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RESOLUTION 1(I)

The Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered at Lima, from 2 to 4 November 2015,

Bearing in mind that by virtue of resolution 682(XXXV) adopted at the thirty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in May 2014, the member States approved the establishment of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission, with objectives that included: to promote the development of national policies on social development; to further international, regional and bilateral cooperation among offices and institutions; to examine multidimensional poverty and make progress on poverty measurement, inequality and structural gaps in conjunction with the relevant subsidiary bodies that conduct studies in this field, in particular the Statistical Conference of the Americas; to exchange experiences in relation to social matters and support and provide technical inputs to the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and other regional forums; and to contribute from the perspective of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to the discussions and proposals considered by the Commission for Social Development of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind also that, by virtue of resolution 2014/32, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations endorsed the establishment of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, as set out in resolution 682(XXXV) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind further that the United Nations Development Programme has held the Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean every year since 2007 and that, by means of a declaration signed in October 2014, the Commission and the Programme decided to jointly convene the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recognizing that the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled “Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,¹ is the road map of the United Nations, marking a paradigm shift and a new era for international cooperation for people, planet and prosperity, and that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, with the aim of leaving no one behind,

Considering that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development offers an opportunity for all the countries in the region to progress towards eliminating poverty and reducing inequality, as proposed by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the documents presented at its past three sessions,²

Convinced that the materialization of the means to implement the Sustainable Development Goals set forth in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will depend upon the effective establishment of a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, in which States, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders pool their efforts in a spirit of solidarity,

Bearing in mind that the revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development must be broad and inclusive and must recognize diversity and the common but differentiated responsibilities of the stakeholders in development, with the aim of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and their respective targets,

Recognizing the negative effects of unilateral coercive economic measures on the economic and social development of the countries subjected to such measures,

Recognizing also that follow-up and review processes must maintain the level of ambition of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development over time; take place in an independent, rigorous, inclusive and participatory manner; allow for regular, high-level discussion of outcomes; be endowed with adequate budgets and participatory monitoring and accountability frameworks at the local, subnational and national levels; and contribute to working congruously with the human rights machineries and other bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate,

1. *Welcomes* the document prepared by the secretariat, entitled *Inclusive social development: the next generation of policies for overcoming poverty and reducing inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean*,³ and asks that it be circulated widely and its discussion and analysis promoted within the region, including in civil society and academic circles, thereby promoting national dialogue on the main issues covered, taking each country’s national characteristics into account;

2. *Requests* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to organize, maintain and systematically update the social investment database, using official data provided by the countries for this purpose, and to publish this information on a regular basis on digital platforms or in other media;

¹ General Assembly resolution 70/1.

² *Time for Equality: Closing gaps, opening trails* (LC/G.2432(SES.33/3)); *Structural Change for Equality: An integrated approach to development* (LC/G.2524(SES.34/3)); *Compacts for Equality: Towards a sustainable future* (LC/G.2586(SES.35/3)).

³ LC.L/4056(CDS.1/3).

3. *Also requests* the Commission to organize, maintain and systematically update the database of non-contributory social protection programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean, using official data provided by the countries for this purpose, and to publish this information on a regular basis on digital platforms or in other media, and to conduct comparative studies on the provision of social programmes;

4. *Further requests* the Commission to support the countries of the region in strengthening their systems of public policy evaluation;

5. *Also requests* the Commission to organize, maintain and systematically update the database on youth and social inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean, using official data provided by the countries for this purpose, and to publish this information on a regular basis on digital platforms or in other media;

6. *Recognizes* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a universal and inclusive action plan based on the three dimensions of sustainable development —economic, social and environmental— whose Goals and targets are indivisible, and that the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean is the most suitable forum in which to enhance synergies and pool efforts among the various stakeholders in sustainable development, with a view to working towards the regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda with a focus on the social dimension and fostering South-South cooperation;

7. *Requests* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to foster, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, the strengthening of cooperation ties between the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, so that they may continue to promote experience-sharing for social policymaking, taking into account the institutional structure created by the countries;

8. *Encourages* the secretariat of the Commission, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, to support the Latin American and Caribbean countries in their efforts to develop new methodologies and instruments for measuring multidimensional poverty, deprivations and vulnerability;

9. *Also encourages* the secretariat of the Commission to continue the integrated analysis of economic, production and social policies and policies on employment protection and decent work, in order to broaden exchange-sharing between countries of the region;

10. *Urges* the secretariat to focus its research and technical assistance agenda on the multiple dimensions of social inequality, poverty and vulnerability, social protection, food and nutritional security, social policies and their relationship with the labour market, fiscal policy, and social policy institutions;

11. *Also urges* the secretariat to deepen the analysis of the multiple dimensions of social inequality identified in the document *Inclusive social development: the next generation of policies for overcoming poverty and reducing inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean*, and report in this regard at the next meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Conference, to be held in the Dominican Republic in the third quarter of 2016;

12. *Commends* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Development Programme for having organized the Conference jointly, thereby generating synergies and complementarities and avoiding duplication of effort;

13. *Requests* the Commission to take into consideration convergence and complementarity with the agendas of other regional initiatives in the area of social development, with a view to achieving mutual reinforcement and avoiding duplication of effort;

14. *Decides* that the Presiding Officers of the Conference will be composed of Peru (Chair) and Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama and Paraguay (Vice-Chairs);

15. *Requests* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Development Programme to jointly convene the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Dominican Republic in the third quarter of 2016;

16. *Welcomes* the offer of Uruguay to host the next Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in November 2017;

17. *Conveys* its gratitude to the Government and people of Peru for the excellent organization of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.