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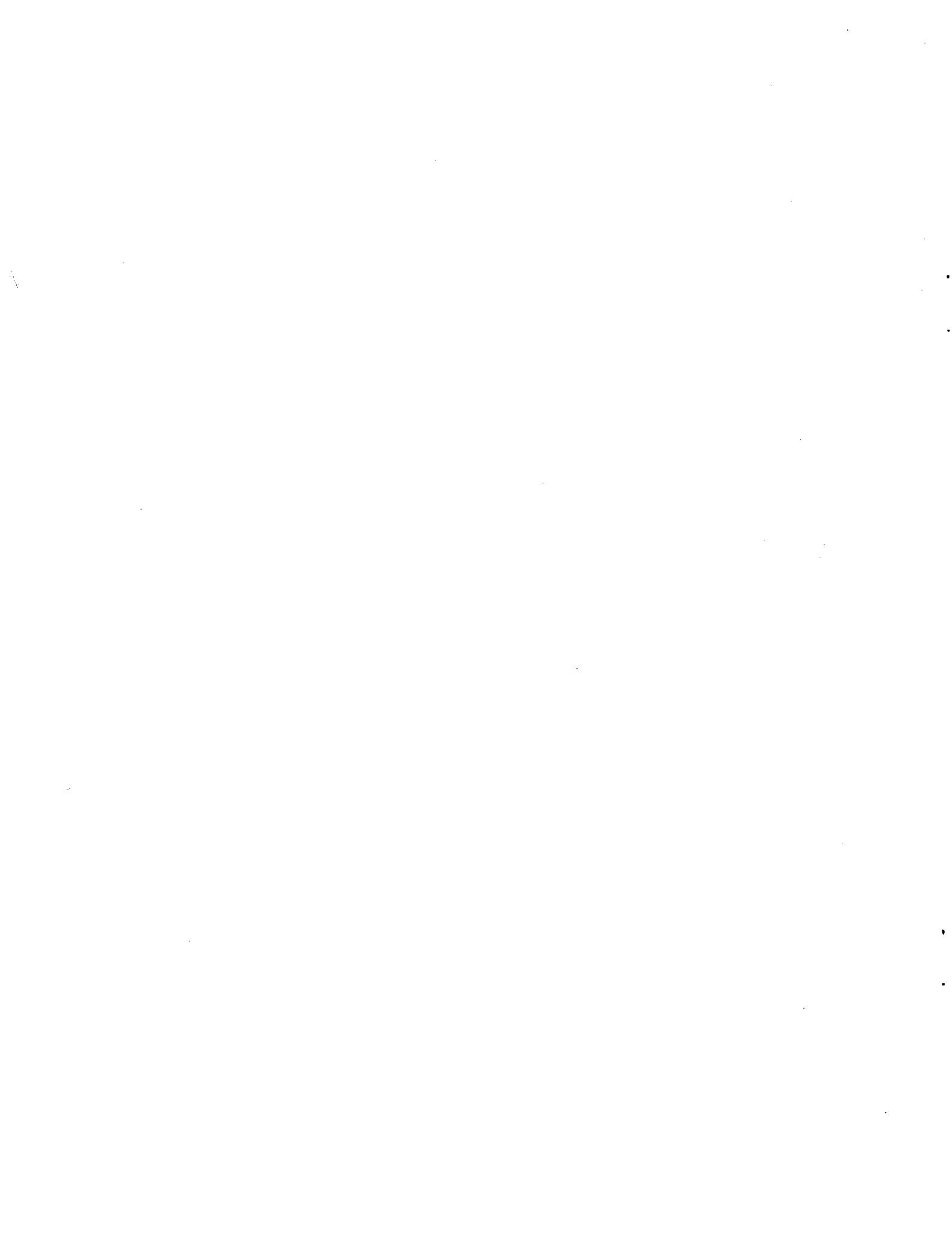
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Thirty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers  
of the Regional Conference on Women in  
Latin America and the Caribbean

Havana, Cuba, 28 and 29 April 2003

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**



## A. BACKGROUND

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary organ of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) consisting of high-level authorities with responsibility for issues relating to the situation of women and for policies to ensure gender equity in the countries of the region. It is the foremost intergovernmental forum in the region for the analysis of public policies from a gender perspective. The Conference is a permanent body convened at regular intervals in fulfilment of the mandates contained in the 1977 Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development and the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, whose period of implementation was extended under the Lima Consensus adopted at the eighth session of the Regional Conference, held in February 2000. Both of these documents reflect the regional agenda, which is shaped by the international commitments undertaken at the Fourth World Conference on Women and other world summits.

At their thirty-fourth meeting, held in Santiago, Chile, in September 2002, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference agreed to hold their thirty-fifth meeting in the first half of 2003 and to accept Cuba's offer to host the meeting. By agreement 13 adopted at that meeting, the member countries decided to consider, at the current meeting, the organization of work and the issues to be analysed at the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean,<sup>1</sup> to be held in the first half of 2004 in Mexico City.

At their current meeting, the Presiding Officers will also select the main issues to be discussed at the ninth session of the Regional Conference, bearing in mind the decision taken in agreement 7, adopted at their thirty-third meeting,<sup>2</sup> to harmonize regional follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, with the 10-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

## B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Presiding Officers will have before them the following provisional agenda (LC/L.1863(MDM.35/2)) for their adoption or modification:

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<sup>1</sup> *Report of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean*, Santiago, Chile, 5 and 6 September 2002 (LC/L.1857(MDM.34/3)), agreement 13.

<sup>2</sup> See agreement 7: "To defer the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean until 2004, taking into account agreement No. 3 as adopted at the thirty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers and the information provided by the Secretariat and endorsing the proposal to harmonize regional follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, with the ten-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action", in *Report of the thirty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean*, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 9-11 October 2001 (LC/L.1654(MDM.33/4)).

1. Adoption of the agenda
  2. Review and analysis of activities carried out by the Presiding Officers and the ECLAC secretariat since the thirty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers
  3. Preliminary analysis of the implementation of the regional commitments undertaken at the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and at the Fourth World Conference on Women, and discussion of member countries' proposals on priority issues for the ninth session of the Regional Conference, to be held in the first half of 2004
  4. Review of prior agreements adopted by the Presiding Officers
  5. Other matters
2. **Review and analysis of activities carried out by the Presiding Officers and the ECLAC secretariat since the thirty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers**

The ECLAC secretariat will report on the activities carried out at the regional level since the Presiding Officers' thirty-fourth meeting (Santiago, Chile, 5 and 6 September 2002) and will submit reference documentation. The countries members of ECLAC represented by the Presiding Officers will evaluate the activities carried out at the regional level in the light of the mandates contained in the Regional Programme of Action and the agreements adopted at the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially the Lima Consensus and the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly ("Beijing + 5").

#### **Working document**

- Activities of the ECLAC secretariat relating to the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean (1 July 2001 to 31 March 2003) (LC/L.1876(MDM.35/3))

#### **Reference documents**

- Report of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 5 and 6 September 2002) (LC/L.1857(MDM.34/3))
- Informe de la Reunión de expertos sobre el impacto de género del sistema de pensiones de Chile (Santiago, Chile, 17 and 18 June 2002) (LC/L.1759)
- Consuelo Uribe, *La reforma de pensiones en Colombia y la equidad de género*, Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 41 (LC/L.1787-P)
- Laura Pautassi, *Legislación previsional y equidad de género en América Latina*, Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 42 (LC/L.1803-P)

- Ligia Alvarenga, *A cinco años de la reforma de pensiones en El Salvador y su impacto en la equidad de género*, Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 43 (LC/L.1808-P)
- Informe de la Reunión de expertos “El impacto de la reforma de pensiones en Colombia sobre la equidad de género” (Bogotá, Colombia, 31 October and 1 November 2002) (LC/L.1816)
- Informe de la Reunión de expertos “El impacto de la reforma del régimen previsional argentino sobre la equidad de género” (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 22 and 23 August 2002) (LC/L.1817)
- Alberto Bonadona, *Género y sistemas de pensiones en Bolivia*, Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 44 (LC/L.1841-P)
- Informe de la Reunión de expertos “El impacto de la reforma de pensiones en Bolivia sobre la equidad de género” (La Paz, Bolivia, 22 and 23 January 2003) (LC/L.1881)
- Report of the Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on Gender Statistics (Santiago, Chile, 7-10 October 2002) (LC/L.1865)
- Educación reproductiva y paternidad responsable en el Istmo centroamericano, Mexico City, 2002
- ECLAC/CDCC, Report of the ECLAC/CDCC Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Gender Socialization and Domestic Violence: Developing a Research Agenda, January 2003 (LC/CAR/G.721)
- ECLAC/CDCC, Gender Dialogue, December 2002, Issue 3

(a) Los países miembros de la CEPAL representados en la Mesa Directiva informarán sobre las actividades relacionadas con la erradicación de la pobreza realizadas a nivel nacional y regional desde la trigésima segunda reunión de la Mesa y harán una evaluación de sus resultados.

**3. Preliminary analysis of the implementation of the regional commitments undertaken at the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and at the Fourth World Conference on Women, and discussion of member countries' proposals on priority issues for the ninth session of the Regional Conference, to be held in the first half of 2004**

Under the agreements adopted at the Presiding Officers' thirty-fourth meeting, it was decided that the participants in the thirty-fifth meeting should discuss the organization of work and the issues to be analysed at the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in 2004 in Mexico City, and that the ECLAC secretariat should prepare a document setting forth the proposals made regarding possible issues to be addressed at that session of the Regional Conference and to submit it to the Presiding Officers for their consideration.

(a) The secretariat will submit a working document containing a preliminary analysis of the implementation of the regional commitments undertaken at the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

#### **Working document**

- Análisis preliminar del cumplimiento de los compromisos regionales asumidos en la Octava Conferencia Regional sobre la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe y en la Cuarta Conferencia Mundial sobre la Mujer

(b) The countries represented by the Presiding Officers will provide inputs concerning the situation of women at the national level, with a view to following up the commitments made at regional and world summits.

(c) The countries represented by the Presiding Officers will submit proposals on the substantive issues to be addressed at the ninth session of the Regional Conference and will agree on the main themes that should guide those discussions.

#### **Reference document**

- Guidelines for the submission of oral and written reports by the countries represented by the Presiding Officers (agenda item 3)

(d) United Nations bodies will report on the activities they plan to carry out in preparation for the ninth session of the Regional Conference and the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women ("Beijing + 10").

#### **Reference documents**

- Report of the eleventh Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile, 4 September 2002 (LC/L.1856)
- Written reports of United Nations bodies

(e) The countries represented by the Presiding Officers will discuss and agree on the work methods to be used in preparing for and holding the ninth session of the Regional Conference.

#### **4. Review of prior agreements adopted by the Presiding Officers**

(a) The countries represented by the Presiding Officers will report on the progress which the countries of the region have made in signing and ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, in accordance with agreement 7 adopted at the Presiding Officers' thirty-second meeting, under which they agreed to call upon the legislative bodies of the countries that had not yet done so to expedite completion of the procedures leading to the signature, approval or ratification of that instrument.

### Reference document

- Recent Key Trends and Issues in the Implementation of CEDAW. Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in Panel II of the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

(b) Pursuant to agreement 9 adopted at the Presiding Officers' thirty-third meeting, the member countries and the ECLAC secretariat will share information on future regional, subregional and international meetings relating to women's and gender issues so as to avoid any duplication of effort and facilitate planning.

(c) The ECLAC secretariat will report on the progress made in developing a methodology for the valuation of domestic work, as requested in agreement 2 adopted at the Presiding Officers' thirty-fourth meeting.

(d) In accordance with agreement 3 adopted at the Presiding Officers' thirty-fourth meeting, the member countries will report on the production and dissemination of information disaggregated by sex at the national level and on the use of gender indicators in the evaluation of international commitments.

(e) The ECLAC secretariat will present an overview of efforts to analyse poverty from a gender perspective, in line with paragraph 5 of Commission resolution 595(XXIX) on globalization and development, and pursuant to agreement 14 adopted at the Presiding Officers' thirty-fourth meeting.

(f) Representatives of the member countries that participated in the most recent session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 3-14 March 2003) will report on the implementation of agreement 15 adopted at the Presiding Officers' thirty-fourth meeting, in which the member countries agreed to strengthen linkages between national offices for the advancement of women and the ministries of foreign affairs and representatives of Member States to the United Nations in order to ensure that the positions adopted by those mechanisms were represented in the proceedings of that Commission.

### Reference document

- Resolutions of the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

(g) The ECLAC secretariat will refer to agreement 16 adopted at the Presiding Officers' thirty-fourth meeting, in which it was requested to make the necessary facilities for direct meetings, consultations and discussions available to the representatives of the Governments of member States during the meetings of the Presiding Officers.

### 5. Other matters

Under this item, the delegations will consider any other issues they may wish to raise.

