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AGREEMENTS

At their third meeting, held from 4 to 6 October 2016 at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to:

1. *Reaffirm* the validity and relevance of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean as a strategic road map for action on population and development matters in the region, in follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;
2. *Recognize* the synergies between the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and underline the contribution that implementation of the Consensus will make to fulfilment of the Agenda and to ensuring that no one is left behind;
3. *Invite* the countries to continue working towards identifying areas of compatibility and synergy between the follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the regional and global monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;
4. *Express gratitude and appreciation* for the work done by the Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development since taking that office at the second session of the Regional Conference;
5. *Acknowledge* the secretariat for the support provided to the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in the organization of the present meeting, particularly the preparation of the working documents, *Proposed format for national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*¹ and *Progress report of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*.²

¹ LC/L.4202(MDP.3/4).

² LC/L.4201(MDP.3/3).

6. *Express gratitude and appreciation* for the assistance provided to the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean by the United Nations Population Fund and express the wish that this collaboration be intensified in the lead-up to the third session of the Conference, to be held in El Salvador in 2017;

7. *Commend* the Government of Chile for hosting and organizing the second meeting in follow-up to the San José Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Santiago in November 2016, and urge the countries to participate actively in the event as a preparatory meeting for the fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean;

8. *Note* the progress reported by the countries on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and on the establishment of national coordinating mechanisms to act as a liaison with the Regional Conference, and reiterate the call to strengthen fulfilment of all the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus;

9. *Adopt* the format for national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development proposed by the secretariat and including the suggestions made by the Presiding Officers at their third meeting;

10. *Value* the contribution of the national reports, which will be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, to the review of the regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to be conducted by the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development;

11. *Acknowledge* the work of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development on its progress report;

12. *Request* the ad hoc working group to include in the preparation of its final report the comments made by the Presiding Officers in their review of the progress report at this third meeting;

13. *Recommend* that the proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which will be included in the final report of the ad hoc working group, should take into consideration national capacity regarding the preparation, production and use of such indicators and should be adopted, by virtue of a resolution of the Regional Conference on Population and Development at its third session, as the final list of indicators to be used for monitoring the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus;

14. *Express their appreciation* of the participation and contributions of representatives of civil society at the present meeting, and welcome the statements made by representatives of international and intergovernmental agencies, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions;

15. *Encourage* the continuation of information-sharing and communication between the presiding officers of the various subsidiary bodies of the Commission in order to achieve synergies between the different regional conferences, in particular, with the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

16. *Call on* the countries to assess the possibility of reviewing, at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, to be held in 2017, the activities envisaged for the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, taking into consideration the work calendar of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;

17. *Urge* the countries to make every effort to send inclusive, diverse and pluralistic official delegations to the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, including representatives from ministries and national offices involved in the population and development agenda, and suggest that delegations include representatives of relevant civil society organizations and networks.