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Fifty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of
the Regional Conference on Women in Latin
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Santiago, 26-28 January 2016

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) that brings together government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality and to promote the incorporation of the gender perspective in regional policies, in order to make progress towards women's autonomy.

Pursuant to the agreement adopted at the fifty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, concerning the initiative by ECLAC and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the ad-hoc regional consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean in preparation for the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held within the framework of the fifty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The conclusions and recommendations of that consultation will be submitted by the Chair of the Regional Conference to the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixtieth session in March 2016.

The fifty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers will focus on the preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and examine the activities conducted since the fifty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women. Reports will be given at the meeting on the participation of the secretariat and of national mechanisms for the advancement of women in meetings of interest to the Presiding Officers. The Presiding Officers will also discuss the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals and their coordination with the global and regional agenda on gender equality and women's autonomy.

B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have before them for their consideration and adoption the following provisional agenda (LC/L.4078(MDM.53/1)):

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report by the secretariat on the activities conducted since the fifty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santo Domingo, 30-31 July 2015).
3. Report on the outcomes of the sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics: statistical challenges for implementing the sustainable development agenda (Aguascalientes (Mexico), 9-11 September 2015), the seventieth session of the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda (New York, 15 September-6 October 2015), the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 6-9 October 2015), the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, 2-4 November 2015), the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference

of the Americas of ECLAC (Quito, 17-19 November 2015) and the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Paris, 30 November-11 December 2015).

4. Presentation of reports on preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 2016).
 5. Presentation of the annotated index of the position paper for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 2016).
 6. High-level panel on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, and their coordination with the regional agenda on gender equality and women's autonomy.
 7. Special regional consultation in preparation for the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
 8. Other matters.
 9. Adoption of agreements.
- 2. Report by the secretariat on the activities conducted since the fifty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santo Domingo, 30-31 July 2015)**

The secretariat will report on activities conducted at the regional level since July 2015, when the Presiding Officers held their fifty-second meeting.

Reference documents:

- Report of the fifty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4104)
 - Report of the twenty-second meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4076)
- 3. Report on the outcomes of the sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics: statistical challenges for implementing the sustainable development agenda (Aguascalientes (Mexico), 9-11 September 2015), the seventieth session of the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda (New York, 15 September-6 October 2015), the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 6-9 October 2015), the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, 2-4 November 2015), the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (Quito, 17-19 November 2015) and the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Paris, 30 November-11 December 2015)**

The representative of Mexico will present the report on the outcomes of the sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics and the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, the representative of Costa Rica will report on the seventieth session of the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Summit, and the representative of Uruguay will report on the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The representative of Peru will report on the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the representative of Chile will report on the twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The floor will then be offered to representatives who wish to report on their participation in those meetings and refer to the agreements adopted and their links with gender equality.

Reference documents:

- Classification of Time-Use Activities for Latin America (CAUTAL) (LC/L.4083(CEA.8/8))
- Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (A/RES/70/1)
- Resolutions 1(II) and 2(II) of the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Resolution 1(I) of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Resolution 9(VIII) of the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

4. Presentation of reports on preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 2016)

The representative of Uruguay and the secretariat will report on progress regarding preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The floor will then be offered to the representatives of the member countries who may wish to comment.

5. Presentation of the annotated index of the position paper for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 2016)

The secretariat will present an update on the preparation of the position paper for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference and will report on the specific studies that are key inputs for the position paper on gender equality, women's autonomy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The member countries, specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system will then have the opportunity to make comments and recommendations in this connection.

Working document:

- Annotated index of the position paper for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, "Gender equality at the core of sustainable development: 40 years since the first session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean" (LC/L.4117(MDM.53/3))

6. High-level panel on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, and their coordination with the regional agenda on gender equality and women's autonomy

The panel will be moderated by the Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and will consist of representatives of international organizations and Latin America and the Caribbean governments.

7. Special regional consultation in preparation for the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The sixtieth session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women will be held in New York, from 14 to 24 March 2016, with "Women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development" as the priority theme. The Commission is the appropriate forum in which to discuss how to build momentum for implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, while keeping gender equality and women's autonomy at the centre of discussions.

This special consultation, co-organized by ECLAC and UN-Women, will provide a forum to discuss that priority theme in relation to Latin America and the Caribbean. It will be attended by representatives of governments and civil society from the countries of the region, specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system. It is expected that the conclusions and recommendations adopted at this regional consultation will be submitted by the Ministers and representatives of the national mechanisms for women in the region to the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixtieth session.

A debate will follow each panel discussion. This debate will be open to representatives of member States, after whose statements the floor will be offered to other participants.

8. Other matters

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

9. Adoption of agreements

The Presiding Officers will consider and adopt the agreements of their fifty-third meeting.