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BACKGROUND

1. At the Fifth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, 15-17 April 1985), the Government of Cuba offered to host the next conference in Havana. This offer was officially approved by the Plenary.

2. The Technical Secretariat for the Sixth Conference will be provided by the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), which is organizing the Conference in conjunction with the Cuban Central Board for Planning. Preparing the Conference represents part of the normal programme of activities of the Conference Affairs Officer and of the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. As far as preparation on the spot is concerned, the United Nations will be able to count on support from the ECLAC Subregional Office in Mexico as well as from the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean and direct assistance from the UNDP Office in Havana.

3. In accordance with the mandates given by governments, the Seventh Technical Committee of ILPES, exclusively composed of the Heads of Delegations of Ministries and National Planning Bodies of the 37 participating member countries, will also take place during the conference.

4. The Sixth Conference will be held in Havana on Monday 23, Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March 1987. The Seventh Meeting of the Technical Committee of ILPES will begin in the morning of Tuesday 24. This document is basically concerned with information relating to the first of these events.

DURATION

5. The Sixth Conference will last three days. On the fourth day the Cuban Government will provide a special programme showing concrete experience of the country’s development. As was the case at the previous Conference, the relevant documents will be distributed beforehand so that the member countries will have sufficient time to examine them.

6. Parallel to this, it is planned that it will be possible to fully examine the specific agenda of the Seventh Technical Committee in the presence of the Ministers and Heads of National Delegations themselves.
AGENDA

7. The Sixth Conference will once again constitute the principal place of meeting and exchange of views between those responsible for planning and the co-ordination of economic and social policies in Latin America and the Caribbean. On this occasion, in accordance with a unanimous decision, the central issue is the role of National Planning Bodies in regional co-operation and integration, within a strategy of reactivation and development.

PLENARY MEETINGS

8. Three plenary meetings are planned, in addition to a special meeting which will be held parallel to the Seventh Technical Committee (see table at the end of this document). The plenary meetings will be devoted to examining the national reports relating to the central topic; at the Special Meeting the experience of the Co-operation and Integration Bodies present at the meeting will be presented.

ATTENDANCE

9. As far as the 37 member governments are concerned, the information already gathered in recent months, during the preparatory stage of this Meeting, indicates that attendance will be broad. In accordance with official recommendations, the formal invitation will be made to representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of all member countries.

10. As is now traditional, observers are expected to attend from specific international organizations, technical co-operation bodies and other organizations linked with planning and the region's development policies. Bodies from non-member countries outside the region, with similar links to those mentioned above and with which the region is interested in broadening the exchange of experience relating to planning and development may attend as special guests. The Sixth Conference will also be specially attended by Integration and Co-operation Organizations from the region and from outside.

ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

11. The opening ceremony of the Sixth Conference will take place in the morning of Monday March 23 and the closing meeting in the evening of Wednesday 25. Nevertheless, participants will be registered on the evening of Sunday 22, and distribution of the documents designed for ad-hoc distribution will begin. This timetable—which incorporates suggestions made by the member governments, will allow the delegations to travel to Havana during the previous weekend.
12. As indicated, the Seventh Technical Committee, attended by the Heads of the
delegations from each Ministry and National Planning Body, will be held
during the Sixth Conference. Since a special meeting will be held
simultaneously, it is recommended that, in so far as possible, countries
send at least one person to accompany and assist the Minister or Head of
Planning.

CORRESPONDENCE

13. Until March 17th, any additional information may be requested from:

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15. After March 22nd, participants may get in touch directly with the Technical
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SIXTH CONFERENCE AND SEVENTH COMMITTEE: PROPOSED AGENDA
(Havana, Cuba, March 1987)

MONDAY 23/Morning

OPENING CEREMONY

Election of Officers and Adoption of Agenda

Inaugural Addresses

Cuba: Government
Mexico: President of SOCEPALC and of the Fifth Conference
President Elect for the Sixth Conference
ECLAC: Executive Secretary
UNDP: Director of the Bureau of the RBLAC
ILPES: Director

PLENARY MEETING I

Topic: The role of National Planning Bodies in Regional Co-operation and Integration in the framework of a strategy of reactivation and development.

Presentation by the Director of ILPES (Doc. MTI/G.3)

Afternoon

Exposes by the Delegations and Debate.

TUESDAY 24/Morning

MEETING OF THE SEVENTH TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF ILPES
(Heads of National Delegations)

Special Meeting

Devoted to discussing specific aspects of integration and regional and subregional co-operation.
Regional and Subregional Integration and Co-operation Organizations will take a direct part. (This meeting takes place simultaneously with the Seventh Technical Committee).

Afternoon

Continuation of the Special Plenary Meeting.

WEDNESDAY 25/Morning

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Continuation of presentations by the Delegations and Debate

Afternoon

Conclusions and Recommendations emerging from the Sixth Conference.

THURSDAY 26/Morning

OFFICIAL VISITS by participants

Afternoon

Continuation of OFFICIAL VISITS

PLENARY MEETING II

Presentation of the Conclusions from the Plenary Session.

Continuation of the presentation by Delegations.

OFFICIAL CLOSING MEETING