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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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1. Election of Officers

As provided for by the Rules of the Commission, and in accordance with established practice, it is necessary to elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The provisional Agenda will be put before delegations for approval.

3. National and international strategies and policies for furthering the recovery and development of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean

Working documents

- ECLAC, Latin American and Caribbean development: obstacles, requirements and options (LC/G.1440(Conf.79/3)).
- Report of the twelfth session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN) (LC/G.1447(CEG.12/3)).

Reference documents

- Development, change and equity: vanquishing poverty (LC/G.1448(Conf.79/4)).
- Report of the Meeting on Possible Measures to Deal with the Immediate and Long-Term Impact on Social Development of the External Crisis and the Adjustment Process (LC/G.1449(Sem.35/15)).

In accordance with resolution 487(XXI) of the Commission, the sole substantive item for debate at the Conference will concern national and international strategies and policies for furthering the recovery and development of the countries of the region. The most immediate antecedent for the Special Conference of ECLAC is provided by the speech made by the President of Mexico, Mr. Miguel de la Madrid, when opening the twenty-first session of ECLAC. In this speech, he suggested that a debate be held to clarify the following four issues: i) economic stabilization schemes; ii) the interrelationships between the different approaches to a global solution to the Latin American debt problem, and the possible structure of a new international financial system; iii) the adjustment of national production processes to the new domestic and external circumstances affecting the region, and iv) intra-regional co-operation. He also suggested that this debate take into account the need for

"an up-to-date conceptual framework that is appropriate to the problems of the region".

It is considered that the broad range of issues involved in this item could be dealt with in line with the layout of the working document presented by the Secretariat, i.e., as follows:

- a) Background. This point could include a general analysis of the nature and range of the obstacles to the development of the countries of the region (diagnosis), and of the strategy options for tackling them (conceptual framework).
- b) The responsibilities which the countries of the region are prepared to assume. While it may seem somewhat artificial to divorce the domestic factors conditioning development from external ones, in so far as they exert mutual influence upon one another, there is a particular set of issues which relate basically to domestic economic policy and which could be analysed under this heading. They include: i) stabilization and adjustment policies; ii) mobilizing domestic savings and channelling them towards investment; iii) the transformation of the structures of production, and iv) strategies for development with equity.
- c) Intra-regional co-operation may be considered as the connecting issue between the responsibilities which the countries of the region are prepared to assume --and in which they may receive support through reciprocal co-operation-- and the responsibilities which, in their view, should be borne by the developed economies; collective organization of the region's forces would strengthen its capacity to influence the behaviour of the latter nations.
- d) The responsibilities which the developed economies and the international financial community should assume. This point could include the following issues: i) external financing and, in particular, management of the region's external debt; ii) international trade, and iii) technology.

4. Consideration of the report of the meeting

The Rapporteur will present the final report of the meeting.