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Draft annotated agenda and organization of works

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PART I**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

The sessions of the XLIII Regular Meeting of the Latin American Council of SELA will be held in Caracas, Venezuela, at the headquarters of the Permanent Secretariat, in Av. Francisco de Miranda, Torre Europa, Fifth Floor, Simón Bolívar Conference Room, Campo Alegre.

The Preparatory Stage will be held on 28 and 29 November and the Ministerial Stage will take place on 29 November after 15:00 and 30 November 2017.

ITEM I. ORGANIZATION OF WORKS

An informal meeting of Heads of Delegation will take place prior to the formal opening of the Preparatory Stage, with a view to unifying criteria as regards the following issues:

1. Election of the members of the Bureau: consultations will be made to elect the Chairman of the Council, the First Vice Chairman, the Second Vice Chairman and the Rapporteur
2. Draft organization of works for the meeting
3. Agenda for the Preparatory Stage

In accordance with Article 22 of the Regulations of the Latin American Council, this supreme organ of SELA should approve the Agenda. Once the Bureau has been elected, the Latin American Council should consider the draft organization of works (Part II of this document) and the Draft Agenda (SP/CL/XLIII.O/DT N° 1-17).

ITEM II. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

The Permanent Secretary will submit for consideration of the Latin American Council the "Forty-first Annual Report of the Permanent Secretariat" (SP/CL/XLIII.O/DT N° 3-17), which includes the activities carried out since the last Regular Meeting of the Council to date.

ITEM III. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2018

The Permanent Secretariat will submit for consideration of the Latin American Council the "Draft Work Programme for the year 2018" (SP/CL/XLIII.O/DT N° 4-17). In accordance with provisions set forth in Decision N° 440, the following three thematic areas will be dealt with: i) Intra-Regional Relations; ii) Economic and Technical Cooperation; and iii) Extra-Regional Relations.

ITEM IV. BUDGET OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**1. Budget**

The Permanent Secretariat will submit for consideration of the Latin American Council the "Draft Administrative Budget of the Permanent Secretariat for the year 2018" (SP/CL/XLIII.O/DT N° 5-17), along with its corresponding explanatory preamble.

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2. Administrative matters

2.1. Audit Report on the Financial Statements of the Permanent Secretariat at 31 December 2016

The Permanent Secretariat will submit for consideration of the Latin American Council the "Audit Report on the Financial Statements of the Permanent Secretariat at 31 December 2016" (SP/CL/XLIII.O/DT N° 6-17).

2.2 Audit Proposal for the year 2017

The Permanent Secretariat will submit for consideration of the Latin American Council the "Audit Proposal for the year 2017" (SP/CL/XLIII.O/DT N° 7-17).

ITEM V. INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Election of a Member of the Administrative Tribunal of SELA

The Latin American Council will proceed with the Election of a Member of the Administrative Tribunal of SELA. Document "Election of a Member of the Administrative Tribunal of SELA" (SP/CL/XLIII.O/DT N° 8-17) will be submitted for that purpose.

ITEM VI. OTHER MATTERS

As customary, this item is open in order to consider those initiatives that the Delegations of the Member States might propose.

PART II**ORGANIZATION OF WORKS FOR THE MEETING****PREPARATORY STAGE****Tuesday, 28 November 2017****Morning**

08:30 Registration

09:00 – 09:45 Meeting of Heads of Delegation

10:00 – 13:00 Start of the Preparatory Stage

Item I. Approval of the Agenda for the Preparatory Stage**Item II.** Annual Report of the Permanent Secretariat**Item III.** Work Programme for the year 2018**Afternoon**

15:00 – 18:00 Continuation: Work Programme for the year 2018

Item IV. Budget of the Permanent Secretariat for the year 2018 and administrative matters

- Audit Report on the Financial Statements of the Permanent Secretariat at 31 December 2016
- Audit Proposal for the year 2017

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Item VI. Other matters

6**Wednesday, 29 November 2017****Morning**

09:00-13:00 Consideration of the Report on the Preparatory Stage
(Decisions and Rapporteur's Report)

MINISTERIAL STAGE**Afternoon**

15:00-17:00 Keynote speech on "Status and prospects for regional economic integration" by Mr Luis Carranza, Executive President of CAF-development bank of Latin America

General debate

17:00 Inauguration of the Ministerial Stage

- Speech by the Permanent Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA)
- Speech by the Chairman of the Latin American Council
- Speech by the Representative of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

18:00 Cocktail offered by the Permanent Secretariat of SELA

Thursday, 30 November 2017

Morning Ministerial Plenary Session

10:00-13:00 Presentation of the Report on the Preparatory Stage
(Decisions and Rapporteur's Report)

Afternoon

15:00-18:00 Plenary Session

- Consideration of the Decisions of the XLIII Regular Meeting of the Latin American Council
- Approval of the Final Report
- Closing session

PART III

DOCUMENTS OF THE AGENDA

Work Documents:

DT 1 Draft agenda

DT 2 Draft annotated agenda and organization of works

DT 3 Forty-first Annual Report of the Permanent Secretariat

DT 4 Draft Work Programme for the year 2018

DT 5 Draft Administrative Budget of the Permanent Secretariat for the year 2018

DT 6 Audit Report on the Financial Statements of the Permanent Secretariat at 31 December 2016

DT 7 Audit Proposal for the year 2017

DT 8 Election of a Member of the Administrative Tribunal of SELA