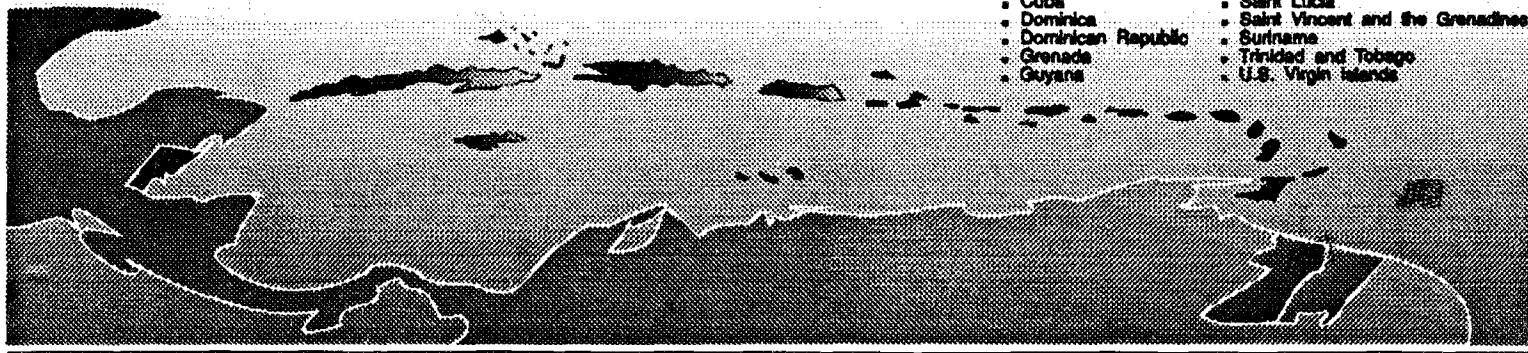


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- Jamaica
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- Puerto Rico
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The fifteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) is scheduled to be held at the technical level on 26-28 July 1994 and at the ministerial level on 29 July 1994. These meetings will take place at the Dominican Fiesta Hotel in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

As is customary, a meeting of heads of delegation at the technical level will be held at 9.00 a.m. on 26 July 1994, just prior to the commencement of the full technical session which is scheduled for 10.00 a.m. The heads of delegation meeting is expected to discuss the composition of the new bureau and the organization of the work of the session, among other matters.

The Working Group of Non-Independent Caribbean Countries (NICCs) is scheduled to meet on 25 July 1994, commencing at 9.00 a.m. at the same venue.

On the morning of 28 July 1994, the secretariat will convene an inter-agency meeting with representatives of other United Nations and Caribbean organizations to discuss inter-organizational collaboration.

### Item 1 - Opening of meeting

The outgoing Chairman will declare the meeting open and welcome the incoming Chairman. The Director of the ECLAC Port-of-Spain Office will make an opening statement at the technical meeting.

### Item 2 - Election of officers

Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the CDCC provides that "the Chairman of the Committee shall be the Minister designated as ex officio member of the Committee by the host country of the session and elected by the Committee".

Rule 7 states that "at each session the Committee shall also elect two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur who may be Ministers, Advisers or Experts".

By convention, the officers comprising the bureau at the technical level will come from the same countries as the corresponding officers at the ministerial level.

### Item 3 - Statements

At the formal opening of the ministerial session, scheduled for 9.00 a.m. on 29 July 1994, addresses will be delivered by the outgoing Chairman, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the incoming Chairman of the Committee.

### Item 4 - Adoption of agenda and organization of work

The agenda of the session and the organization of work will be considered at the meeting of heads of delegation of member governments, scheduled for 9.00 a.m. on 26 July 1994.

The provisional agenda circulated by the secretariat, including changes which may be introduced by delegates, is intended to serve for both the technical and ministerial sessions; except that a shorter "working agenda" may be adopted for purposes of the ministerial session.

### Item 5 - Review of the work of ECLAC/CDCC

Under this item, the meeting will receive the report of the sixth meeting of the Monitoring Committee; the report of the ~~Special Meeting~~ of CDCC representatives, held in Cartagena de las Indias, Colombia, in April 1994 and the report on the implementation of the work programme for the 1992-1993 biennium. The meeting will also consider the work programmes for the 1994-1995 and the 1996-1997 bienniums.

### Item 6 - Activities in preparation for United Nations Global Conferences

Under this item, the secretariat will report on its considerable involvement in assisting member countries of the CDCC in their technical preparations for four United Nations Global Conferences. The Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States took place in Barbados on 25 April - 6 May 1994. The secretariat will report on implications for the work programme of ECLAC/CDCC.

The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) is scheduled for Cairo, Egypt, in September 1994. The CDCC will consider the Draft Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action for Population and Development which has resulted from a number of subregional and regional meetings, and will constitute an input into the Cairo meeting. The CDCC is also expected to formally adopt the Declaration on Population and Development, first drafted at the Caribbean Subregional Meeting of Government Experts for a Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, 2-3 December 1993, which will set out principles and positions on these subjects.

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The World Summit for Social Development takes place in Copenhagen on 6-12 March 1995. The meeting will receive a report on the first preparatory meeting which the secretariat convened in November 1993, with a view to formulating a subregional position on the issues which will be dealt with at the Social Summit.

The Fourth World Conference on Women is scheduled for 4-15 September 1995 in Beijing. ECLAC/CDCC has been collaborating with the CARICOM Secretariat and various United Nations and other agencies, in ensuring the Caribbean's preparedness for this meeting. The secretariat will report to the meeting on its activities. (This paper will be completed after the Caribbean Women's Meeting scheduled to take place in Curacao on 27 June - 1 July 1994.)

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#### Agenda 7 - Issues of economic cooperation and development

(a) The question of eligibility of Caribbean countries for participation in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

As a follow-up to its paper on NAFTA which was presented to the fourteenth session of the CDCC, the secretariat will present a paper which discusses the situation of countries of the CDCC in relation to the criteria for participation in NAFTA. The paper is based on visits to three of the countries and on data which were otherwise available.

(b) Issues of intra-regional cooperation

(i) Caribbean/Latin American cooperation

The secretariat will be presenting a note on an approach to the promotion of cooperation between the Caribbean and Latin America. This approach is intended to be one which will permit of a more defined programme of work, and a clearer basis for reporting on progress in this area.

(ii) <sup>ACL</sup> The Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

The secretariat will be providing, for the benefit of member States, a copy of the agreement establishing the Association of Caribbean States, along with a background/explanatory paper on the ACS to be prepared by the CARICOM Secretariat. There will also be a paper by the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat on some issues and implications.

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(c) Export processing in the Caribbean: Lessons from four case studies

Over the past year, the secretariat has conducted research on export processing zones in a select number of member countries of the CDCC. Under this item, a paper will be presented which identifies the issues and considerations which have been identified in the course of this research, and comments on the contribution of export processing zones to economic development.

(d) Issues of structural adjustment and privatization in the Caribbean

The paper to be presented under this heading reviews the adjustment and privatization policies which have been pursued in four Caribbean countries: the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago in the 1980s. It seeks to contribute to an understanding of these questions by reviewing the developments in the 1970s which contributed to the economic crisis which was itself a major complicating factor in the adjustment process in the 1980s. The paper also makes recommendations regarding adjustment and privatization policies in the Caribbean.

**Item 8 - Other issues**

Under this item the meeting will receive reports from the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) and the Working Group of NICCs. It will receive an update on the Netherlands-Antilles/CDCC project for the promotion of language communication, and will take a decision regarding the date and venue of the next session of the CDCC.

**Item 9 - Any other business**

Under this item, member governments will have an opportunity to raise other matters for discussion.

**Item 10 - Adoption of the report of the fourteenth session**

The draft report of the technical session will be presented for adoption by the ministerial session.



