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REPORT ON THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN DURING THEIR TERM
OF OFFICE (JUNE 1977 TO NOVEMBER 1979)

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial statements and for providing a clear audit trail.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. These methods include direct observation, interviews, and the use of specialized software tools.

3. The third part of the document describes the results of the study and the conclusions drawn from the data. It highlights the key findings and discusses their implications for practice.

4. The fourth part of the document provides a detailed description of the research methodology used in the study. This includes information about the sample size, the data collection process, and the statistical methods used for analysis.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the limitations of the study and the potential for future research. It identifies areas where further investigation is needed to address the research questions more fully.

6. The sixth part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and conclusions. It emphasizes the importance of the research and the implications for practice.

7. The seventh part of the document discusses the ethical considerations that guided the research. It describes the steps taken to ensure that the study was conducted in a responsible and ethical manner.

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15. The fifteenth part of the document discusses the implications of the research for practice. It highlights the key findings and discusses their implications for practice.

The Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in the Economic and Social Development of Latin America, held in Havana, Cuba from 13 to 17 June 1977, elected the following presiding officers: Cuba - Chairman; Jamaica - First Vice-Chairman; Mexico - Second Vice-Chairman and Venezuela Rapporteur. The Conference approved the Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America, and a Resolution recommending the endorsement of the Plan by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America. The Plan of Action was endorsed by the Committee at its eleventh extraordinary session, held in New York on 21 November 1977.

In pursuance of the Resolution, the Chairman of the Conference convened three meetings during her term of office, the purpose of which was to receive reports on the activities carried out by the Office of the CEPAL Executive Secretary and the progress achieved in the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action.

The reports of these meetings have been distributed by the Office of the Executive Secretary to the Governments of the region.

The first of the meetings was held in Kingston in February 1978. After noting the difficulties which had arisen in some cases in the preparation of concrete projects for submission to the Consultative Committee of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women for consideration and approval, the participants agreed that the Office of the Executive Secretary should carry out specific concrete activities which might be of some use to the Government when devising and formulating concrete projects, such as, for example, the preparation of an information document on the criteria laid down for the preparation and formulation of projects, the drafting of standard guidelines to facilitate project formulation and the preparation of an inventory of the relevant projects.

Already at the first meeting the Presiding Officers expressed "their grave concern at the delay in the effective implementation of the World Plan of Action and the Regional Plan of Action".

In order to continue laying the foundations for the appraisal for the Regional Plan of Action which, in accordance with the Resolution adopted in Havana, was to be carried out by a group of government experts, the Office of the CEPAL Executive Secretary was given a draft questionnaire during the first meeting and requested to send it to the Governments as soon as possible.

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In Kingston it was agreed to hold the second meeting of Presiding Officers before the month of October. The second meeting was held on 28 and 29 September 1978 in Mexico City, with the general aim of holding consultations, together with the CEPAL Secretariat, concerning progress achieved in the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action, and considering actions specifically aimed at the problems of children. The Presiding Officers also considered matters related to the Second Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in the Economic and Social Development of Latin America.

In addition to the Presiding Officers and members of the Office of the Executive Secretary, the second meeting was attended by the representative of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and a representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

During the meeting, the participants once again noted difficulties related to the small number of projects presented to the Consultative Committee of the Voluntary Fund, and the fact that many of the projects presented did not fulfil the requirements laid down. It was agreed that the Office of the CEPAL Executive Secretary should take steps to provide additional information which might be of use to the Governments of the region when preparing a project request.

The Presiding Officers also discussed the date of the Second Regional Conference and some possible items on its agenda, as a contribution towards ensuring that the region made adequate preparations sufficiently in advance to ensure the success of the Conference.

At the second meeting the Presiding Officers, after noting the small number of Governments which had replied to the questionnaire distributed by the Office of the Executive Secretary for the purpose of evaluating the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action, requested the Office of the Executive Secretary to urge the Governments which had not yet replied to do so as soon as possible.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Presiding Officers at their second meeting, and thanks to the kind offer of hospitality made by the Government of Ecuador, the third and final meeting of the Presiding Officers was held in Quito on 11 March 1979. The purpose of the meeting

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was to review and examine the results of the work of the Group of Government Experts to appraise the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action, and also to consider the preparations for the Second Regional Conference and the region's participation in the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980.

In addition to the members of the Office of the CEPAL Executive Secretary, the meeting was attended by the representative of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, who reported on the results of the fifth session of the Consultative Committee.

The Presiding Officers were so concerned at the small number of projects submitted - according to the figures supplied, only nine projects have been in progress in Latin America since 1977, compared with 30 for the Africa region, 13 for Asia and the Pacific and 6 for Western Asia - that the Chairman asked that the agenda of the Second Regional Conference should include an item concerning difficulties in generating and financing projects.

Concerning the appraisal of the Regional Plan of Action carried out by the Group of Government Experts in pursuance of the Havana Resolution, the Presiding Officers reiterated their concern about the lack of response to the questionnaire sent out by the Secretariat; only 12 countries had replied to the questionnaire, and that had made it impossible to carry out a fuller appraisal. It was agreed that the governments which had not yet replied to the questionnaire should once again be urged to do so as soon as possible.

It should also be mentioned that during the term of office of the Presiding Officers the Chairman was in regular correspondence with the Executive Secretary of CEPAL concerning the holding of the various meetings and the decisions reached at them, and concerning obstacles encountered in implementing the Regional Plan of Action.

The Presiding Officers wish to express their gratitude to Mr. Enrique Iglesias, Executive Secretary of CEPAL and the staff of the Office of the Executive Secretary for their efforts and the assistance provided during their term of office; to the representative of the Voluntary Fund, for her participation and assistance during the meetings of the Presiding Officers;

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and to the Governments of Jamaica, Mexico and Ecuador for hosting the meetings. They also express their best wishes for the success of the work of the Presiding Officers to be elected on the occasion of the Second Regional Conference, which will result in more effective implementation of the provisions of the Regional Plan of Action.

