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## BACKGROUND AND MANDATE OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The Second Meeting of Planning Officials held in Kingston, Jamaica, from 29 May to 2 June 1980 proposed the formation of six Ad Hoc Planning Working Groups to cover Agriculture, Energy, Physical and Regional Planning, Transport, Manpower and Training.

It was envisaged that the groups would comprise officials and experts from the relevant government organizations of CDCC member countries and experts and consultants from relevant regional institutions.

The concept of working groups was approved by CDCC Ministers at the Fifth Session of the CDCC, held in Jamaica from 4-10 June 1980.

The Mandate for the Ad Hoc Working Group in Transportation Planning, which was agreed by CDCC Ministers, meeting from 4-10 June 1980, directed that the Group develop a programme in the Transportation sector, especially maritime transportation, building on recommendations made in previous studies.

The Ministers decided that the Working Groups would comprise officials and experts from CDCC member governments, experts and consultants from Universities and multilateral organizations or such other persons as may be required. The CDCC Secretariat was designated to service the Working Groups.

Despite the fact that some papers on the subject had been presented to previous meetings of planners, it was decided that a consultant familiar with the subject should be employed to analyse the relevant issues and to make proposals regarding those subject areas needing further treatment by transportation planners.

The report is divided into three parts. In Part A, there is a general discussion on conceptual and methodological issues in transportation planning in developing countries. A brief review

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of the recommendations of previous reports and current transport activities in the Caribbean is given. Some of the peculiar characteristics of the Caribbean transport economy are discussed.

Part B outlines a detailed work programme in transportation planning that may be undertaken. The programme is developed on the premise of a multimodal, integrative approach to transportation planning. While the programme is not tailored to any particular context, a broad set of specific proposals which may be undertaken is identified. There is no attempt to order there proposals into any list of priorities, as such a listing will depend on the existing situation in each country.

Part C provides an overview, and brings together the ideas leading towards the development of an integrated and ongoing research programme. Some suggestions for developing institutional links are made. In this part, certain recommendations are also made. These recommendations are aimed at initiating a work programme in transportation for the CDCC countries.

Participants will be asked to give their comments on the document and particularly to provide inputs based on their individual country perspective. They are also invited to contribute to the analysis and discussion outlined in Part A.

The major task of the Working Group will, however, be to formulate its future Work Programme which will be submitted to CDCC Ministers for final approval. The Working Group will also need to decide on its working methods, institutional links and possible sources of finance for implementing the Work Programme.

These issues are abstracted and presented for ease of reference in Document CDCC/PWG:T/82/4, entitled Future Work Programme for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Transportation Planning.

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