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for the International Youth Year

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Opening session

The session will open with statements by a representative of the host country, the Executive Secretary of ECLA and a representative of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs.

1. Election of Officers

A chairman, two vice-chairmen and a rapporteur will be elected.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda will be submitted for the approval of the delegations.

3. The situation and prospects of youth in Latin America and the Caribbean

(a) Youth and development: the situation and needs of youth in the region.

Examination of this aspect will include the situation, prospects and needs of the youth of the region in the context of the process of social change which the region has experienced in the last two decades and in the face of the current crisis. Special emphasis will be placed on the problems of the insertion of young people into the work force, occupational changes of young people, unemployment and underemployment among youth, rural-urban migrations by young people, the growing importance of young women in the work force and in society, polarization and marginalization among youth, education and training, relations between generations, youth and the family, the socializing agents, and juvenile delinquency and drug addiction. National delegations will be invited to discuss and assess the situation of young people in their respective countries.

(b) Youth as a social movement: state, civil society and culture.

Under this item, youth will be considered as a focal point of future development and as a leading social actor in the definition of that process. An attempt will be made to examine the role which youth has played historically as a social movement in the region, and to study the problems young people face in relation to their full and effective participation in society. Ideas will be exchanged, using a unified approach to development based on the historical reality of Latin America, in which youth, rather than a dependent and problem-ridden group seeking its own space, is seen as one of the key agents in the process of social change.

/(c) National

(c) National programmes and policies for youth

Under this item, the delegations will be invited to discuss national experiences in the field of youth policies and to exchange ideas on the different kinds of political and administrative structures for implementing programmes and policies on youth.

Documentation

"The Situation and Prospects of Youth in Latin America."

4. Regional plan of action for the International Youth Year

The delegations will consider and formulate a Regional Plan of Action which, as well as dealing with the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year, with a specific programme of measures and activities to be carried out at the local, national and regional levels, will constitute a coherent long-term strategy for arriving at the full integration and participation of Latin American and Caribbean youth. Proposals will also be made for inclusion in a long-term World Plan of Action which will be submitted for the consideration of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year in 1984.

Documentation

"Draft Regional Plan of Action for Latin America and the Caribbean for the International Youth Year."

5. Consideration and adoption of final report.

