1. Election of Officers

In accordance with the ECLAC Rules of Procedure and established practice, it is necessary to elect a group of Officers consisting of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Delegates may wish to consider and adopt the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat for the present meeting and contained in document LC/L.441(CEG.14/1). Delegations may, of course, make such observations and suggest such amendments as they consider appropriate, subject to the provisions of the Rules of Procedure and the time available.

3. Restrictions on sustained development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the requisites for overcoming them (LC/G.1488(SBS.22/3))

This is the central item of the agenda, in which the main restrictions on the sustained development of the countries of the region will be explored. As the focal point of this analysis, it has been decided to select the phenomenon of the transfer of financial resources and the way in which this affects the capacity to grow, to accumulate resources, to improve income distribution and to bring down inflation. In this context, an examination will also be made of the economic outlook for the next five years, through an analysis of the alternative scenarios prepared by the Secretariat.

A central place in this examination will be occupied by the different options for handling the external debt. In addition, in the light of the proposals put forward, an analysis will be made of policies for subordinating debt servicing to the objectives of development, and consideration will be given to measures which the governments and societies of the region should take in order to transform their structure of production and meet the most pressing demands of the great masses of the population, all within a context of reasonable financial stability.
Finally, an examination will be made of the role of economic integration and intra-regional co-operation in overcoming the restrictions on development.

4. **Approval of the report**

The final report of the meeting will be submitted by the Rapporteur for the approval of the representatives of member governments present.