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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Thirty-fifth session

(Virtual meeting) 4 August 2020

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

The thirty-fifth session of the Committee of the Whole has been convened by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Government of Cuba, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of the Chair of the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
3. Working modalities and report on preparations for the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC.
4. International cooperation and the role of international financial institutions in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will receive electronically for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat, bearing in mind the various mandates of the Commission. Representatives of member States may make such observations or suggest such modifications as they deem appropriate.

2. Election of the Chair of the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

At its thirty-third session, held in New York on 27 February 2019, the Committee of the Whole adopted resolution 734(PLEN.33), whereby it accepted the invitation of the Government of Costa Rica to host the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC in 2020. As is customary, the host country of the session will chair the Commission for a biennium. Likewise, the Chair is usually elected by acclamation, without a vote. On this occasion, in light of the global emergency caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the fact that this session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC will be a virtual meeting, it is expected that countries will follow the same modality for electing the Chair. The Vice-Chairs, who will join the Chair to serve as the Presiding Officers, will be chosen at a later date.

3. Working modalities and report on preparations for the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC

Under this agenda item, the proposed organization of work for the thirty-eighth session, to be held virtually from 26 to 28 October 2020, will be presented to the delegations.

4. International cooperation and the role of international financial institutions in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean

Under this agenda item, some experts will discuss the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean and will analyse possible courses of action and coordination, as well as other factors, in order to finance better reconstruction, through the exchange of experiences, good practices and proposals from the governments of the region.

At the end of the discussion, those representatives who wish to take the floor will have three minutes to make their remarks.