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### **Agenda item 1: Welcome remarks**

The Director will make a brief address incorporating welcome remarks and reviewing the context in which the meeting is being convened. The Chairperson of the eighteenth session will also be invited to make a few remarks.

### **Agenda item 2: Election of officers**

The Chairperson of the eighteenth session will invite nominations for Chair of the session. It is customary for the representative of the host country to chair the sessions of the CDCC. The Chairperson elected would proceed to invite nominations for the remainder of the Bureau: three Vice-Chairpersons and one Rapporteur. By way of background, it might be recalled that, at the seventeenth session of the CDCC, 1998, the Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair and Rapporteur were occupied, respectively, by Trinidad and Tobago, Aruba, Cuba, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. At the eighteenth session of the Committee, 2000, the Bureau comprised Trinidad and Tobago, as Chair, with the Vice-Chairs occupied by Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominican Republic and St. Kitts and Nevis, with Aruba as Rapporteur. At this extraordinary session which marked the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the CDCC, four Vice-Chairs were appointed. Finally, at the tenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee, 2001, the Bureau comprised Trinidad and Tobago, as Chair; Cuba and Anguilla, as Vice Chairs; with St Kitts and Nevis, as Rapporteur

### **Agenda item 3: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

The Chairman will invite comments on the *Provisional Agenda* that will have been presented to delegations. Proposals for the organization of work, including the hours of work proposed for the meeting, as well as the allocation of specific periods for the treatment of the respective agenda items, will also be outlined with reference to a *Draft Programme* which would also have been made available to delegations.

**Agenda item 4:  
Review of the work of the secretariat**

- 4.1 Review of some aspects of the implementation of the 2000-2001 and 2002-2003 work programmes of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat;
- 4.2 Review and consideration of the work programme for the 2001-2002 biennium;
- 4.3 Review and consideration of the work programme for the 2002-2003 biennium;
- 4.4 Review and consideration of the proposed work programme for the 2004-2005 biennium;
- 4.5 Status of ongoing extrabudgetary projects

The Director will make a presentation on the respective sub-items relating to the work programme of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat, supported by members of her substantive staff, for the most part, using Power Point. Supporting documentation will also be made available to delegations. A status report on the several Projects listed under sub-item 4.5 will be provided.

**Agenda item 5:  
Activities of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat in the area of natural disasters**

The secretariat will make a presentation on its activities in the area of *Natural Disasters* which has acquired increasing importance within recent years.

**Agenda item 6:  
The proposal for *Promoting an Integrated Approach to the Caribbean Sea Area in the context of Sustainable Development***

Since the convening of the Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on the implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action in November 1997, the Caribbean subregion has been seeking to advance a proposal which, in its original formulation, was directed towards obtaining *international recognition of the Caribbean Sea as a Special Area in the context of sustainable development*. Since that time, as reflected in the negotiating outcomes that are captured in two resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 and 2000, the proposal has evolved into one which aims at *Promoting an Integrated Approach to the Caribbean Sea Area in the context of sustainable development*. Over the period, this initiative appears to have enjoyed varying degrees of enthusiasm and support on the part of CDCC member countries, among others, both with respect to its further development, as well as in the building of alliances and other inputs of a political nature, without which attempts at achieving its maximum potential can never be expected to prosper. At the nineteenth session of the CDCC, the secretariat will present, as a basis for discussion, a review of the evolution of this very important initiative with a view to eliciting the perspectives of the CDCC membership on the future of the proposal, so that the subregion might have an opportunity to adopt a shared vision and approach in this respect and so that the secretariat might be guided accordingly.

**Agenda item 7:  
Review of the Constituent Declaration and  
Functions and Rules of Procedure of the CDCC**

In response to resolution 55(XVIII), *the Chaguaramas Declaration*, the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat prepared a document embodying *a comprehensive review of the Constituent Declaration of the CDCC with particular reference to the specific objectives, goals, structures, mechanisms and processes of the organ, including its relationship with other organs*. Also, in accordance with that mandate, the comprehensive review was presented to the tenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee which convened in 2001 and which adopted draft texts in respect of *the Constituent Declaration of the CDCC; the Revised Functions and Rules of Procedure of the CDCC; and Rules of Procedure of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC*. In order to ensure that the texts adopted conformed to United Nations practice, the secretariat undertook to refer them to the Office of Legal Affairs at United Nations Headquarters, New York. The secretariat will provide a status report on this matter.

**Agenda item 8:  
Summaries of resolutions recently adopted by the United Nations General Assembly  
and the Security Council which may be of special interest to member countries of the  
CDCC**

Under this item, the secretariat will summarily review, for the information of delegations, a number of resolutions that have been recently adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council which might be of particular interest to CDCC member countries. Relevant resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will also be reviewed, should they become available.

**Agenda item 9:  
Preparations for the twenty-ninth session of ECLAC  
Brasilia, Brazil, 6-10 May 2002**

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will provide the meeting with a body of basic information to inform their participation at the twenty-ninth Session of the Commission. It is anticipated that a considerable amount of discussion will be generated by some of the substantive items on the Session's agenda, given their importance to the Caribbean subregion.

**Agenda item 10:  
Regional preparations for the Global Summit on  
Financing for Development  
Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002**

The International Conference on *Financing for Development* will bring together Heads of State and/or Government; Ministers of Finance; Foreign Ministers; representatives of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and the World Trade Organization (WTO); as well as representatives of civil society, including the private sector. The conference is intended to deal with the challenges to the sustainable development of, in particular, the developing countries. Already, not only has the “*Monterrey Consensus*” which will constitute the basis for discussion at the Conference been prepared, but it has already generated a significant level of controversy. At the nineteenth session of the CDCC, the secretariat will make a presentation, supported by appropriate documentation, aimed at assisting member countries in the final stages of their preparations for participation in the Conference. An exchange of views will be encouraged.

**Agenda item 11:  
Preparations for Johannesburg 2002,  
the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)**

With formal preparations for the WSSD having been completed at the national, subregional and regional levels, attention is now being directed to the two remaining meetings of CSD-10 Acting as the PrepCom for the Summit. Under this agenda item, the secretariat, will review the status of preparation at the several levels and highlight those elements which might be usefully taken into account by member countries as they finalise their preparations for this very important international event.

**Agenda 12:  
SIDS+10: Preparations for the  
*Full and Comprehensive Review of the SIDS POA 2004***

Among the conclusions reached at the twenty-second special session of the United Nations General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the SIDS POA, was one to the effect that although periodic reviews of certain aspects of the Programme of Action are envisaged within the context of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), a full and comprehensive review of the implementation of that POA would be useful and required in 2004. This sentiment has been endorsed by the Preparatory Meetings of SIDS of all geographical regions and has been channelled into the meetings of CSD-10 Acting as the Prep Com for the WSSD. There is, therefore, every indication that arrangements for a *SIDS+10 Review* will be confirmed and even advanced at the WSSD.

Recognising the SIDS POA as the most concrete expression of *Agenda 21* in the context of SIDS, it might be expected that most of the discussions on this item will have been

subsumed under the discussions under the preceding item dealing with preparations for the WSSD. Nevertheless, the issue has been incorporated as a separate item in order to highlight its importance to delegations and also to signal, quite early, an activity which will require the very close attention of Caribbean SIDS, among others, in the coming two to three years.

**Agenda item 13:  
Development and implementation of a Public Awareness Strategy  
in respect of the Programme of Action  
for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS POA)**

Notwithstanding its early recognition of the importance of the development and implementation of a Public Awareness Strategy to facilitate the implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action in the Caribbean subregion- quite apart from the provisions of the POA itself in this regard- the secretariat found its efforts to mount such an initiative frustrated over the years by lack of the required resources. More recently, the undertaking of such a project has become feasible and under this agenda item, the secretariat will inform the meeting of the basic elements of the objectives, content, methodology and timing of the proposed Public Awareness Strategy and invite its comments thereon.

**Agenda item 14:  
Resolutions of the session for presentation to the twenty-ninth session of ECLAC  
Brasilia, Brazil, 6-10 May 2002**

Based on the outcome of the discussions on the several substantive items on the agenda, the meeting is expected to develop a number of resolutions for submission to the twenty-ninth session of ECLAC which convenes in Brasilia, Brazil, over the period, 6-10 May 2002.

**Agenda item 15:  
Other matters**

This agenda item provides delegations with the opportunity to bring to the attention of the meeting any issue of relevance to the CDCC that will not have been treated under the preceding items.

**Agenda item 16:  
Dates and venues of the eleventh meeting of the Monitoring Committee  
and of the twentieth session of the CDCC**

The meeting will determine the dates and venues for the meetings in question. Alternatively, the meeting might elect to lay down procedures for the determination of these aspects, to be pursued or coordinated by the secretariat.

**Agenda item 17:  
Consideration of the draft report of the technical level  
of the nineteenth session of the CDCC**

Under this item, the meeting will consider a Draft Report which will have been prepared by the Rapporteur supported by the secretariat. The meeting might also adopt alternative procedures for the adoption of its Report

**Agenda item 18:  
Closure**

Consideration of the other agenda items having been exhausted, the meeting will be brought to a close by the Chairperson and the Director of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean.