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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Thirty-fourth session

New York, 15 October 2019

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

The thirty-fourth session of the Committee of the Whole has been convened by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Government of Cuba, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC.

B. CHAIR

The meeting will be chaired by the representative of Cuba, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC.

C. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.
- 2. Economic and social panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 3. Report on the activities of the Commission, 2018, and the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2021.
- 4. Report on preparations for the fourth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (Havana, April 2020).
- 5. Report on the preparations for the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (San José, May 2020).
- 6. Update on progress made in the reform of the United Nations development system.
- 7. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

D. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

The delegations will have before them for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda¹ prepared by the secretariat, bearing in mind the various mandates of the Commission. Representatives of member States may make such observations or suggest such modifications as they deem appropriate.

2. Economic and social panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean

The Executive Secretary of ECLAC will report to delegations on the economic and social panorama of the region.

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¹ LC/L.PLEN.34/1.

3. Report on the activities of the Commission, 2018, and the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2021

The Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Programme Analysis of ECLAC will present the report on the activities carried out by the Commission between January and December 2018. He will also present the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2021, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 728(XXXVII), adopted at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, in which the countries decided that "the Committee of the Whole is the appropriate body to review and adopt the annual programme of work of the system of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the years falling between years in which sessions of the Commission are held".

This will be followed by an opportunity for comments and discussion.

Working documents:

- Report on the activities of the Commission, 2018 (LC/PLEN.34/3)
- Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2021 (LC/PLEN.34/4)

4. Report on preparations for the fourth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (Havana, April 2020)

The secretariat will report on the proposed organization of work and preparations for the fourth meeting of the Forum, which will be chaired by Cuba and held in Havana in April 2020.

5. Report on the preparations for the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (San José, May 2020)

The secretariat will report on the preparations for the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), which will be held in San José from 25–29 May 2020.

6. Update on progress made in the reform of the United Nations development system

The Executive Secretary of ECLAC will report on progress made in the reform of the United Nations development system.

This will be followed by an opportunity for comments and discussion.

7. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Under the rules of procedure of the Commission (rule 34), draft resolutions must be introduced in writing and handed to the Executive Secretary, who shall circulate copies to the representatives twenty-four hours before they are discussed and voted upon.

At the request of the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, the secretariat will circulate the draft resolution on the draft programme of work of ECLAC, in accordance with rule 34 of the rules of procedure of the Commission.