

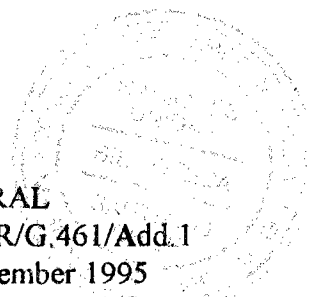


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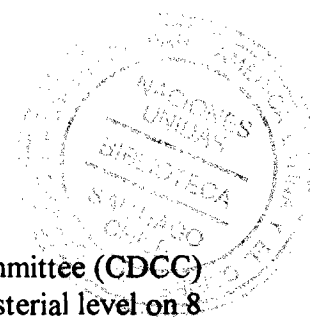


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 Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE

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The sixteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) is scheduled to be held at the technical level on 5-7 February 1996 and at the ministerial level on 8 February 1996. These meetings will take place at the Royal Antigua Hotel in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.

As is customary, a meeting of heads of delegation at the technical level will be held at 9.00 a.m. on 5 February 1996, just prior to the commencement of the full technical session which is scheduled for 10.00 a.m. The heads of delegation meeting is expected to discuss the composition of the new bureau and the organization of the work of the session, among other matters.

Item 1 - Opening of meeting

The outgoing Chairman will declare the meeting open and welcome the incoming Chairman. The Director of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, will make an opening statement at the technical meeting.

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".

By convention, the officers comprising the bureau at the technical level will be chosen from the same countries as the corresponding officers at the ministerial level.

Item 3 - Statements

At the formal opening of the ministerial session, scheduled for 8 February 1996 at 9.00 a.m., addresses will be delivered by the outgoing Chairman of the CDCC, the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and the incoming Chairman.

Item 4 - Adoption of agenda and organization of work

The agenda and organization of work will be formally adopted. They will, however, be considered and agreed informally at the meeting of heads of delegation of member governments, scheduled for 9.00 a.m. on 5 February 1996.

The provisional agenda circulated by the secretariat, including amendments which may be introduced by delegates, is intended to serve for both the technical and ministerial sessions; except that a shorter "working agenda" may be adopted for purposes of the ministerial session.

Item 5 - Review of the work of ECLAC/CDCC

Under this item, the meeting will receive the report of the Director of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean; the report on the implementation of the work programme for the 1994-1995 biennium; and reports on the ECLAC Caribbean Office's involvement in activities at the subregional level in relation to the four recent United Nations global conferences: (i) World Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing Countries; (ii) International Conference on Population and Development; (iii) World Summit for Social Development; and (iv) Fourth World Conference on Women.

Agenda 6 - Issues of economic cooperation and development

- (a) The eligibility of Caribbean countries to NAFTA (in the context of recent hemispheric and world trade developments)

This paper responds to a recommendation of the fifteenth session of the CDCC that the secretariat prepare for the consideration of member governments, an examination of the eligibility criteria for participation in NAFTA in the context of those which may be applicable to member countries of the WTO. The paper examines these questions in the wider context of global trade liberalization, which is considered to be optimally desirable, and in the context of the preparations for the establishment of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

- (b) Integration and Caribbean development: Reconciling regional policies with global trends

This discussion paper reviews the evolution of CARICOM since the Treaty of Chaguaramas, analyses the policy recommendations following Grand Anse and evaluates recent hemispheric and global developments with a view to answering questions, as to: the changes which CARICOM might need to make to its current economic arrangements; whether CARICOM countries can qualify as a group for entry to the FTAA and, if not, what are the implications of individual entry for CARICOM; the state of relations with the EU, including the current preferential arrangements; the role of the ACS given the current impetus to the FTAA; whether the FTAA is a means and, if so, whether it is the most appropriate means, to integrate into the global economy; and lastly, whether the FTAA will materialize and, if not, what alternative exists for Caribbean countries.

- (c) Issues of intra-regional cooperation:

- (i) The Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

The secretariat will present an verbal report on cooperation between ECLAC/CDCC and the ACS.

(ii) Factors affecting the participation of Caribbean countries in the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)

A paper on this subject has been prepared by the secretariat as a contribution to the work of the Working Group on Smaller Economies of the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas. This paper examines the economic circumstances of the countries of the Caribbean in terms of their readiness to participate beneficially in the proposed FTAA, and recommends measures which the integration process may need to put in place with a view to attenuating possible adverse consequences deriving from their participation and improving their prospects for effective participation.

(iii) Caribbean/Latin American cooperation

The secretariat will present for the information of member governments, a report on activities carried out, and proposed, under a Caribbean/Latin American cooperation project, involving the ECLAC Offices in Santiago, Mexico City and Port of Spain.

Item 7 - Report of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)

The meeting will receive the report of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST).

Item 8 - Report of the Working Group of Non-Independent Caribbean Countries (NICCs)

The meeting will receive the report of the Chairman of the Working Group of the NICCs.

Item 9 - Any other business

Member governments will have an opportunity to raise other matters for discussion.

Item 10 - Date and venue of the seventeenth session of the CDCC

The meeting will also take a decision regarding the date and venue of the seventeenth session of the CDCC.

Item 11 - Adoption of the report of the sixteenth session

The draft report of the technical session will be presented for adoption by the ministerial session.