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COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

Under the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and in accordance with established practice, the first order of business is for the delegations to elect a chairperson, two or more vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur to direct the work of the Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations of member States will have the provisional agenda (LC/G.2243(SES.30/12)) before them for consideration and adoption. Representatives of member States may make such observations or suggest such modifications as they deem appropriate under the aforementioned rules of procedure.

3. Report on activities carried out within the ECLAC system to promote and support cooperation among developing countries and regions since the previous meeting of the Committee, held during the twenty-ninth session of the Commission

The secretariat will present a document entitled "Report on the activities of the Commission since May 2002. Note by the secretariat" (LC/G.2237(SES.30/5)) to the delegations for their consideration. Section II.B of this document contains the report on the activities carried out by the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions since the previous meeting of the Committee, held during the twenty-ninth session of the Commission. At that time, resolution 591(XXIX) on cooperation among developing countries and regions was adopted.

Subsection (a) presents a brief overview of international cooperation worldwide, which constitutes the context for technical cooperation among developing countries at the regional level, and discusses the role that ECLAC plays in this regard.

Subsection (b) describes the regulatory framework under which ECLAC carries out its cooperation activities, especially those relating to technical cooperation among developing countries and regions.

Subsection (c) presents a relatively detailed description of the cooperation activities carried out by the ECLAC system during the 2002-2003 biennium. These activities include technical assistance missions and projects financed with extrabudgetary resources. Specific reference is also made to those involving promotion and support of technical cooperation among developing countries and regions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The report concludes with a brief discussion of a few additional considerations.

4. Opportunities and challenges for international cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean as viewed by cooperating countries and institutions

Under this agenda item, a panel discussion will be held to analyse cooperation between developed countries and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. It is expected that this working session will be attended by representatives of the main agencies responsible for international cooperation in the countries and for the cooperating institutions that collaborate with ECLAC and, through it, with the countries of the region.