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Part One

ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The second session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee, a permanent subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America, was held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from 16 to 22 March 1977. The session took place in two stages: a Technical Level Meeting, held from 16 to 19 March, and a Ministerial Level Meeting, 21 to 22 March.

Attendance 1/

2. Representatives of the following member countries of the Committee attended the session: Barbados, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Surinam and Trinidad and Tobago. Representatives of Belize and the West Indies Associated States attended in their capacity as Associate Members of CEPAL, in conformity with Article 3 (b) and (c) of the Terms of Reference of the Commission. The Netherlands Antilles attended as an observer, in conformity with CDCC resolution 1 (I).

3. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations in the sub-region attended the session: the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the East Caribbean Common Market (ECCM).

4. The following United Nations bodies were represented at the session: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Industrial Development Programme (UNIDO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

5. Observers from the following specialized agencies of the United Nations system attended the session: International Labour Organisation (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations

1/ The full list of participants appears in annex 5.

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (PAHO-WHO), World Bank, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/GATT), Universal Postal Union (UPU), International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Election of Officers

6. The officers at the Technical Level Meeting were as follows:

Chairman: Milton Messina (Dominican Republic)

Vice-Chairmen: Gilbert Graham (Belize)
Carlos M. Salsamendi (Cuba)

Rapporteur: Trevor Harker (Jamaica)

The officers at the Ministerial Meeting were as follows:

Chairman: Ramón Emilio Jiménez (Dominican Republic)

Vice-Chairmen: George Price (Belize)
Isidoro Malmierca Peoli (Cuba)

Rapporteur: Derick R. Heaven (Jamaica)

Agenda

7. The agenda for the second session of the CDCC was as follows:

1. Opening Addresses
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Co-ordination of the programme of work of CDCC:
 - (a) Report of Inter-Agency Meeting (New York, 28-30 June 1976);
 - (i) Parameters of the activities of CDCC and possibilities of reorienting available resources;
 - (ii) Classification of possibilities of action;
 - (b) Specific action already initiated: Report of the CDCC Secretariat.
5. New proposals
6. Programme of activities including specialized meetings:
 - (a) CEPAL Office for the Caribbean;
 - (b) United Nations and Specialized Agencies.

7. Conclusions and recommendations of regional meetings sponsored by CEPAL and their application within the CDCC area
 - (a) CEPAL/FAO Food Conference;
 - (b) Regional Preparatory Meeting of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for the United Nations Water Conference;
 - (c) Regional Latin American Meeting on Human Settlements.
8. Other matters.
9. Site and timing of Third Session.
10. Consideration and approval of report including possible financial implications.

Opening ceremony of the Ministerial Meeting

8. The opening ceremony, honoured by the presence of the Vice-President of the Dominican Republic, Mr. Carlos Rafael Goico Morales, was held on 21 March 1977. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Isidoro Malmierca Peoli, Minister of Foreign Relations of Cuba, representative of the host country of the first session of the CDCC; Mr. Enrique V. Iglesias, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America; the Hon. George Price, Premier of Belize, who spoke on behalf of the participating delegations; and Commodore Ramón Emilio Jiménez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, in the name of the Government of the host country.

Adoption of the report and of the Declaration of Santo Domingo

9. The discussions and decisions of the Ministerial Meeting were based on the report submitted by the Technical Meeting as well as on the decisions on priorities, the co-ordination of planning, the venue of the next CDCC session and other matters adopted at an informal meeting of heads of delegation.
10. At its final plenary meeting the Committee unanimously adopted the Declaration of Santo Domingo which had also been unanimously approved at the informal meeting of heads of delegation (see annex 3).
11. The Committee adopted its report, after having been informed by the secretariat of the financial implications of the recommendations contained therein, in accordance with United Nations regulations (see annex 4).

Part Two

CO-ORDINATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF CDCC

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

12. The second session of CDCC reviewed the results of the Inter-Agency Meeting held in New York in June 1976, including what had developed from subsequent consultations with the Agencies. The results of these consultations reflect several levels of advancement which may be classified under three broad headings:

- (i) Joint programmes between the CDCC Secretariat and agencies for which specific resources have been identified and for which a timetable for implementation has been spelt out;
- (ii) Specific action which has been detailed but for which resources have not been identified nor the timetable worked out;
- (iii) Proposals which have not yet been detailed.

13. In keeping with the mandate of the first session of CDCC, attention was directed to the following:

- (i) Regional items which are compatible with current integration activities and which yield collective benefits;
- (ii) The utilization of resources on a regional basis to enable all countries to participate and to benefit;
- (iii) The utilization of indigenous expertise in the region including methodology and technology.

General observations

14. Representatives reiterated their support for the Constituent Declaration approved by the Committee in Havana and its continued validity, and in that respect they declared that the activities of the CDCC Secretariat were in accordance with the mandate given at the first session.

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15. The efforts at co-operation and co-ordination, especially the convening of the Inter-Agency Meeting, were welcomed. However, it was stressed that efforts should be directed towards greater horizontal co-operation, expansion of on-going projects to include countries not previously covered, and the use of expertise and experience from member countries in regional projects. It was stressed that the horizontal co-operation realized through the Committee should be pragmatic and focus on fields where action was feasible and urgent. It was agreed that the CDCC Secretariat, in consultation with the specialized agencies, UNDP and other United Nations bodies concerned, should explore these areas further.

16. At the same time the representatives laid stress on the identity of the region deriving from its unique and common problems, and the special nature of the forms of regional co-operation which that common ground offers to the countries. Concern was expressed at the overlapping in the geographical coverage of the United Nations sub-regional system and it was suggested that the possibility of a uniform criterion for the division of the region by the various United Nations agencies should be considered at least as a long-term objective. Flexibility in the channelling of resources and efforts to avoid duplication, particularly institutional duplication, were emphasized.

17. It was agreed that the CDCC secretariat, together with the participating governments, organizations and institutions, should identify the services, technical capacity, studies and activities existing in the sub-region, and promote the pooling of resources and effective support to facilitate horizontal co-operation. There should be greater concern to carry out existing projects rather than formulate new tasks, by modernizing structures, and to promote bilateral exchanges among the countries of the region.

18. The need for restructuring the character of technical assistance was also expressed and it was suggested that the use of short-term advisers should supplement local expertise, while long-term advisers could be utilized in areas where no local expertise is available. The need for complementary development of the human resource component through training programmes was also expressed.

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19. The Committee reiterated the policy approach enunciated in the Constituent Declaration adopted at the first session of CDCC that in the implementation of all the activities in the sub-region, the utmost effort should be made to identify all sources of funding, from the member governments, UNDP, UNEP, FAO and the other agencies and financial sources, as well as optimum utilization of resources available in the sub-region. It was emphasized that in carrying out these activities full utilization should be made of the experience already accumulated by integration movements in the sub-region.

20. The Committee considered with interest that technical co-operation among the countries of the sub-region, on the basis of their own human and institutional resources, as well as technical co-operation with other countries and sub-regions of Latin America should be fostered by the Secretariat in co-ordination with the Programme which the United Nations Development Programme and the Agencies are carrying out to promote horizontal technical co-operation among developing countries.

21. The Committee approved in general the activities specially designed or modified by the Agencies to meet the CDCC priorities as presented in the Inter-Agency Meeting Report.

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

22. The Committee, in considering the programme of activities proposed up to the third session, used as a basis document E/CEPAL/CDCC/18, which is annexed as amended. On each topic the Committee considered the appropriate document incorporating proposals from the Secretariat, the Specialized Agencies and Governments.^{2/}

23. In the case of the new proposals ^{3/} it was agreed that they would be circulated by the Secretariat to the member governments for evaluation with a view to determining their interest and feasibility. It was agreed that this procedure would be followed in the future with respect to all new proposals.

24. The Committee decided that in dealing with each sector, it would call on the pertinent specialized agency or international organization to present its views and also indicate the specific support and resources that it could bring to bear in connexion with the activities involved.

25. The Committee also agreed that in considering and approving the activities, programmes and projects to be carried out, the Secretariat should take into account the various new ideas and proposals put forward by member governments during the course of discussion.

26. With regard to the two meetings of experts that were agreed on by the Committee as part of the implementation of the Work Programme, namely, a meeting of librarians and documentalists and a meeting on language barriers, if no member government was in a position to sponsor and meet the costs involved in holding it, UNESCO could consider offering financial assistance for this purpose if two or more member governments so requested from the UNESCO Participation Programme. With respect to the meeting on language barriers, the Committee accepted the offer of the Government of Belize to provide the venue. Financial assistance will be sought from UNESCO in meeting some of the costs.

^{2/} See list of documents submitted by the Secretariat, annex 6.

^{3/} See list of new proposals, annex 2.

27. Failing this, the financial implications involved would have to be considered and approved by the 17th Session of CEPAL and by the forthcoming General Assembly of the United Nations.

28. With respect to two other meetings mandated by the first session of CDCC, namely, a meeting on the Law of the Sea and a meeting of Rectors of Universities, the Committee agreed that given the changed circumstances there was no necessity to convene them at the present time.

29. In carrying out the mandates received from the Committee in regard to the implementation of the Work Programme in its various sectors, it was agreed by the Committee that the Secretariat would circulate to member governments the modified programmes, taking into account the proposals submitted by member governments during the course of the session, the inputs of the United Nations and specialized agencies, and those that might result from the Inter-Agency Meeting convened by CEPAL in Santo Domingo to follow up the implementation of the CDCC Work Programme.

30. It was agreed that governments should be kept more closely informed of developments in the work programme on an on-going basis, including a visiting mission just prior to sessions of the Committee. For this purpose it was further agreed that the CEPAL Office for the Caribbean should issue a bi-monthly bulletin on progress in the implementation of the Work Programme, without prejudice to direct consultations with individual governments as required.

A. Technical co-operation among the Caribbean Countries 4/

31. The Committee welcomed the establishment of the Documentation Centre at the CDCC Secretariat which should be co-ordinated with other bodies in the region involved in related activities. Support for its operation was offered by member governments and agencies.

32. In making the Documentation Centre fully operational, it was pointed out that technical assistance and financing would be required for a period of approximately five years. UNESCO would provide assistance in the form of a feasibility study.

4/ The lettering of these section headings corresponds to that of the Work Programme of the first session of the CDCC.

33. It was agreed that a meeting of librarians and documentalists should be convened to determine the scope of the Centre.

34. With regard to the efforts to overcome language barriers, the Committee agreed that the programme should be implemented with special and urgent attention to the needs of those countries within the subregion which at present have no or very limited related language training facilities or none at all.

35. It was agreed that in the survey being carried out on a country-by-country basis, particular attention should be paid to identifying the target groups, including journalists and other communications specialists, on which the efforts and related activities should be concentrated during the initial stages. To cover the urgent needs of countries lacking training facilities, during a transitional period maximum use should be made of facilities available elsewhere within the subregion. A further feasibility study on this subject would be undertaken.

Science and Technology

36. The Committee agreed to the creation of Councils for Science and Technology and for Social and Economic Development. The Meeting noted the importance of the application of science and technology to the development of the subregion and the need for greater involvement of the CDCC in development programmes related to the application and transfer of science and technology and the development of indigenous technology in the subregion. The Meeting also agreed that the CDCC Secretariat should initiate consultations with member governments and agencies to determine the desirability of convening a specialized meeting in order to formulate a policy on science and technology and to adopt common approaches and strategies as a subregional input for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology to be held in 1979. It was further agreed that a unit should be established within the CDCC Secretariat to work in conjunction with the Caribbean Council of Science and Technology and to service these councils. Specific consideration should be given by the latter council to the problems of youth. Pre-feasibility studies would also be undertaken.

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37. The Committee approved the projects relating to this subject contained in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/19 leading to the establishment of a Caribbean Enterprise for Production and Distribution of Printed and Audio-Visual Materials and a network of Centres for Cultural Retrieval and Animation. The Meeting was informed that UNESCO is prepared to send a consultant on the production and distribution of books if so requested by one or more member States within the context of the Participation Project, and that in respect of the Centres for Cultural Retrieval and Animation it would be possible to arrange for a multidisciplinary team to be sent to elaborate a strategy provided that such a request was made from the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture by CDCC or the member States before April 1977.

B. Agricultural Sector

38. With regard to the agricultural sector, the Committee agreed that the Directory of Associations and Producers, Dealers and Exporters of Agricultural and Livestock Products for the Caribbean Countries was useful for all the countries in the area and that efforts should be made to have it completed.

39. Concern was expressed that this publication is not available in the three languages of CDCC, and it was agreed that a post of French translator would be sought at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.

40. With respect to the project on land tenure and land taxation systems in the English-speaking countries, it was agreed that efforts should continue in order to obtain financing to carry out this study.

41. The Committee took note of the fact that FAO is implementing development projects in the Caribbean, at the national and subregional levels, relating to matters of interest to member countries.

42. The Committee also took note of the possibilities of technical consultancy offered by the FAO Regional Office in the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors, and particularly in relation to external trade and regional co-operation in agriculture.

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43. With regard to the industrial sector, it was agreed that with respect to regional industrialization programmes, co-ordination will be effected through the CDCC Secretariat of the technical assistance given by the United Nations agencies to industry within the framework of regional projects that will be approved. Furthermore, efforts should be made to co-ordinate this assistance with national and regional development plans.

44. Efforts for providing information on suitable technology for industry and for developing indigenous technology should be channelled through the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology.

D. Social Sector

45. The Committee agreed to the studies proposed for the social sector and requested the Secretariat to present an action-oriented programme which provided concrete recommendations to the Governments and detailed the social Work Programme as precisely as the actions foreseen in the economic sector. This Work Programme could be sectorally integrated into the overall CDCC Work Programme.

G. Tourism

46. The Committee accepted the need for studies to be carried out with member governments providing the necessary experts. Further assistance in this study may be provided by the United Nations, particularly under the technical co-operation programme.

H. Transport and Communications

47. The Committee was informed that a survey on shipping in the Eastern Caribbean financed by CIDA is being carried out jointly by CARICOM, CDB and CEPAL. It also noted the programme, hitherto delayed for lack of financing, entered into with UNCTAD for similar studies covering other CDCC countries, and also the harmonization of maritime law within the area.

48. With respect to air transport, the Committee endorsed the joint CEARL/ICAO project to carry out the survey into the existing state and conditions of air transport in the CDCC area; and agreed to nominate the liaison officers and a regional committee of experts to expedite the work.

49. The Committee endorsed the proposals to carry out a study on telecommunications. The ITU agreed to provide for the proposed study whatever assistance it could within its budget. In addition, it suggested that radio and telephone services be considered separately.

50. The Committee noted that a survey on the postal services has been carried out by the Universal Postal Union and the conclusion suggested the establishment of some form of association. If member countries wished to pursue that possibility, the UPU would provide technical assistance.

K. Regional Co-operation

51. The Committee agreed that studies would be undertaken with a view to promoting closer co-operation in the subregion. Experts from Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam, should assist in studies into the possibilities and implications of forms of associations between CARICOM and these countries. This would be followed by studies in fostering co-operation with the Latin American groupings, such as the Central American Common Market, the Andean Group and CARICOM, and their possible relationship with wider regional bodies such as SELA and GEPLACEA.

L. Trade

52. With respect to trade, the Committee noted that some assistance could be obtained from UNCTAD in carrying out studies on the extension of inter-Caribbean trade as well as identifying the problems faced by the CDCC countries in international trade.

M. Natural Disasters

53. The Committee endorsed the proposal that studies should be initiated with a view to setting up a subregional network of early-warning systems.

E. Public Health

54. The Committee noted the activities in the region carried out by the relevant agency in the field of public health. It expressed its agreement on the importance of this sector for the development and welfare of the region.

55. With respect to programmes for children, infants, youths and mothers, and to basic health services in rural areas, the relevant agency will be prepared to respond to initiatives which the CDCC presents in these fields.

F. Education and Culture

56. It was agreed that the proposals on the preservation of cultural heritage and the biennial art festival, as well as the manner of carrying out preliminary investigations into their feasibility, would be submitted to Governments for evaluation.

57. The Committee noted the information provided by the UNESCO observer on the network of educational innovations for development being implemented in other regions and now proposed for the Caribbean subregion, and considered it relevant as a framework for rationalizing future educational development projects in this region.

58. UNESCO had carried out an identification mission and was planning a follow-up seminar of subregional specialists to be held in the Caribbean in 1977.

J. Coastal area development

59. The Committee noted that investigations into coastal area development have already been carried out. In addition to these studies, there is the possibility of support for studies on bio-physical and socio-economic mapping, the development of national programmes of coastal management, and the holding of workshops, seminars and training courses under the Ocean Economics and Technology Programme of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

60. A UNESCO mission could also be undertaken in coastal area development.

II. ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE CEPAL OFFICE FOR THE CARIBBEAN

61. The Committee noted and endorsed the additional functions of the CEPAL Office for the Caribbean, details of which appear in annex 1, section II.

III. OTHER CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Priorities

62. The Committee indicated a number of urgent matters to which attention should be given by the Secretariat, namely, health, education, culture, tourism, communications, natural resources and mining and relations with other organizations.

63. With regard to culture, the focus would be on the Caribbean biennial festival of art proposed by the Dominican Republic. It was agreed that the Dominican Republic would look into the feasibility of the festival during the first two years.

64. In the case of national resources it was agreed that the emphasis would be on mining, which should be given a specific sub-heading in the Work Programme in the following terms:

"Taking into account the potential of the mining resources existing in the area and the degree of development of this sector in various countries of the region, the Secretariat will endeavour to identify the problems associated with the mining, processing and marketing of natural resources within the subregion. Likewise, due account will be taken of the possibility of exchanging experience on the exercise by the countries of the area of full sovereignty over their natural resources."

"Due account will be taken of existing and planned initiatives by governments, universities and producers' associations in this area. The Secretariat will undertake the relevant consultations with the Governments to initiate action aimed at the co-ordination of efforts in this respect."

CEPAL/UNEP Project for Environmental Management

65. The Committee was informed that the Project for Environmental Management which CEPAL and UNEP had jointly agreed to undertake in Latin America encompasses the CDCC member countries as well as the wider Caribbean area. Governments expressed general support for the project and requested that future meetings of the CDCC should be kept informed as the project evolved. In the context of the Man and the Biosphere Programme UNESCO offered the possibility of a survey mission being undertaken.

Workshop on Transnational Corporations

66. The Committee noted that a training workshop on negotiations with Transnational Corporations has been organized by the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations which will be held in Guyana in mid-July 1977.

67. It was hoped that invitations could be extended to all CDCC countries, and the sponsors would be requested to consider this possibility.

68. A survey mission to investigate the impact of transnational corporations could also be undertaken, if so requested.

Conclusions and recommendations of regional meetings sponsored by CEPAL

69. With respect to agenda item 7, conclusions and recommendations of regional meetings sponsored by CEPAL and their implications within the CDCC area, the Committee agreed that the Secretariat should analyse those recommendations and conclusions and submit to member governments those that were of more direct interest in the subregion.

Co-ordination of planning

70. The Committee unanimously adopted the following recommendation on the co-ordination of plannings.

The Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee,

Considering that the report of the first session of CDCC establishes the need to support the countries of the region in the improvement of planning to allow more adequate formulation and application of economic development policies, and also recommends that co-operation should be intensified among the

/Caribbean countries

Caribbean countries and that for that purpose a systematic flow of technological and methodological information of the region should be established;

Bearing in mind that in resolution 351 (XVI) of May 1975 the Economic Commission for Latin America provided that ILPES should broaden its functions and should co-operate in the exchange of experience and research results in global, sectoral and regional planning between the planning bodies of member countries, so as to promote collaboration activities among them;

Considering that recently various Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America assembled in the Technical Subcommittee of ILPES have considered the need to establish a permanent forum within the CEPAL and ILPES system in order to exchange experience on the problems encountered in seeking better levels of development and on the policies and measures introduced to resolve them;

Aware of the initiative to establish this permanent forum of planning officials to be introduced at the Meeting of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America to be held in Caracas, Venezuela from 13 to 16 April at which ILPES will be the Technical Secretariat;

Agrees:

To establish machinery within the CDCC to bring together planning officials in the Caribbean countries, with the following responsibilities:

- (a) To analyse on a continuous basis the planning problems and outlook of the CDCC countries;
- (b) To exchange experience on substantive and technical aspects of development planning;
- (c) To identify common action which may lead to economic and social development plans, programmes and projects for the benefit of the CDCC region as a whole or groups of countries.

/The participation

The participation in this Committee of institutions such as the Caribbean Development Bank and CARICOM will be important.

As the secretariat of the CDCC, CEPAL shall act as the Technical Secretariat of this Committee of planning officials, in which task it shall be assisted by ILPES.

Upon approval, at the Caracas Meeting, of the Permanent System to Promote Links among Ministers and Heads of Planning, the machinery established by this resolution shall link itself closely with that System.

Venue of the third annual session of the CDCC

71. In accordance with rule 11 of its rules of procedure, the Committee, before closing the second session, considered the question of the timing and venue of its third session. In this connexion the Committee adopted by acclamation the proposal made by the delegation of Jamaica that the next session of the CDCC should be held in Belize.

Annex 1^{*}

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES PROPOSED UP TO THE
THIRD SESSION OF THE CDCC

The Secretariat submitted for consideration the following work programme for the period between the Second Session and Third Session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee. This programme will be carried out essentially by the CEPAL Office for the Caribbean, but will include such collaboration with other organizations as may be necessary in order to ensure both the implementation of the projects and their maximum usefulness.

I. WORK PROGRAMME MANDATED BY THE CDCC AT FIRST
SESSION, HAVANA, NOVEMBER 1975

A. Technical Co-operation among the Caribbean Countries

1. A Documentation Centre has been established to facilitate the exchange of information related to social and economic development. Further information on this Centre is contained in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/16. On the basis of a survey being carried out by CLADES and of a complementary UNESCO mission, users' requirements and available materials and sources would be identified. It is proposed to convene a meeting of regional experts (librarians and documentalists) to finalize details on the orientation and the scope of the Centre in relation to existing needs for co-ordination and development. UNESCO's support is detailed in a joint CEPAL/UNESCO paper E/CEPAL/CDCC/19, Section I.

* This revised text is based on document E/CEPAL/CDCC/18 and takes into account the discussions at the Technical Meeting and the decisions adopted by the Committee on the basis of the proposals made to the Committee and of documents E/CEPAL/CDCC/11 and Add.1, 2 and 3 and E/CEPAL/CDCC/19 and Add.1, 2 and 3. The proposals were in some cases supplemented by contributions made by the participating delegations.

2. In an effort to undertake special measures and programmes to overcome language barriers, (a) a joint CEPAL/UNESCO mission is proposed in order to establish with government officials the priority target groups, and also (b) a meeting of experts be convened in order to advise on teaching methods appropriate to the respective target groups. Special attention will be given to the needs of those countries which currently have no or only limited language training facilities. Details on these proposals are contained in paper E/CEPAL/CDCC/19, Section II.

3. In order to strengthen collaboration between the different academic systems and other governmental research centres, it is proposed to create Councils for Science and Technology and for Social and Economic Development. Both Councils will initially concentrate their action on stimulating research and the exchange of experience and knowledge among Caribbean institutions and scholars. A Science and Technology Unit will be established within the Secretariat to serve the proposed Council on Science and Technology. The support of UNESCO is detailed in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/19, Section III.

4. A joint CEPAL/UNESCO project will be formulated aiming at the creation of a multi-country Caribbean enterprise for lifelong education (educación permanente) and of a net of Centres for cultural retrieval and animation. It is intended that the enterprise will initiate action in the supply of printed and audio-visual materials to the existing media and in ascertaining their dissemination and accessibility to the public. Efforts will be made to take into account the needs of communicators and recipients. Discussions will be held with government officials on the viability and implementation of the project whose scope is described in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/19, Section IV.

B. Agricultural Sector

1. As a follow-up to the publication of the Directory of Associations of Producers, Dealers and Exporters of Agricultural and Livestock Products of the Caribbean Countries, an attempt to bring those

Associations together and facilitate mutual exchanges will be initiated. In future, this publication will be produced in the three languages of the CDCC.

2. Demand projections will be made of selected food crops.
3. Selection of agricultural and livestock products of the region that lend themselves to industrial processing at local and regional level will be made.
4. Work will continue on the biennial publication Agricultural Statistics of the Caribbean Countries and efforts will be made to include information on prices.
5. It is hoped to start a study into the working of the land tenure and land taxation systems with the aim of defining the nature and extent of the constraints on development and employment so as to develop models more appropriate to the needs of the countries. Extra-budgetary finances will be sought to carry out this project.

C. Industrial Sector

1. It is proposed in the initial stages to take stock of personnel and skills available in the region. The outcome would be to make readily available to the member countries a Caribbean roster or directory of regional expertise, for which co-operation of the governments will be sought.
2. Initial steps will be taken to establish appropriate co-ordination of technical assistance with the related United Nations bodies in the terms approved by the CDCC.
3. Working in conjunction with the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology, efforts will be made, in co-operation with the relevant institutions, to assist in providing information on suitable technology for industry.
4. Efforts will be made to link existing research and technological institutions in the region in order to achieve, through integration and co-operation, optimum resource utilization and a greater impact on the technology needs of the region.

D. Social Sector

1. Studies will continue on social structural changes on a country-by-country basis. The diversity of situations existing both between the member States of the Committee and within the countries themselves will be classified and analysed. These studies will assist in the formulation of a policy for social development.
2. Studies will continue on the non-demographic aspects of manpower aimed at a diagnosis of the forms of labour utilization within different economic organizations and the planning for an increase in the employment rates.
3. A detailed social work programme will be produced dealing inter alia, with human resources development, health, unemployment, illiteracy, malnutrition, which will be integrated in all the relevant sectoral economic studies.

G. Tourism

There is need for (a) an analysis of the social impact of tourism, (b) the real economic gains, and (c) an analysis of the provision of concessions, incentives and facilities for tourism development with a view to formulating a regional approach. Additional resources are required for these studies; and it is proposed that member governments provide the necessary experts to carry out these studies which will be co-ordinated by the CDCC Secretariat.

H. Transport and Communications

1. A study is being carried out in association with CARICOM to identify the origin and destination flows by commodity of the inter-island small vessels in the Eastern Caribbean. This information will be provided as an input of the CDB investment study of WISCO. It will be used to provide details of the route structure and vessel types required by that shipping line.

2. Work will continue in conjunction with other appropriate bodies in the region for the design of regular, reliable and efficient services in order to complement WISCO, NAMUCAR and international shipping lines, and to provide transshipment services in the region.
3. Studies will be carried out to determine the preferred design of equipment for such services with a view to standardization.
4. It is proposed to initiate a survey of the existing state and condition of air transport in the CDCC area with a view to suggesting improvement in the schedules and route patterns of service, type of aircraft and equipment both from economic and technological standpoints, improvements of infrastructure: airports and navigational facilities, and the rationalization of air transport arrangements. A series of continuing reports will be prepared.
5. Telecommunications and postal services within the region will be examined by regional experts to provide an overview of the present system with its perceived problems and deficiencies. This work will be followed by the appointment of small working groups to survey the present system from the standpoint of both the operator and the user. The work will be co-ordinated by CEPAL Office for the Caribbean. These groups could organize and carry out a regional survey of the services. Analysis of the results and submission of recommendations for improvements to governments will occur in the following work period (between the Third and Fourth CDCC Sessions).

I. Marine Resources

To the extent possible, efforts will be made to assist member States of the CDCC in developing specific activities in co-ordination with the appropriate agencies.

K. Regional Co-operation

1. Studies will be undertaken with a view to promoting closer collaboration and co-operation among the integration movements of the sub-region. In this respect parallel studies are being undertaken by CEPAL in respect of the Central American Common Market (CACM) and the

Andean Group. On the basis of these and other studies a comparative study will be undertaken subsequently with a view to fostering such co-operation.

2. Studies will also be carried out into the possibilities and implications of forms of association between CARICOM and other participating countries of the CDCC. The assistance of experts from these countries will be required in carrying out these studies which will be co-ordinated by the CDCC Secretariat.

3. Studies will be carried out on the possible benefits that might be derived from participation of the Caribbean countries in the Latin American Economic System (SELA) with a view to facilitating a more complete identification of their objectives and interests with those of the rest of Latin America.

4. Efforts will be made to foster co-ordination of actions with the Group of Sugar Exporting Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (GEPLACEA), in defense of the interests of producing member countries in matters of trade, also in the interchange of experiences on technology, production, research and development, covering agricultural as well as industrial aspects.

L. Trade

It is expected that recruitment of a Trade Policy Expert will be made during 1977. It is proposed to initiate:

- analyses of the pattern of trade in specific items between individual countries and third countries;
- studies of obstacles to trade in specific items of interest, e.g., tariffs, other barriers, transport;

with a view to formulating proposals for the diversification and expansion of the internal and external trade of CDCC countries.

Particular attention will be paid to possibilities under the Generalized System of Preferences.

M. Natural Disasters

It is proposed to initiate studies with a view to setting up a subregional network of early warning systems by co-ordinating and organizing the various inputs of media, meteorological services, telecommunications, private radio operators and relief organizations.

Work was mandated under the following heads:

E. Public Health

F. Education and Culture

J. Coastal Area Development

E. Public Health

Assistance offered by PAHO at the Inter-Agency Meeting will be explored to construct a regional programme to meet the CDCC priorities, and close liaison will be maintained with the newly created UNICEF Area Office in Jamaica, with the object of having specific recommendations presented to the member governments.

F. Education and Culture

Some aspects of Education and Culture, i.e., language training, collaboration among universities and research institutions, and adult education are included above under Section A. Technical Co-operation among the Caribbean Countries.

Support will be given to the UNESCO project on network for educational innovations in the Caribbean.

J. Coastal Area Development

Under Coastal Area Development, the Committee had mandated an investigation of beach erosion and sedimentation, utilization of swamps and wetlands, the promotion of recreation, tourism and fishing as well as preservation of the coastal areas. The Secretariat envisages that the first step in carrying out this mandate will be the conducting of on-the-post surveys to be followed by the convening of a group of experts to formulate recommendations for concrete projects in specific fields.

Work in coastal management is being undertaken by the Office of Ocean Economics and Technology at United Nations Headquarters. Additionally a UNESCO mission might be undertaken in the same area. Both activities will provide inputs for the implementation of the work programme. There is need, however, for an appropriate expert on the staff of the Secretariat to initiate and co-ordinate action in this subject matter.

II. ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE CEPAL OFFICE FOR THE CARIBBEAN

- A. The contribution of analyses of current economic trends in each country and of the region as a whole to the Economic Survey of Latin America will continue. It is proposed to widen the coverage and to update the publication E/CEPAL/CDCC/15.
- B. Collaboration with the several substantive divisions of CEPAL Santiago in work projects of a regional (Latin America) nature. Among these are the Review and Appraisal of the International Development Strategy and Studies of Energy. Continued assistance and support will be given to the work of other branches of United Nations and the Specialized Agencies.
- C. Advisory assistance on an ad hoc basis to individual countries and territories, at their request, will be continued.
- D. Collaborating with and assisting the regional integration organizations - CARICOM, ECCM, WISA - in carrying out specific studies and projects will be continued. This function involves participation in technical and Ministerial meetings.
- E. The work begun on the project identified in the CDCC Work Programme titled "Formulation of a Sub-regional Energy Programme" will continue. A paper is to be prepared on energy resources and uses in the CDCC countries.
- F. As a first step in the Programme on Natural Resources a start will be made in early 1978 in assembling and assessing all available data on mineral resources in the CDCC member countries.
- G. It is proposed to commence publication of Statistical Bulletins for the region.

III. OTHER ACTIVITIES

CEPAL/UNEP Project Activities for Environmental Management in the Caribbean Region

A joint CEPAL/UNEP project for the development of an action programme for the sound environmental management in the wider Caribbean area has commenced and is expected to run for two years. In the initial stages it is proposed to collect, analyse and synthesize information on the state of environment, including identification of activities and events which have an impact on the environment; and identify existing gaps in knowledge. This would be followed by work on the identification of existing and necessary human and institutional resources within the region to deal with its environmental problems and suggest the guidelines for their inter-disciplinary work. There would then be an identification of the action already in hand and to be undertaken, at the national and international level, in order to deal with existing problems; and also suggested appropriate mechanisms for co-ordination and implementation of present and future actions within the United Nations system in this respect.

Finally, the project will seek to develop, in co-operation with governments concerned, United Nations bodies, as well as appropriate IGOs and NGOs, an Action Programme for presentation to an inter-governmental conference of the wider Caribbean area countries, to be convened at the highest possible level.

Transnational Corporations

The offer of UNESCO for a preliminary mission on the impact of transnational corporations in the social and economic development of the subregion will be followed up and will be combined to the extent feasible with support from the Centre for Transnational Corporations and CEPAL headquarters.

SUMMARY

Schedule of Meetings 1977-1978

Apart from reviewing the specialized meetings proposed at Havana and recorded in the report of the First Session of the CDCC (E/CEPAL/CDCC/8/Rev.1) the following two new meetings are suggested by the Secretariat for the consideration of member governments with specific decisions on venue, timing, participants and necessary financing required regarding all meetings.

1. Meeting of Experts - librarians and documentalists

Details of the Documentation Centre which has been established at the CDCC Secretariat are contained in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/16/Rev.1 and E/CEPAL/CDCC/19, Section I. It is considered necessary that a regional meeting be held in order to finalize details on the orientation and scope of the Centre.

2. Meeting of Experts on language barriers

Details on measures and programmes to overcome language barriers are contained in document E/CEPAL/CDCC/19, Section II. After a preliminary assessment of needs has been established, a meeting of about 20 experts is proposed in order to advise on teaching methods appropriate to selected groups.

Annex 2

LIST OF NEW PROPOSALS

Presented by Member Governments during the
Second Session of the CDCC

1. Creation of a Centre for the Teaching of the English, French and Spanish Languages, and for Cultural Research on the Countries of the Caribbean.
2. A Project for the Establishment of a Personnel Training Centre for the Development of Coastal Resources.
3. The Establishment of a Regional Centre of Improved Genetic Material for Agricultural Products.
4. Creation of an Institute for Research into the use of sugar-cane and its by-products for the production of food, meat and milk, fuels and fertilizers in the Caribbean Region.
5. Proposal for the Strengthening of Regional Tourism.
6. Science and Technology for Development.
7. Caribbean Biennial Festival of Arts.
8. Regional Centre for Restoration and Microfilming for the Caribbean and Central America.
9. Proposal for the Creation of a Caribbean Institute for Mineral and Hydrocarbon Resources.
10. Possibilities of subregional co-operation in applied research and technical assistance for the industrial sector.
11. Dwarf strains in sugar-cane.

Annex 3

DECLARATION OF SANTO DOMINGO

The member countries of the CDCC, meeting in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on the occasion of the second session of the Committee, decide:

1. To reaffirm the validity of the postulates and principles which should govern the CDCC, in accordance with the Constituent Declaration of the Committee adopted in Havana on 4 November 1975.
2. To co-ordinate action to promote still further the domestic efforts they are making for their economic and social development and the necessary structural changes these call for.
3. To guide their action in the spirit of the New International Economic Order with a view to adopting common positions in order to create a framework of just and equitable international economic relations which may foster the harmonious, integrated and independent development of the countries of the subregion.
4. To adopt common policies to defend the prices of their commodities and raw materials in international markets, and strengthen the action undertaken to that end, by endeavouring to support producers' associations already established in the region or created in future with those objectives.
5. To support the Latin American Economic System (SELA), by contributing to the strengthening of its programme of work and negotiation activities with other States or groups of States, as a means of identifying the interests of the Caribbean subregion with those of the rest of Latin America and fostering greater exchanges among the countries which form it. Furthermore, to offer their support to the action undertaken by CARICOM in the area.
6. To seek formulae which would ensure the optimum utilization of the human, material and financial resources in the Caribbean area so as to meet the needs of the individual and collective development of the countries of the subregion.

7. To reaffirm the principle of permanent sovereignty over the natural resources and economic activities of the countries of the Caribbean area.

8. To reaffirm the political will to participate actively in the horizontal co-operation programmes carried out among developing countries, both within Latin America and between it and other developing regions of the world, to the benefit of their interests and the well-being of their people.

9. To continue strengthening the schemes for co-operation at the subregional level while respecting the different existing economic and social systems.

Annex 4

I. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

With respect to possible financial implications under Item 10, the Secretariat wishes to underline the following:

1. Meetings

The Committee approved the holding of two meetings:

- (a) Meeting on Language Barriers
- (b) Meeting of Librarians and Documentalists

The Committee agreed that the assistance of UNESCO will be sought on the meetings listed at (a) and (b) above. In addition, in trying to implement the relevant decisions of the Committee on horizontal co-operation and the use of regional expertise, it is proposed to seek assistance from member Governments in certain conference services especially in the provision of translation and interpretation facilities. Assuming that assistance from UNESCO and member Governments materializes and taking into account the usual host government support, it is estimated that the cost to CEPAL will be in the vicinity of 12,500 dollars per meeting. These two meetings are scheduled to be held in September and November 1977.

The Committee agreed that consultations should be initiated with a view to determining the desirability of convening a Meeting on Science and Technology. If there is agreement, it is proposed to schedule this meeting during early 1978. Accordingly, the necessary estimates will be prepared and submitted through the usual channels and in accordance with established rules and regulations for inclusion in the United Nations budget. It is also proposed to submit a request to the United Nations for the provision of consultants to undertake the preparation of technical papers and studies for the meeting. However, since the Committee agreed that the CDCC Secretariat should initiate consultations with member Governments, the financing of travel costs will be required.

2. Staff

The Committee agreed to the establishment of a unit in the CDCC Secretariat to deal with science and technology and to make the Caribbean Documentation Centre fully operational; the following additional staff will be required:

(a) Science and Technology

1 Professional Officer - P-5
1 Research Assistant - G-6
1 Stenographer - G-3/4

(b) Caribbean Documentation Centre

1 Documentalist/Librarian - P-2/3
1 Assistant Documentalist - G-6
1 Stenographer - G-3/4

The Committee also agreed to a post of French translator (P-2/3) to be stationed at the CDCC Secretariat.

3. Travel

The Committee agreed that there should be more active collaboration between the Secretariat and member countries with respect to activities, meetings and sessions of the Committee. This will involve additional travel costs.

4. Action

It is proposed to seek the above-mentioned additional provisions at the 1977 Session of the General Assembly in accordance with established rules and regulations.

Annex 5

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Annex 6

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