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## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### 1. Election of Officers

At the commencement of the meeting, in accordance with the ECLA Rules of Procedure, the participants must elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. According to established practice in this matter, the office of Chairman generally corresponds automatically to the head of delegation of the host country.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda (E/CEPAL/CEGAN/POB.2/L.1).

### 3. Latin American demographic trends and economic and social development

- a) Working documents: "Informe sobre la situación y tendencias demográficas en América Latina" (E/CEPAL/CEGAN/POB.2/L.2) and "Población y desarrollo en América Latina" (E/CEPAL/CEGAN/POB.2/L.3).
- b) Reference documents: "Mortality and health policy" (E/CEPAL/CELADE/L.3); "Family and fertility" (E/CEPAL/CELADE/L.4) and "Development, life styles, population and environment in Latin America" (E/CEPAL/CELADE/L.2).

The purpose of this agenda item is to examine the most outstanding aspects of the population trends in the region, with special emphasis on those situations in which such trends are associated with the persistence of significant imbalances in the participation of the population in the development process, both from the point of view of production and from that of the benefits of the process.

This is felt to be a very appropriate opportunity for resuming consideration of this topic, which has already been given special attention on a number of occasions since the Second Latin American Meeting on Population (Mexico City, 1975), because the dynamics of the demographic process and the rapid changes taking place in economic, social and political development place the topic of population among the matters of highest priority interest for the region.

For the above purposes, an effort will be made to take account of the experience built up by governments and the activities carried out by ECLA and CELADE under the Regional Population Programme.

### 4. Application of the World Population Plan of Action in Latin America.

- a) Working document: "Políticas de población en América Latina. Experiencia de 10 años" (E/CEPAL/CEGAN/POB.2/L.4).

/b) Reference

- b) Reference documents: "Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, 1974" (E/Conf.60/19, Chapter I); "Report of the Second Latin American Meeting on Population" (Mexico City, 1975, ST/CEPAL/Conf.54/L.9/Rev.1, Chapter III); "Report of the First Meeting on Population of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts" (Quito, Ecuador, 1979, E/CEPAL/1072) and "Population redistribution policies in Latin America" (E/CEPAL/CELADE/L.5).

Now that the World Population Plan of Action has been in effect for ten years, and in view of the proximity of a new international conference whose main objective is precisely to appraise the results of the application of that Plan, it is considered an appropriate time to carry out a similar examination limited to the Latin American area.

The wide variety observed in Latin America, not only as regards the characteristics of the situation and the demographic trends but also as regards the perception of these and their implications for development, will make possible a broad discussion of the topics and lines of action proposed in the Plan and their comparison with the recent experience of the countries of the region. This exercise can help to define points of consensus reflecting the views of the Latin American and Caribbean countries on the topics to be discussed at the forthcoming International Conference on Population (Mexico City, 1984).

It is also hoped that the exchange of experience carried out on this occasion will make possible a better understanding of the problems in which the interrelations between population and development play an important role, thus avoiding the proposal of excessively general solutions and taking due account of the relativity of the different positions.

5. ECLA Regional Population Programme. Action by CELADE and guidelines for the period 1984-1987.

- a) Working document: "Regional Population Programme 1984-1987. Main lines of action" (E/CEPAL/CEGAN/POB.2/L.5).
- b) Reference documents: "Regional Population Programme" (E/CEPAL/1002); "Report on the activities of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE), 1979-1981" (E/CEPAL/G.1170) and "Report on the activities of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE), 1981-1983" (E/CEPAL/CELADE/G.14); "Draft Medium-term Plan for the period 1984-1989" (E/CEPAL/G.1164/Rev.1) and "El CELADE en los países. Sinopsis de 25 años de cooperación técnica".

At the sixteenth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America (Port of Spain, 1975) its member countries established for the first time a programme aimed at strengthening and giving continuity to regional activities in the field of population, and this programme has been renewed at each of the subsequent sessions. Its implementation was entrusted to CELADE, which from then on became a part of the ECLA System.

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As well as taking note of the activities carried out by CELADE in the period 1979-1983 in line with the above programme, it is hoped to receive suggestions and general guidelines regarding possible new requests for co-operation which reflect the interests and priorities of the countries. These suggestions will help to define the elements of the Regional Population Programme for the period 1984-1987, which is to be taken up and adopted by ECLA at its twentieth session, as well as to strengthen the regional co-operation machinery, the financing of programmes and projects involving participation by the countries, and the maintenance of permanent links between CELADE and the governments of the region.

6. Discussion and adoption of the final report of the meeting.

At its twentieth session, to be held in Lima, Peru, from 29 March to 6 April 1984, the Economic Commission for Latin America will consider the reports of its subsidiary bodies, including that corresponding to the Second Meeting on Population of CEGAN.