

**638(XXXII) STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, whereby the Council approved the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/6 on strengthening statistical capacity,

Bearing in mind also that the objectives of the Statistical Conference of the Americas include the preparation of a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the demands of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources,

Taking into account that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its fourth meeting in Santiago, Chile, from 25 to 27 July 2007, and on that occasion adopted a strategic plan for 2005-2015, together with a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2007-2009,¹

Taking into account also that the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas has held two meetings since the last session of the Commission: the sixth meeting, held in Madrid on 25 and 26 September 2006, and the seventh meeting, held in Bogotá on 29 and 30 November 2007,²

Bearing in mind that, on those occasions, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the respective reports,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the reports of the sixth and seventh meetings of its Executive Committee;

2. *Welcomes* the strategic plan adopted by the Conference for the period 2005-2015 as a frame of reference for the development of policies to strengthen and develop national statistical systems.

¹ Report of the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2795).

² Report of the sixth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2651); Report of the seventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2870).