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II. ANNOTATIONS ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Officers

Rule 16 of the ECLAC Rules of Procedure provides that at the commencement of each session the Commission shall elect a group of Officers consisting of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. When the meetings of the Committee of the Whole held in off years between sessions take place in New York, it is usual to elect the Officers from the preceding session. In this respect, it may be recalled that the Officers of the 21st session were as follows:

Chairman:	Mexico
First Vice-Chairman:	Argentina
Second Vice-Chairman:	Cuba
Third Vice-Chairman:	Netherlands
Fourth Vice-Chairman:	Jamaica
Rapporteur:	Panama

2. Adoption of the agenda

Delegates may wish to consider and adopt the agenda prepared by the Secretariat and contained in this document. Naturally, in keeping with the established rules, delegations can make such observations and suggest such amendments as they consider appropriate. The following paragraphs set out in broad lines the background and legal mandates which led to the inclusion in the provisional agenda of each of the items in it. These items must be dealt with in the short space of two days, which is all that could be assigned to the work of the meeting in the light of the present budgetary restrictions.

3. Handling of the economic crisis

In dealing with this agenda item and expressing their views on it, the delegations will have before them document LC/L.422 and the results of the discussions of the thirteenth session of the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (New York, 11-12 August 1987), as set forth in the relevant report. At that session, the main events which have influenced the evolution of the Latin American and Caribbean economies in 1986 and the first half of 1987 were analysed, together with the way in which such events could affect the future economic development of the countries of the region.

4. In-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields: contribution of ECLAC

In view of the financial crisis affecting the Organization, the General Assembly set up, through its resolution 40/237, a Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations.

In its first report, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213, this Group made various recommendations, among which special mention may be made of recommendation 8, concerning the execution of a study on the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields. In the same resolution, the General Assembly entrusted the Economic and Social Council with the execution of this study.

The Economic and Social Council assumed this task through its decision 1987/112 entitled "In-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields". Under the terms of this decision, a Special Commission was set up to analyse, *inter alia*, the adoption of measures to rationalize and simplify the intergovernmental structure and was empowered to formulate criteria on the establishment and duration of subsidiary bodies and to define their fields of responsibility.

In order to collaborate with the Special Commission in the fulfilment of its tasks, member governments should therefore make an appraisal of ECLAC and submit their conclusions and recommendations for the consideration of that Commission. In order to facilitate consideration of this topic, the Secretariat has prepared document LC/L.421(PLEN.19/2), containing an analysis of the present structure of ECLAC, its programme of work and the intergovernmental structure of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, and proposals for possible reforms. It has also assembled in document LC/L.423(PLEN.19/3) some resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council relating to this item.

5. Adoption of the report

The final report of the meeting will be submitted by the Rapporteur for the approval of the representatives of member governments present.