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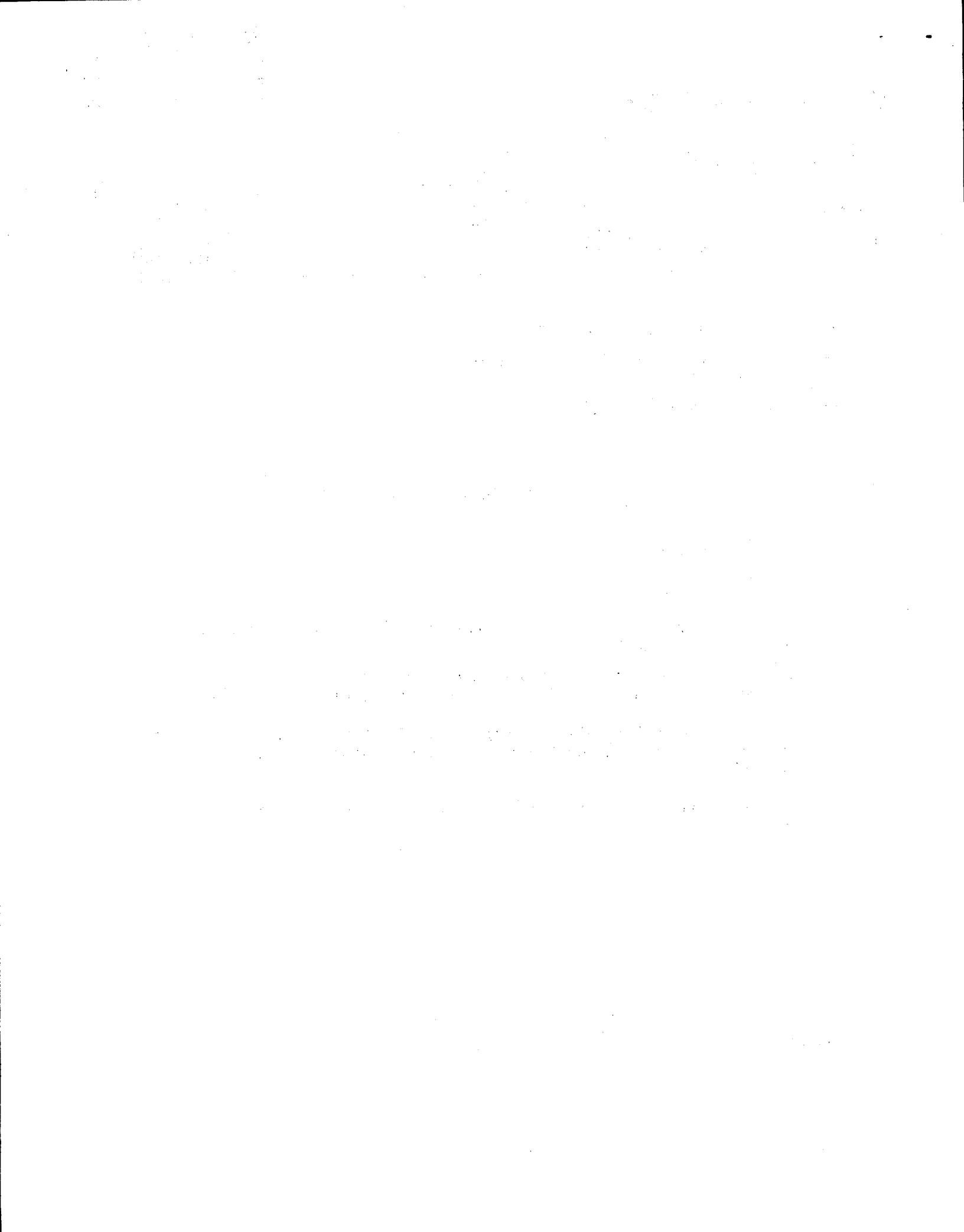
Economic Commission for Latin America

Committee of High-Level Government Experts
First Meeting on Population

Quito, Ecuador, 12 and 13 March 1979

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Demographic trends and their implications for social and economic development in the region
 - (a) Review of the present situation and prospects
 - (b) Government plans and recent action in the field of population
4. The CEPAL Regional Population Programme: CELADE action in the field of population and guidelines for the 1979-1980 Regional Population Programme
5. Consideration and adoption of the report to the Commission.



ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Officers.

In accordance with the rules of procedures of CEPAL, the participants must elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. The usual practice in these matters is for the head of the delegation of the host country to be elected Chairman.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (E/CEPAL/CEGAN/POB/1).

3. Demographic trends and their implications for economic and social development.

- Working document: "The present demographic situation, prospects and implications for development planning in the region" (E/CEPAL/CEGAN/POB/2)

- Reference documents: "Report of the Second Latin American Meeting on Population" (ST/CEPAL/Conf.54/L.9/Rev.1), chapter III, and "Decisions taken at Bucharest" (CESI/WPY-22).

On the basis of the experience acquired since the Second Latin American Meeting on Population (Mexico, March 1975), the work undertaken by governments and the activities of CEPAL through the intermediary of CELADE, this agenda item purports to review the economic and social situation of the region, identifying areas of critical problems and government action, and the form in which these are linked with population variables.

It is important, on the one hand, to analyse the trends in population dynamics and the way in which the more urgent problems faced by countries are determined; and on the other hand, to study the effect of demographic dynamics on the problems observed and the action taken, as well as the viability of government policies deliberately aimed, directly or indirectly, towards changing those trends.

While these questions have already been considered, first at the World Population Conference in Bucharest and subsequently at the Second Latin American Meeting on Population, the passage of time and the changes which have occurred, as well as the fresh information which has stemmed from the work undertaken at national and regional levels, warrant a review of the problem.

4. The CEPAL Regional Population Programme: CELADE action in the field of population and guidelines for the 1979-1980 Regional Population Programme.

- Working document: "The prospects for action in the field of population in Latin America and the Caribbean" (E/CEPAL/CEGAN/POB/3)
- Reference document: "Informe de actividades del Centro Latinoamericano de Demografía (CELADE), 1977-1979" (CELADE/D.C/21) (Spanish only).

In this agenda item, in addition to taking note of the activities undertaken by CELADE during 1977 and 1978 in implementing the Regional Population Programme adopted by CEPAL at its seventeenth session, some general guidelines are considered and suggested regarding possible new priority areas for action by governments and international agencies, and particularly the preparation of the 1979-1980 Regional Population Programme to be considered by CEPAL at its eighteenth session, as well as machinery for regional co-operation, the financing of programmes and projects, and for permanent links between CELADE and the governments of the region.

5. Consideration and adoption of the report to the Commission.

At its eighteenth session, to be held in La Paz, Bolivia, from 18 to 26 April 1979, the Economic Commission for Latin America is to consider the reports of its subsidiary bodies, including the report submitted by the First Meeting on Population of CEGAN.