

**604(XXX) POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: PRIORITY ACTIVITIES  
FOR 2004-2006**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development adopted in Mexico City in May 1993; the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in September 1994; the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development of 1994; the document entitled “Latin America and the Caribbean: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development”;<sup>8</sup> the report of the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly entitled, “Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly: Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development”; the United Nations Millennium Declaration of September 2000; and resolution 590(XXIX) on population and development: priority activities for 2002-2004, adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Brasilia in May 2002 at its twenty-ninth session,

Welcoming the technical report entitled “Review of the implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action in the Caribbean (1994-2004): achievements and constraints;<sup>9</sup> the Declaration of the Caribbean subregional meeting to assess the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) 10 years after its adoption, as approved by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 12 November 2003; the document entitled “Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development: actions undertaken to implement the Programme of Action of the Conference in Latin America and the Caribbean”; and the agreements of the Open-ended Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, held in Santiago, Chile, on 10 and 11 March 2004,

Taking note of the report of the Open-ended Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, held in Santiago, Chile, on 10 and 11 March 2004,

Taking into account the fact that, at the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing, held in Santiago, Chile, from 19 to 21 November 2003, the countries of the region approved the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of

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<sup>8</sup> LC/DEM/G.184, 1999.

<sup>9</sup> LC/DEM/G.767, 2003.

the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, in which they define priorities for the implementation of that plan in the region,

Welcoming the conclusions of the Hemispheric Conference on International Migration: Human Rights and the Trafficking in Persons in the Americas, held in Santiago, Chile, from 20 to 22 November 2002,

Bearing in mind that the year 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and that 10 years ago the member States of the Economic Commission adopted resolution 535(XXV), whereby it took the decision to create the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development,

1. Endorses the Declaration of the Open-ended Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and urges the countries of the region to intensify their efforts to continue implementing the Programme of Action and the key actions;

2. Thanks the Chair for having presented the agreements reached at the Open-ended Meeting at the thirty-seventh session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development and to the Ad Hoc Committee at its fifth meeting, held in San Juan, Puerto Rico;

3. Welcomes the document entitled “Population, ageing and development” and the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, and adopts the recommendation that the Committee should take charge of the regional monitoring of the Strategy’s implementation in the region;

4. Recommends that at its next regular meeting, to be held in 2006, the Ad Hoc Committee should analyse the subject of international migration, human rights and development, and requests the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund, to prepare the relevant substantive documents;

5. Requests the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee to examine, during the period between sessions and in coordination with the secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund the issues of indigenous peoples and other ethnic groups, ageing and human resources development in the area of population and development in preparation for the session of the Committee scheduled for 2006;

6. Calls upon the countries of the region to make all efforts necessary to provide the requisite resources to continue implementing the Programme of Action adopted in Cairo and the key actions and, in particular, to ensure their inclusion in policies aimed at reducing social inequalities, eliminating gender inequity and eradicating poverty, and urges the international community to increase its technical and financial cooperation for the fulfilment of these objectives;

7. Thanks the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) - Population Division of ECLAC and the United Nations Population Fund for the support they have provided to the countries of the region in the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted in Cairo;

8. Expresses its gratitude to the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC for having organized activities to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Programme of Action's adoption.