (XB);

(iii) Technical publications: (a) report on the review and appraisal of the implementation in the Caribbean of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies, 1985-1990 (first quarter, 1990); and (b) study on the methodology for the selection of basic indicators for use in constructing data bases on women in the Caribbean engaged in selected activities (fourth quarter, 1990).

Operational activities:

(i) Technical publications: (a) study on aspects of the social impact of the economic adjustment process (third quarter, 1990); and (b) four issues of the "Bulletin of the Caribbean Language Institute", in collaboration with the Language Institute of the Netherlands Antilles (second and fourth quarters, 1990 and 1991);

(ii) Documentary on language-related activities in the subregion (fourth quarter, 1990);

(iii) Organization and servicing of the biennial meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Caribbean Language Institute (third quarter, 1990).

5.5 Population

Output:

(i) Technical publications: (a) report on implementation of population policy in the Caribbean (fourth quarter, 1991); (b) study on mortality patterns in the Caribbean (second quarter, 1990); and (c) evaluation report on census data and vital statistics (fourth quarter, 1990);

(ii) Servicing of an *ad hoc* expert group meeting to dis-

cuss issues related to population and development in the Caribbean (fourth quarter, 1990).

Operational activities: (a) Four national studies on determinants and consequences of population change (second and fourth quarters, 1990; second and fourth quarters, 1991); and (b) three studies on the interrelationships between population and development (first and third quarters, 1990; third quarter, 1991).

5.6 Natural resources and environmental management in the Caribbean

Operational activity: Formulation and promotion of projects, programmes and proposals for the development of natural resources and environmental management (1990-1991).

5.7 Information and documentation for economic and social development

Output: Technical publications: (a) two issues of time series of major economic indicators of Caribbean countries (fourth quarter, 1990; fourth quarter, 1991); and (b) *Agricultural Statistics of Caribbean Countries* (third quarter, 1990).

Operational activities:

(i) Technical publications: (a) four issues of CARISPLAN Abstracts (second and fourth quarters, 1990 and 1991); (b) 15 issues of "Current Awareness Bulletin" (1990-1991); (c) two updates on experts and on research in progress in science and technology of the Caribbean Documentation Centre (fourth quarter, 1990 and 1991); (d) "Caribbean Patents Index" and one supplement (fourth quarter, 1990 and 1991); and (e) "Quarterly Patents Newsletter";

(ii) Public information services: distribution, upon request, of printouts and photocopies and provision of retrieval services in various forms, including specialized bibliographies, a selected dissemination service and direct on-line access;

(iii) Substantive support to the co-ordinating machinery for the Caribbean regional information systems;

(iv) Formulation and promotion of projects for the development and strengthening of the CARISPLAN network.

5.8 International trade and development finance

Output:

(i) Technical publications: (a) study on protectionism in the agricultural trade of the Caribbean (third quarter, 1991); (b) study on selected trade and financial data for the Caribbean (fourth quarter, 1991); and (c) feasibility study on the establishment of a Caribbean subregional commodity exchange (fourth quarter, 1991);

(ii) Organization and servicing of an *ad hoc* expert group meeting on the feasibility of establishing a subregional commodity exchange (first quarter, 1991).

Operational activities: (a) Study on selected service industries in the Caribbean (fourth quarter, 1991); and (b) trade procedures guide (fourth quarter, 1990);

5.9 Support to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

Operational activities: Provision of advisory services to member States, upon request, on international trade matters, export development, trade negotiations, customs and tariff administration and double taxation treaties, and on the strengthening of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries between the countries of OECS and Latin American countries within the scope of activities being pursued by ECLAC/Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC).

5.10 General information services

Output: Technical publication: quarterly newsletter of the CDCC secretariat.

5.11 Support to the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee

Output: Substantive servicing of meetings of the CDCC (1990 and 1991).

Resource requirements (at revised 1989 rates)

Consultants

12.38 The estimated requirements of \$54,700, reflecting a decrease of \$29,000, are broken down below:

Programme element	Description of tasks	\$
1.1	To prepare specialized input for an appraisal of the results of the joint participation of the Latin American countries in the multilateral international trade negotiations	14 000
1.4	To assist in the preparation of the two studies on trade in services	14 100
(5.4)	To contribute to the preparation of the study on the methodology for the selection of basic indicators for use in constructing data bases on women in the Caribbean	8 800
(5.8)	To prepare a study on protectionism in the agricultural trade of the Caribbean and a feasibility study on the establishment of a Caribbean subregional commodity exchange	17 800
	TOTAL	54 700

26 600.00

Ad hoc expert groups

12.39 The estimated requirements of \$68,700, reflecting a reduction of \$16,000, relate to the convening of *ad hoc* expert group meetings, as follows:

Programme element	Description of tasks	\$
1.2	To examine the characteristics of the evolution of international trade and its impact in Latin America and the Caribbean	10 300
4.1	To examine ways of integration for Latin America and Caribbean countries, with special emphasis on intraregional trade and mechanisms to strengthen integration and co-operation processes	10 300
4.4	To examine the study on current trade and financing agreements between the countries of Central America and the main countries of Latin America	5 400
(5.3)	Four meetings of the working groups of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology	10 000
(5.4)	A subregional meeting to review and appraise the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women	9 000
	A subregional meeting on the issue of violence against women and the relation to child abuse	9 000
(5.5)	To discuss issues related to population and development in the Caribbean	5 700
(5.8)	To discuss the feasibility of establishing a Caribbean subregional commodity exchange	9 000
	TOTAL	68 700

42 700.00

Travel of staff to service meetings

12.40 The provision of \$7,700, reflecting a reduction of \$15,000, relates to attendance by the Director of the Port of Spain office and his immediate staff to meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and for consultations with member Governments in the Caribbean, as required.

Other official travel of staff

12.41 The estimated requirement of \$104,900, reflecting a decrease of \$16,000, are distributed as follows:

Programme element	Description of tasks	\$
1.1	To undertake on-site data gathering and consultations in connection with the appraisal of the results of the joint participation of the Latin American countries in the multilateral international trade negotiations, and with the two reports relating to the Uruguay Round	10 000
1.2	To carry out research relating to the four studies on the effects of managed trade and protectionism practised by developed countries on the export opportunities of the Latin American economies	5 000
1.3	To carry out on-site research and consultations in connection with the study on new forms of technical progress in the developed countries and their impact on the demand for the commodities exported by Latin America, and on the study on joint export schemes	3 000
1.4	To undertake on-site information gathering and consultations on the two studies on trade in services	5 000
2.1	To collect material in connection with the report on Latin America's relations with the developed market economy countries	14 300
2.2	To collect data and consult on the formulation of guidelines for expanding and intensifying trade and economic relations between the countries of the region and members of CMEA	3 500
3.1	To undertake research on macro-economic policy options regarding the generation and allocation of financial resources for development	2 500
3.2	To carry out on-site groundwork and consult with government officials in connection with the study on different forms of financial co-operation among the countries of the region	2 500
4.1	To collect material and carry out consultations in relation to the study on the role of private enterprise in regional integration and co-operative efforts	5 000
4.2	To consult and collect material in connection with the study on the potential for co-operation in the joint development of some spearhead technologies	2 500
4.3	To carry out research and consultations with appropriate authorities in connection with the studies on economic and technical co-operation in the fields of interregional trade, transport and financing of mutual trade	7 000
4.4	To carry out research on current trade and financing agreements between the countries of Central America and the main countries of Latin America	5 000
(5.1)	To collect material and consult with government officials in connection with the two evaluation studies on the economic performance of CDCC countries	5 000
(5.3)	To prepare for meetings of the Executive Committee and plenary sessions of CCST	5 000
(5.4)	To carry out research and consultations on the report on the review and appraisal of the implementation in the Caribbean of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the study on the methodology for the selection of basic indicators for use in constructing data bases on women in the Caribbean	12 600
(5.5)	To undertake research in connection with the report on population policy implementation in the Caribbean, the study on mortality patterns in the Caribbean and the evaluation report on census data and vital statistics	4 000
(5.7)	To carry out research in connection with the time series of major economic indicators of Caribbean countries and the publication <i>Agricultural Statistics of Caribbean Countries</i>	6 000
(5.8)	To collect material and consult with government authorities in connection with the studies on protectionism in the agricultural trade of the Caribbean, selected trade and financial data for the Caribbean and the establishment of a Caribbean subregional commodity exchange	5 500
	TOTAL	104 900

38 100.00

