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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers

Pursuant to the provisions of article 16 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, and in accordance with established practice, the Commission shall elect a group of officers consisting of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The representatives may wish to consider and adopt the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat for this meeting and contained in document LC/L.544(CEG.17/1). Delegations may take this opportunity to make such observations and suggest such amendments as they consider appropriate, under the rules of procedure and in keeping with the amount of time available.

3. Reactivation of the economic and social development of the region:
Changing production patterns with social equity

This is the principal agenda item. Recent trends in Latin America and the Caribbean will be examined, and this analysis will serve as a frame of reference for proposing a development strategy to be based on changing production patterns with social equity.

After a decade of economic stagnation and retrogression in many respects, it has become urgent to consider new forms of production which take into account not only the international setting and its requirements of competitiveness and absorption of technological advances, but also the need for equity. The role played by equity in competitiveness and growth will also be analysed.

To provide an operational framework for the item, the outlines of certain basic macroeconomic and sectoral policies in such areas as trade, finance, exchange, technology, the training of human resources and the creation of enterprises, will be examined.

The interlinkage of production and the interaction between public and private agents will be explored in relation to the subject of policies. Lastly, the potential role of economic integration and intraregional co-operation in support of changes in production patterns will be discussed. To facilitate the discussion of this topic, the Secretariat has prepared a document entitled "Changing production patterns with social equity: The prime task of Latin American and Caribbean development in the 1990s".

4. Drafting the International Development Strategy for the 1990s: Some considerations from the standpoint of Latin America and the Caribbean

The United Nations General Assembly, at its forthcoming session, is scheduled to adopt a new International Development Strategy.

ECLAC is actively participating in the preparatory work. A report will be given at the CEGAN session on the work in progress and the role to be played by the Commission in 1990.

Information will also be presented on three topics whose inclusion in the new Strategy was approved at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly, namely, international economic relations, human resources and poverty, and the environment. In relation to these three topics, a series of elements will be selected which may be of use to the representatives of the region who will participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. To facilitate discussion of this topic, the Secretariat has prepared a document entitled "International Development Strategy: Some considerations from the standpoint of Latin America and the Caribbean".

5. Adoption 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.