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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

By virtue of resolution 670(XXXIV), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) decided in 2012 that the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development should be renamed the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and endorsed the other provisions set forth in agreement 1 adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee at its final meeting held in Quito from 4 to 6 July 2012, including the provision that the Regional Conference would hold sessions every two years, and that its Presiding Officers would meet at least once between ordinary sessions.

1. Place and date

At the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Montevideo from 12 to 15 August 2013, it was agreed that the second session would take place in Mexico City in October 2015. The first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, to take place between the two sessions, will be held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago from 12 to 14 November 2014.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the substantive issues that will be addressed at the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, with a view to the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. It is also expected that progress will be made on organizational aspects of the second session of the Conference.

3. Organization of work

The first day will begin with the adoption of the agenda for the meeting. Next, the reports of the Chair of the Presiding Officers, the ECLAC secretariat and the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA-LACRO) will be presented.

Next on the agenda will be the review of the operating guidelines for implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, in which delegations will have before them the working document prepared by the secretariat, for their consideration. This will be followed by a general discussion on national-level experiences on dissemination and follow-up of the Consensus, with particular reference to existing and planned institutional arrangements for such purposes.

The second day will begin with the conclusions of the discussion on national experiences and will continue with a discussion of the medium- and long-term impacts of population dynamics on sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean and their implications for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus. In this context, the delegations will have before them the document produced by the secretariat on the new demographic era in Latin America and the Caribbean, for their consideration. This will be followed by the presentation of a further four documents, recently prepared by the secretariat on matters whose follow-up falls within the mandate of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: indigenous peoples, international migration, reproduction in adolescence, and population ageing. Subsequently, discussions will commence on the preparations for the second session of the Conference.

Discussions on this item will resume on the third day, followed by the examination of any other matters that the delegations may wish to raise. The meeting will conclude with the consideration and adoption of agreements.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.
2. Report by the Chair on the preparations for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development (Mexico, October 2015).
3. Report by the secretariat on activities carried out since the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the outcomes of the global process of follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) beyond 2014.
5. Operating guidelines for implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
6. Exchange of national-level experiences on dissemination and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, including institutional arrangements for that purpose.
7. Medium- and long-term impacts of population dynamics on sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean and their implications for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus.
8. Matters whose follow-up falls within the mandate of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean:
 - Indigenous peoples
 - International migration
 - Reproduction in adolescence
 - Population ageing
9. Other matters.
10. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

The delegations will have before them for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda (LC/L.3889(MDP.1/1)/Rev.1). Member countries may make such observations or suggest such amendments as they deem appropriate under the ECLAC rules of procedure.

2. Report by the Chair on the preparations for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development (Mexico, October 2015)

The Chair of the Presiding Officers will report on preparations for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development.

3. Report by the secretariat on activities carried out since the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

The ECLAC secretariat, as technical secretariat of the Conference, will report on the activities carried out in the past year in the sphere of population and development.

Working document:

- Report on the activities of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC for the period 2013-2014 (LC/L.3905(MDP.1/4))

4. Report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the outcomes of the global process of follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) beyond 2014

The representative of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNFPA will report on the outcomes of the global process of follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, adopted at Cairo.

5. Operating guidelines for implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

The secretariat will present a concept note on the working document to be presented at the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, to be held in Mexico in October 2015. The document, whose title will be same as the proposed theme for the second session of the Regional Conference, is intended as a tool for developing operating guidelines for implementation of the Montevideo Consensus and will include a preliminary model for this purpose, using a specific example.

Invited experts will then be invited to comment on the concept note, after which the floor will be opened for discussion.

Working document:

- Concept note on the working document for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development. Population dynamics as an axis of sustainable development: the Montevideo Consensus as a tool for reducing inequality in the framework of human rights (LC/L.3903(MDP.1/3))

6. Exchange of national-level experiences on dissemination and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, including institutional arrangements for that purpose

The member States will report on their efforts thus far to disseminate and follow up on the Montevideo Consensus, especially in relation to existing or planned institutional arrangements for that purpose.

The member States will also have the opportunity to make preliminary comments on the substantive themes of the meeting of the Presiding Officers —the operating guidelines for implementation of the Montevideo Consensus and the medium- and long-term impacts of population dynamics on sustainable development in the region— regarding which supporting documents will be available on the meeting website.¹

Representatives of international and intergovernmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and academic institutions will also have the opportunity to speak at this point. Since time is limited, statements should last no longer than five or six minutes.

7. Medium- and long-term impacts of population dynamics on sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean and their implications for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus

The secretariat will present the document *La nueva era demográfica en América Latina y el Caribe: la hora de la igualdad según el reloj demográfico*, comprising three chapters. The first gives an overview of what is described as a new demographic era in Latin America and the Caribbean; the second shows how the region's demographic changes are impacting and will continue to impact the Latin American and Caribbean economy, and the third proposes a research agenda to provide inputs for medium- and long-term public policymaking with a view to ending inequality in the region.

On the basis of this document, invited experts will comment on the medium- and long-term impacts of population dynamics in the region, especially with regard to potential implications for the follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus. The floor will then be opened for discussion.

Reference document:

- *La nueva era demográfica en América Latina y el Caribe: la hora de la igualdad según el reloj demográfico* (DDR/2)

8. Matters whose follow-up falls within the mandate of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

To provide additional inputs for the discussions at the meeting of the Presiding Officers, the secretariat will present four thematic papers recently prepared further to the mandates of the Regional Conference on Population and Development.

The first paper deals with the situation of indigenous peoples in Latin America and its main findings and policy recommendations were outlined on 23 September 2014 at the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in New York. The second paper describes recent international migration trends and patterns in the region in the light of information from the 2010 census round, and is published as part of the *Population and Development* series of ECLAC.

¹ www.cepal.org/celade/santiago2014.

The third document examines theoretical, methodological and empirical aspects of reproduction in adolescence and social inequality in Latin America, and briefly reviews some of the policy measures deployed in recent years and remaining challenges in this area. The fourth document is the report of the Second International Forum on the Human Rights of Older Persons, which was held in Mexico City from 3 to 6 June 2014. The Forum was jointly organized by the government of Mexico City and CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC as part of the process of implementation and follow-up to the San José Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Reference documents:

- Los pueblos indígenas en América Latina: avances en el último decenio y retos pendientes para la garantía de sus derechos (LC/L.3902)
- Guaranteeing indigenous people’s rights in Latin America: progress in the past decade and remaining challenges. Summary (LC/L.3893)
- “Tendencias y patrones de la migración latinoamericana y caribeña hacia 2010 y desafíos para una agenda regional”, *Población y Desarrollo series*, No. 109 (LC/L.3914)
- La reproducción en la adolescencia y sus desigualdades en América Latina: introducción al análisis demográfico, con énfasis en el uso de microdatos censales de la ronda de 2010 (LC/W.605)
- Informe del Segundo Foro Internacional sobre los Derechos Humanos de las Personas Mayores (DDR/1).

9. Other matters

This agenda item covers certain aspects of preparations for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development (Mexico City, October 2015), on which decisions are needed in order to move ahead with the organization. These include the confirmation of the thematic title of the event, the topics of round tables, the national sessions to be convened by the host country, the working and reference documents, and, especially, the agreements expected to be reached at the end of the session. Any other matters that the delegations may wish to raise will also be examined.

10. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Delegations will have before them the agreements of the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, for consideration and adoption in accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC.