COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Twenty-sixth session

New York, 28-29 March 2012

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have before them for consideration the provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (LC/L.3445(PLEN.26/1)).

2. Chair of the Meeting

Presiding over the Committee of the Whole will be the Officers elected at the thirty-third session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), held in Brasilia from 30 May to 1 June 2010. The Presiding Officers elected on that occasion were Brazil, as Chair, Cuba and Grenada, as Vice-Chairs, and Mexico, as Rapporteur.

3. Economic and social overview of Latin America and the Caribbean and outlook for 2012

The Executive Secretary of ECLAC will make a presentation on the economic and social situation in the region and the outlook for 2012. The presentation will be delivered in the morning of 28 March 2012, following which delegations will have the opportunity to make comments and hold discussions.

4. Report on the activities of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, 2010-2012

The secretariat will report to the Committee on the structure of its intergovernmental institutions and on the activities carried out and results achieved in the framework of the meetings held by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission from June 2010 to March 2012. It will also provide information on the meetings scheduled for 2012. Delegations may then wish to comment on the report.

Reference documents:

- Report of the forty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2473)
- Report of the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean Brasilia, 13-16 July (LC/L.3309)
- Report of the forty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3310)
- Report of the tenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.3349)
5. Activities conducted by ECLAC in support of intergovernmental agencies and organizations concerned with integration in the region

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report to the Governments of member States on the activities that ECLAC will carry out in support of some meeting and summit processes including those of the Summit of the Americas, the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government and the Summit of Heads of State and Government from Latin America and the Caribbean and from the European Union; the activities ECLAC will undertake in conjunction with the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR); and, above all, on the mandates arising from the establishment, in December 2011, of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC). At this point, delegations will have the opportunity to comment as appropriate.

6. Thirty-fourth session of the Commission (San Salvador, 27-31 August 2012)

The secretariat will explain how the discussions of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission will be organized and will describe the objectives and core issue that will be addressed on that occasion, following which delegations will have the opportunity to make comments.


Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report on the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2014-2015, which was prepared by ECLAC in the second half of 2011. This framework is structured around 13 interdependent and complementary subprogrammes implemented through a multidisciplinary approach. The subprogrammes are as follows: linkages with the global economy, integration and regional cooperation, production and innovation, macroeconomic policies and growth, financing for development, social development and equality, mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development, population and development, sustainable development and human settlements, natural resources and infrastructure, planning of public administration, statistics, subregional activities in Mexico and Central America and subregional activities in the Caribbean.

On the basis of this strategic framework, ECLAC will continue to work to support the development pillar of the United Nations, to facilitate economic integration at the regional and subregional levels, to promote implementation of international agreements on development beyond 2015, to pursue the Millennium Development Goals and to support sustainable development by closing economic, social and environmental gaps between the countries of the region and the industrialized economies. In order to fulfil these goals, ECLAC will continue to meet the needs of countries and will serve as a regional forum and facilitator in building regional consensus and supporting public-policy formulation to address the challenges facing the region. Delegations may then wish to add their comments.