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COMMITTEE ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

Under the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and in accordance with established practice, the first order of business is for the delegations to elect a chairperson, two or more vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur to direct the work of the Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations of member States will have the provisional agenda (LC/G.2304(SES.31/12)) before them for consideration and adoption. Representatives of member States may make such observations or suggest such modifications as they deem appropriate under the aforementioned rules of procedure.

3. Report on activities carried out within the ECLAC system to promote and support South-South cooperation since the previous meeting of the Committee, held during the thirtieth session of the Commission

The ECLAC secretariat will present the document “Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support South-South cooperation during the biennium 2004-2005. Note by the secretariat” (LC/G.2306(SES.31/14)) to the delegations for their consideration. Section I of this document presents an overview of international cooperation for development in recent years, analyses the general features of cooperation within the United Nations and ECLAC, and describes the impact of the United Nations reform process on these activities.

Section II of the document reviews the cooperation activities carried out by the Commission in the 2004-2005 biennium, with specific reference to South-South cooperation. It goes on to describe the technical cooperation projects conducted by ECLAC and indicates the expenditures made under this heading in the biennium. The projects are listed by subject area. Also included is a description of a number of key projects that have helped to define South-South cooperation activities in the region.

Section III covers the technical assistance missions, listed by subject area and geographical region, carried out by ECLAC in the past biennium. The document also contains an annex which outlines the regulatory framework governing the activities of the ECLAC Committee on South-South Cooperation and the United Nations system.

4. Opportunities and challenges for international cooperation and South-South cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean as viewed by ECLAC member countries.

Under this agenda item, a panel discussion will be held to analyse the cooperation priorities of ECLAC member countries. It is hoped that participants will outline their countries’ priorities for South-South cooperation and identify the mechanisms that they feel are more appropriate for ensuring its effectiveness.