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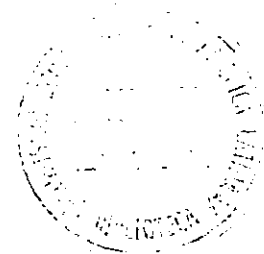
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COMMITTEE ON WATER

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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### 1. Election of Officers

In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean the meeting should elect from among the representatives a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda

Participants may adopt the provisional agenda as submitted, or decide to make such changes in it as they deem appropriate. A decision should also be taken on the organization of the work to be carried out at the meeting. It would be worth considering the possibility of holding only plenary meetings which would be responsible for the detailed discussion of the agenda items and the preparation of the Report of the Committee. Any items requiring special consideration could be dealt with in a working group.

### 3. Report on activities since the Committee's meeting at the twentieth session

The Secretariat will present a report contained in the document "Water Resource Development: Progress in the Implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade in Latin America and the Caribbean" (LC/G.1384 (SES.21/19) which, amongst other items, reviews the activities carried out since the meeting of the Committee on Water at the twentieth session of the Commission. Briefly, the following tasks were completed:

#### (a) Follow-up of the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan

On the basis of the discussions at the meeting of the Committee on Water during the twentieth session of the Commission and subsequent written comments from governments, the Secretariat revised the report entitled "The Water Resources of Latin America and their Utilization". This report has now been issued in the series "Estudios e Informes de la CEPAL".

The Secretariat has been requested to provide inputs for the relevant parts of the report on progress in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan to be presented to the tenth session of the Committee on Natural Resources and governments will be asked to provide information for this purpose.

#### (b) Horizontal co-operation in the field of water resources

Efforts have been undertaken to promote co-operation in the development and application of micro-computers to water resource development and management problems and, in particular, to promote and support the development of software in the region.

At the same time, with generous support from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, a project is underway to promote co-operation for improving the management of large water resource projects.

(c) Support for the co-ordination of activities on water resources at the regional level

Close contacts have been maintained with the different United Nations and other international agencies active in water-related matters in the region. The Secretariat has participated in meetings of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Water.

(d) Promotion of achievement of the objectives of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

Close co-operation has been maintained with the Pan American Health Organization. A note on recent progress in achievement of the goals of the Decade is included in LC/G.1384 (SES.21/19).

Other activities have included participation in technical assistance missions and the preparation of a report entitled "Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation for the Dispersed Rural Population in Latin America" (LC/R.444).

(e) Water resource management in mountain watersheds

With the generous assistance of the Government of Italy, considerable progress has been made towards the preparation of a "Manual for the Development and Integrated Management of Upper Watersheds in Latin America".

(f) Water resource development in Central America

Assistance to the governments of Central America has continued.

4. Presentation by delegations of their governments' views on progress in the application of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and the achievement of the goals of the IDWSSD

In this item, delegates can state their governments' impressions concerning the progress made in these two areas at the regional level and put forward their points of view on the matter, concentrating as far as possible on:

- (a) the review presented by the Secretariat;
- (b) aspects relating to the organization and co-ordination of the work to be carried out in the future both by governments (through the Committee on Water, experts or groups of experts, etc.) and by the ECLAC Secretariat and other international agencies;
- (c) proposals for the future work programme of ECLAC and its Secretariat.

5. Work programme of the Secretariat for 1986-1987 and proposals  
for 1988-1989

In the light of past experience and the apparent interests of governments as expressed at the twentieth session and at other intergovernmental meetings, the Secretariat has drawn up the following water programme for the period 1986-1987:

- (a) Follow-up to the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan.
- (b) Horizontal co-operation in water resources.

The Secretariat also proposes a similar work programme for 1988-1989:

- (a) Follow-up to the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan.
- (b) Horizontal co-operation in water resources.

6. Other business

Under this item of the agenda, delegates could deal with other matters which they may deem appropriate within the scope and spirit of the meeting.

7. Adoption of the Report of the meeting

The Report, which will be adopted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, if possible by consensus, will contain essentially the considerations and recommendations on the work programme submitted to the Commission for its approval.

