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1. Opening statements

Opening statements will be made by the Mr. Neil Pierre, Director of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean; Mrs. Laura Lopez, Secretary of the Commission, on behalf of Mr. Jose Luis Machinea, Executive Secretary of ECLAC and; the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago.

Following the Opening statements, a Coffee Break will be announced to facilitate the departure of representatives of the media.

2. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Rule 13, the meeting will consider the Provisional Agenda that has been circulated by the secretariat and introduce such amendments as it deems appropriate.

Action: *The meeting is being asked to: (a) note any amendments proposed to the agenda by CDCC representatives; (b) adopt the agenda as presented or as amended (Document CDCC 22/1; LC/CAR/L.161).*

3. Procedural matters and organization of work

In accordance with Rule 13, immediately prior to the inauguration of the Session, a Caucus of Heads of Delegation will convene to elect the Bureau (the Chair, 3 Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur). **This Caucus will be convened at 8:30 AM at the meeting venue.** All decisions adopted at this ministerial caucus will be presented for endorsement at the Plenary under this agenda item. The meeting will also adopt its hours of work and such other arrangements of a procedural or organizational nature as may be deemed necessary.

Actions: *The meeting is being asked to approve by acclamation the members of the Bureau.*
The meeting is being asked to adopt the hours of work and other procedural or organizational matters as contained in document CDCC 22/1/Rev.1.

4. Consideration of the Report of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee

The CDCC Secretariat will make a brief presentation on the outcomes of the Thirteenth Meeting of the CDCC Monitoring Committee, which took place in Port of Spain, 23-24 August 2007. The report of that meeting is contained in document LC/CAR/L.132 (10 September 2007).

Action: *The meeting is being asked to endorse the report of the CDCC Monitoring Committee.*

5. Redefining and revitalizing the role of the CDCC in Caribbean regional development

The representative of the Government of Barbados will present a report on this topic, which is the culmination of four meetings of the Working Group that was established at the Thirteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC, to explore ways of improving the effectiveness, visibility and relevance of the Committee. The report contains a number of concrete proposals for the CDCC to play an enhanced role as a forum for dialogue and collaboration on matters of development priority setting for the wider Caribbean; strengthening dialogue among the development partners for greater coherence and effectiveness of wider Caribbean regional development activities; and strengthening Caribbean-Latin American relations in the socio-cultural, economic and political spheres.

Action: *The meeting is being invited to discuss this matter and to share its views on the recommendations of the Working Group. (Document CDCC 22/5; LC/CAR/L.163)*

6. Consideration of matters of special interest to member countries of the CDCC: Status of resolutions adopted by the CDCC and issues considered by organs of the United Nations

The secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of recent resolutions adopted by the CDCC and provide information on United Nations resolutions which are considered to be of special interest to the membership of the CDCC.

Action: *The meeting is being asked to note the status of implementation of resolutions following discussion of the presentation.*

7. Report of the Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM)

The meeting will receive a summary report from the first meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism for implementation of the Mauritius Strategy.

Actions: *Ministers will be asked to:*

- (a) note the work of the secretariat in operationalizing the TAC;*
- (b) approve the work programme of the RCM for the period 2008-2009; and*
- (c) advise on an appropriate resource mobilization strategy.*

8. Public-private partnerships for development – A Caribbean perspective

This agenda item will focus on public-private partnerships as a vehicle for development. This theme will be the topic of a substantive report and presentation at the Thirty-Second ECLAC Period of Sessions to be convened in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on 9-13 June 2008 and a presentation will be given on this by Mr. Robert Devlin. A second presentation will be made by Dr. Basil Springer, of an ECLAC case study of the approach to public-private partnership by Barbados (Document CDCC 22-8). A third presentation on public-private partnership and public policy as a determinant of tourism competitiveness in the Caribbean will be made by Mr. Roberto Machado (Document CDCC 22-9; LC/CAR/L.151). The presentations will be moderated by Mr. Michael Hendrickson and specific case examples will be given to highlight the role of public-private partnerships and public policy in development with particular focus on the Caribbean. The presentations will be followed by a period of questions and answers

Action: *The meeting is being asked to note the various reports and presentations on this topic and decide on its importance for Caribbean development.*

9. Impact of the United States subprime crisis in the Caribbean

This presentation highlights the nature of the subprime crisis in the United States, assesses the economic policy responses and elaborates on how the Caribbean economies may be affected. A subprime-led economic recession in the United States will undoubtedly affect the rate of economic growth in the Caribbean, with the most likely channels of transmission being trade, tourism, remittances, finance and Foreign Direct Investment. The presentation will be made by Mr. Roberto Machado and Ms. Beverly Lugay and a period of discussion and questions and answers will follow the presentation. (Document CDCC 22-7; LC/CAR/L.164).

Action: *The meeting is asked to note the findings of this analysis and to propose policy actions it deems necessary in response.*

10. Implementation of the ECLAC/CDCC work programmes:

Mr. Radcliffe Dookie, representative of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat, will make a presentation on the implementation of the activities carried out during the period 1 January 2006-31 December 2007. A supporting document will incorporate a review of activities carried out since January 2006, with annexes covering a list of publications, meetings, workshops and seminars convened during the biennium.

Mr. Neil Pierre, Director of the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, will highlight a number of activities envisaged for implementing the programme of work for the 2008-2009 biennium. A supporting document with the list of activities for the biennium will be available.

The Director will also present the proposed draft programme of work for the 2010-2011 biennium to the Plenary for consideration and comment. The outputs determined will be submitted the thirty-second Session of ECLAC for approval. A supporting matrix will provide short descriptions of the main outputs proposed.

Action: *The meeting is asked to: (a) note the progress in implementation of the ECLAC/CDCC work programmes; (b) propose adjustments to the draft work programme for the biennium 2010-2011; (c) provisionally adopt the draft work programme for the biennium 2010-2011.*

11. Climate change, vulnerability and disaster risk reduction in the Caribbean – High-level panel discussion

Following presentations from a panel of experts on climate change, vulnerability and disaster risk reduction in the Caribbean, ministers will be able to engage the panel regarding intervention strategies, best mitigation and adaptation strategies. The panel will be moderated by Ms. Asha Kambon.

Action: *The meeting is asked to note the presentations and discussion and to decide on appropriate follow up actions.*

12. Consideration of application for associate membership of the CDCC

Turks and Caicos Islands was accepted as an associate member of the Commission at its Thirty-First Period of Sessions in March 2006. In letter to ECLAC dated 14 August 2006, the Government has requested to become an associate member of CDCC.

Action: *The meeting will approve the application of the Turks and Caicos Islands to be an Associate Member of the CDCC, in accordance with Article 5 of the Rules.*

13. Date and venue of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee

The meeting will set a date and venue for the Fourteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee. Alternatively, arrangements may be made for the determination of these aspects on the basis of consultations with which the secretariat could be entrusted.

14. Other matters

This agenda item provides delegations with the opportunity to raise any matter of relevance to the CDCC not included in the meeting's agenda.

15. Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Twenty-second Session of the CDCC

Following a presentation by the Rapporteur (Suriname), the meeting will be invited to adopt such modalities as it considers appropriate for the adoption of its report.

16. Update by the ECLAC Secretariat on preparations for the Thirty-second Session of the Commission, Dominican Republic, 9-13 June 2008

The representative of ECLAC Headquarters, Santiago, Chile, will update participants on preparations for the convening of the Thirty-second Session of the Commission, which will be held in June 2008 in the Dominican Republic.

17. Adoption of decisions and resolutions

The Session will adopt such decisions and resolutions as it deems appropriate.

18. Closure of meeting

Upon the conclusion of discussions on the preceding agenda items, the meeting will be brought to a close with statements by the Chair of the meeting and the Director of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean.