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THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

1. The fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) was held in Santiago, from 14 to 16 June 2016.

Attendance¹

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following States serving as members of the Executive Committee: Belize, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Uruguay.

3. Also attending were representatives of the following member countries of the Conference: Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

4. A representative of Curaçao, an associate member of ECLAC, was also present.

5. Attending from the United Nations Secretariat were the Director of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Regional Representative for South America of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

6. The following United Nations funds and programmes were also represented: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

7. Also present were representatives of the following specialized agencies of the United Nations: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were also represented: Caribbean Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Regional Centre for Studies on the Development of the Information Society (Cetic.br), Andean Community, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI) and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

¹ See the complete list of participants in the annex.

Chair

9. The Vice-President of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico chaired the meeting in his capacity as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

B. AGENDA

10. The Executive Committee adopted the following agenda:
1. Adoption of the agenda.
 2. Report by the Chair on activities conducted since the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
 3. Seminar on the follow-up framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.
 4. Review and adoption of the biennial programme of activities of the working groups for the period 2016-2017 of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
 5. Information regarding subregional and international cooperation activities.
 6. Other matters.

C. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

11. At the opening session, statements were made by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Félix Vélez, Vice-President of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico, in his capacity as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, and Pascual Gerstenfeld, Chief of the Statistics Division of ECLAC.

12. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC welcomed the participants and underscored the role of the Statistical Conference of the Americas as a platform for and driver of the inter-institutional and intersectoral regional architecture for the implementation of national follow-up mechanisms for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The context offered a great opportunity for progressive structural change and a shift from economic recession to expansion, driving a new global Keynesianism. She reaffirmed the importance of continuing to consolidate autonomous and independent national statistics institutions; maintaining and expanding peer and expert assessment processes in the framework of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean; making progress in terms of the quality, credibility and comparability of statistics, which were a great asset for public policies; further strengthening technical exchanges and horizontal as well as international cooperation; and maintaining the activities of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, so that all of the countries of the region would continue to be heard in global forums. In concluding, she offered the technical and institutional support of ECLAC in taking on all of those challenges.

13. The Vice-President of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico, in his capacity as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, reiterated a number of fundamental issues that had been addressed at the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC, held in Mexico City from 23 to 27 May 2016, namely inequality, dizzying technological advances and the lack of innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean in that field, and environmental degradation. He said that statistical work was necessary and taking place against that backdrop, and highlighted the importance of countries' initiatives to reduce poverty, achieve greater environmental sustainability and eliminate discrimination to fulfil the main principle of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of leaving no one behind. In concluding, he underscored the value added of combined statistical and geographical information and stressed that the work done at the Conference should serve as an input at all levels of decision-making.

14. The Chief of the Statistics Division of ECLAC said that he was delighted to have the opportunity to continue making progress in the challenging and stimulating field of statistics. He underscored the severe economic and social crisis and reflected on the role of statisticians against that backdrop. He also stressed the statistics community's great responsibility and commitment in working together to develop, innovate, design and execute activities and initiatives for improvement and positive change.

Report by the Chair on activities conducted since the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (agenda item 2)

15. The Chair reported on the activities conducted since the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, held in Quito in November 2015. His presentation covered three areas: (i) the activities relating to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the framework of the Conference, primarily regarding the proposal to establish the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean; (ii) the Executive Committee's efforts to gather proposals for working group activities for the 2016-2017 biennium and evaluate whether they should be adopted, with a view to obtaining concrete, useful outputs and outcomes for the region; and (iii) the working group activities and their main outcomes, which had been included in the report on the Statistical Conference of the Americas presented at the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC.

Seminar on the follow-up framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (agenda item 3)

16. Mercedes González Guilarte, Deputy Head of the National Office of Statistics and Information (ONEI) of Cuba, moderated the seminar on the follow-up framework of the Sustainable Development Goals. The aim of the seminar was to address some recent initiatives related to the follow-up of the SDGs, such as the creation of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, the consolidation of regional and national statistical coordination mechanisms for the SDG indicators and the development of statistical planning instruments.

17. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, gave the first presentation, and spoke of the major outcomes of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission: the new strategic document in which ECLAC offered an analytical framework for the 2030 Agenda; the discussion about the implementation of that Agenda and the strengthening of the regional architecture thanks to the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the new Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. In the document *Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development*,² ECLAC sets out a proposal for progressive structural change and an environmental big push for the

² LC/G.2660(SES.36/3).

region's development with equality at the centre. With a view to implementing the 2030 Agenda, the organization had made several recommendations, including the strengthening of statistical capacity to measure the SDGs and of the regional architecture, in both of which the Statistical Conference of the Americas played a crucial role. At the global level, the Executive Secretary welcomed the role played by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The countries representing the region in the first group were Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Jamaica and Mexico, while those participating in the second group were Argentina, Bahamas, Ecuador, El Salvador and Saint Lucia.

18. Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, then spoke of the global statistical coordination mechanisms for the SDG indicators: the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. He outlined the achievements of the forty-seventh session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, which had examined and adopted the global SDG monitoring framework, and said that the indicators to be used for the regional, national and subnational monitoring of the 2030 Agenda had yet to be defined. The Commission had highlighted the need to strengthen coordination, statistical capacity and the indicator disaggregation levels. He reported on the activities of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its decision to hold the World Forum on Sustainable Development Data in South Africa in 2017. Discussions were being held on a global action plan for sustainable development data. In concluding, he spoke of the challenge that the 2030 Agenda presented to all in terms of strengthening national statistics systems and of the need to base sustainable development on national priorities and work on new methodologies and areas of policy development. Integrating unconventional data sources into the data normally produced by statistics institutions was a challenge, and new and complete national information systems needed to be developed.

19. Félix Vélez, Vice-President of INEGI of Mexico, in his capacity as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, spoke of the statistical coordination in the region to develop SDG indicators and presented the proposal on establishing the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of the Conference. The Group would be participatory and focus on proposals and innovations. The position of chair would rotate and ECLAC would act as technical secretariat, but a system of governance would need to be developed. Some of the activities planned for the Group included building an inventory of statistical capacity in the region and helping create a regional framework to follow up on indicators that would do a better job of addressing the region's difficulties. He highlighted the need to coordinate from the outset with the Knowledge Transfer Network and to make the most of the region's comparative advantages in terms of statistical development, as in the case of gender statistics.

20. Daniel Taccari, representing the ECLAC Statistics Division, reported on the preliminary findings of a survey carried out in Latin America and the Caribbean on national capacity to produce the SDG indicators of the global follow-up framework. In addition to providing an initial regional assessment, the activity aimed to strengthen statistical capacity in the Conference's area of work and define regional, subregional and thematic strategies in statistical cooperation, and also build a regional human resources network to address the statistical themes related to the SDG indicators. After providing a brief description of the data collection instrument, he presented some of the preliminary findings to date. In concluding, he said that emphasis would continue to be placed on countries' production capacity from a regional perspective and on outcomes relating to the potential for horizontal cooperation. Thus, actions could be coordinated with specialized bodies to propose a strategy to strengthen statistical capacity in the region.

21. Rayén Quiroga, an expert from the Economic and Environmental Statistics Unit of the Statistics Division of ECLAC, spoke of the environmental indicators for the SDGs and the opportunities and challenges they presented. She stressed the central role of environmental statistics in the follow-up to the SDGs and said that the capacity of the region and the world to report on environmental sustainability would be curtailed significantly by insufficient environmental statistics and the continued weakness in the monitoring and measurement of progress towards environmental sustainability. Although there were adequate methodological resources to strengthen environmental indicators in each country, the necessary political will and human and economic resources were lacking. Environmental statistics in the region reflected very mixed trends, and many countries needed to work on producing basic reliable data on a regular basis, to adopt international statistical frameworks and recommendations, to include specific questions or modules in conventional information sources such as surveys and censuses, and exploit additional data sources, such as administrative records, remote sensing sources and monitoring station records. In concluding, she spoke of the need for progress in the region as a whole, for sharing experiences, fostering regional cooperation and addressing technical themes and institutional aspects.

22. Carlos Felipe Prada Lombo, Deputy Director of the National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia, spoke on the national mechanisms to address the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially the work done by DANE regarding the SDG indicators. Colombia was a member of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and had established the High-level Inter-institutional Commission for the Preparation and Effective Implementation of the 2030 Agenda, which focused on integrating the Agenda into the national development plan. DANE had carried out various activities to assess Colombia's capacity to produce the data required for the SDG indicators and report to the different national and subnational bodies on the processes implemented and the current situation. Gender equality, employment and economic growth, and flora and fauna were the areas with the most calculable indicators, while aquatic flora and fauna, peace and justice, drinkable water and sanitation revealed the widest information gaps. Future efforts would focus on producing environmental statistics, strengthening statistical capacity at the subnational level, strengthening administrative records, optimizing new data sources, visualizing data and implementing the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) standard. In concluding, he spoke of the importance of facing those challenges as a region as a whole and welcomed the creation of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean.

23. The Vice-President of INEGI of Mexico reported on the activities carried out by the Institute with UN-Women relating to the SDGs, particularly gender statistics. He described a joint activity that had sought to determine the capacity of countries in the region to follow up on Goal 5 and other SDG indicators disaggregated by sex. The activity involved a consultation with 14 countries to produce an inventory of existing statistics to follow up on those indicators, learn the extent to which existing projects disaggregated data by sex to calculate the roughly 50 SDG indicators that required it, determine the institutional capacity of national statistics offices, and identify best practices and opportunities for countries to share technical support at different levels of institutional development. That would require an analysis of surveys, a record of statistical sources for 14 countries, an analysis of strengths and weaknesses to develop a proposal of the information and exact capacity needed in the region, and the identification of existing available human and material resources to transfer technical support as well as of best practices to produce gender statistics. To date, the analysis had focused on Mexico, and was expected to expand to the remaining countries.

24. El-Iza Mohamedou, Deputy Secretariat Manager of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) spoke of the Advanced Data Planning Tool (ADAPT) in relation to the SDG indicators. Although significant progress had been made in producing statistics during the

implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, there were still large gaps in information crucial to formulating development policies. With a view to pursuing progress, decisive political commitment, more economic resources, stronger statistical capacity, an integrated statistical system and support for open-data formats were needed. ADAPT could be used by national statistics offices for advanced data planning, calculating the cost of national statistical development strategies and monitoring development indicators in order to meet the changing need for data, coordinate all national statistics producers through a virtual platform, estimate the cost of potential information collection and project financial outcomes with a view to presenting them to planners, associates and decision-makers.

25. In the discussion that followed, representatives focused their comments on various aspects of strengthening countries' statistical capacity. They highlighted the need for a strategy to create national capacity (by examining institutional arrangements, establishing agreements and obtaining political and financial support) and strengthening environmental statistics and accounts. Some delegations mentioned the benefits of undertaking a collective effort to face the challenges of the new development agenda and establishing a relevant regional framework for the countries of the region, prioritizing the indicators of the global follow-up mechanism and adapting them to regional and national realities without losing sight of the ultimate goal of economic, social and environmental development. The efforts relating to the SDG indicators should be combined with those targeting other sets of indicators to monitor other global or regional commitments, such as the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

26. FAO requested that the working method of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (according to which international bodies act as observers) should be applied at the regional level to facilitate collaboration and ensure that those bodies provide countries with more efficient support.

Review and adoption of the biennial programme of activities of the working groups for the period 2016-2017 of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (agenda item 4)

27. Under this agenda item, the representatives of the countries coordinating the working groups presented their programmes of work and planned outputs for the 2016-2017 period.

Working Group on Institution-building

28. The representative of Colombia presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Institution-building, which focused on implementing the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean. He said that the challenge was establishing an associative working method that would ensure the continuity of the group's efforts and the sharing of experiences in applying the Code, the follow-up and evaluation of the achievement of its principles and the fostering of technical and methodological capacity to guarantee the quality of statistical information.

Working Group on Censuses

29. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reported on the planned activities for the Working Group on Censuses and announced the plan to hold a workshop with Mexico and the countries of Central America, carry out a survey on the progress of the 2020 census round to identify needs and conduct an analysis of the accomplishments and challenges relating to the SDG indicators and the Montevideo Consensus. He also announced a third Latin American and Caribbean course on population estimates. The working group planned to hold a meeting on the processing and analysis of census information focused on the possible use of that information to formulate public policies,

particularly to follow up on the SDGs and the Montevideo Consensus. The challenges facing the working group included deepening cooperation between member countries, securing financing and allocating budgets to carry out the planned activities.

30. The representative of FAO spoke of an indicator on food security that called for disaggregation by ethnicity, but for which census data was needed as the surveys did not include the required disaggregated data. She offered technical assistance from FAO for countries carrying out censuses to include that information. Several representatives stressed that the working group's activities should include one related to including questions in censuses to collect data on indigenous groups, in addition to the possibility of creating working subgroups on topics such as georeferenced statistics and harnessing new technologies to conduct censuses.

31. The representative of Colombia said that a national agricultural census that had been conducted in Colombia could inspire ideas on conducting censuses relating to that field in the region.

Working Group on National Accounts

32. The representative of Peru presented the activities of the Working Group on National Accounts, which related to the implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA) of 2008 and efforts to improve the integration of the production of basic statistics, national accounts and users. Work had been carried out on the definition of the SDG indicators relating to national accounts, the review of methodologies for the production of basic statistics and national accounts and the documentation of the best practices in that field, the organization of forums, face-to-face courses and virtual and face-to-face evaluation meetings. He also announced a partnership with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to use the SDMX standard to disseminate national account databases.

33. The representative of the Dominican Republic said that, if the Working Groups on National Accounts, Quarterly National Accounts and the Informal Sector were combined, his country's National Statistics Office (ONE) should become a member as it was the office responsible for data on the informal sector, while the central bank was responsible for all the rest.

34. The representative of Brazil said that a subgroup on environmental accounts should be created within the working group so that environmental account specialists could gather information on experiences in the use of national accounts to develop environmental statistics.

35. The representative of UNFPA said that the working group should improve its dissemination of data on national accounts in order to reach a wider audience and link those producing statistics on national accounts with users.

36. The representative of IMF welcomed the efforts made to implement SNA 2008 and offered the Fund's technical assistance to that end, as well as the opportunity for countries to use its systems to disseminate data on national accounts. He also said that there was a national accounts training centre in Brazil that was available for the countries of the region to use.

Working Group on Quarterly National Accounts

37. The representative of the Economic and Environmental Statistics Unit of the Statistics Division of ECLAC presented the proposed programme of work of the Working Group on Quarterly National Accounts. He said that the survey on needs in the field of national accounts had shown that specialized

working groups were required for quarterly national accounts and for the informal sector and he thus proposed that they be established as two separate additional working groups. The activities proposed for the Working Group on Quarterly National Accounts included fostering development and improving quarterly statistics so that they were comparable at the international level, and analysing the guidelines of the quarterly national accounts manuals of the International Monetary Fund and of Eurostat, adapting them to the regional context.

38. The Chair stated that, in the light of the similarity of the themes dealt with by the Working Groups on National Accounts, Quarterly National Accounts and the Informal Sector, the possibility of combining them into one Working Group on National Accounts had been evaluated.

Working Group on the Informal Sector

39. The representative of Honduras reported on the activities of the Working Group on the Informal Sector, which included formulating a consensus definition of the informal sector that would serve as the basis for the calculations made in the countries of the region.

40. Several representatives said that it might be necessary to reorganize the Working Group on National Accounts and define more detailed objectives for the group, as its activities could be linked to the Working Group on Labour-Market Indicators and a coordination mechanism could be established with the Working Group on the Informal Sector.

Working Group on Environmental Statistics

41. The representative of Mexico, the coordinating country of the Working Group on Environmental Statistics, detailed the activities under way to strengthen the region's environmental statistics, such as preparing a toolbox to reinforce those statistics, formulating a regional capacity-building plan and preparing a future seminar.

42. The representative of Brazil requested that the manuals on environmental statistics should be translated more quickly, and was seconded by several representatives.

Working Group on Agricultural Statistics

43. The representative of Brazil reported on the efforts of the Working Group on Agricultural Statistics to fine-tune the data in that field in Latin America and the Caribbean. To that end, consultants had been engaged to assess the region's existing capacity and define the guidelines of a conceptual framework for the integrated agricultural and rural statistics system. She announced a workshop on the subject in Brazil at the end of June 2016 to examine the outcomes of the consultancies and plan the Group's activities for the rest of the year.

44. The representatives of FAO, Colombia and Mexico offered assistance on conducting censuses and surveys in the agricultural sector.

Working Group on Administrative Records

45. The representative of Ecuador presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Administrative Records, which included developing a common methodology to identify information needs, designing an instrument to collect available data and determine their statistical use, adopting a self-assessment

tool for evaluating the quality of identified records, designing a plan to develop and strengthen statistics, compiling and disseminating good practices and advising countries through technical assistance workshops on using records.

46. The representatives of Argentina and Chile conveyed their respective countries' interest in joining the working group.

Working Group on Statistics on Public Security and Justice

47. The representative of Mexico presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Statistics on Public Security and Justice, which included disseminating the analysis of crime and justice statistics in each country; encouraging the inclusion and production of information in national statistics programmes and fostering inter-institutional cooperation; designing a data collection tool and methodology for victimization surveys; establishing a crime victimization laboratory; participating in the introductory course on international crime classification for statistical purposes; offering recommendations on producing statistical information to follow up on Sustainable Development Goal 16; and helping design training courses on georeferencing using free, open source statistical software.

Working Group on Household Surveys

48. The representative of Brazil reflected on the future of the Working Group on Household Surveys and underlined the role of surveys in following up on the SDG indicators and the importance of developing a survey system, which was more efficient and less costly than multipurpose surveys. In the second half of 2016 a plan of work would be presented that would seek to standardize and modernize survey processes, in the light of United Nations proposals. It would include the development of standard thematic modules that could be applied in each country and a study of optimal frequency. She called on interested countries to join the working group and the Chair requested that Brazil should produce a plan of work on the subject.

Working Group on Poverty Statistics

49. The representative of Colombia presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Poverty Statistics and pointed out the problems with measuring poverty in terms of income, which had given way to the multidimensional measurement of poverty. The group's work plan included an analysis of the available instruments to estimate multidimensional poverty with a view to harmonizing them in future.

50. The country representatives discussed including the measurement of income poverty in the group's objectives and expressed their concern about the World Bank's new approach to measuring extreme poverty in the region.

Working Group on Gender Statistics

51. The representative of Mexico presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Gender Statistics. The group's activities included developing capacity and methodologies to assign economic value to unpaid work and prepare satellite accounts for unpaid work; analysing the use of statistics on paid work from a gender perspective and access to productive and financial resources; providing a methodological reflection on gender-based violence statistics and examining the content of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as administrative records on victimization; developing a methodology to incorporate the gender perspective into poverty measurement;

promoting the capacity to produce gender indicators and indicators on information and communications technology (ICT) with a gender perspective to follow up on the SDGs; and strengthening the capacity of national statistics institutes to incorporate gender indicators into official statistics and disseminate the associated data.

52. The country representatives underscored the cooperation received from other countries and United Nations entities in carrying out surveys on time use and strengthening gender statistics in national statistics institutes. The representative of UN-Women said that greater coordination between the groups and more investment in gender statistics were needed.

Working Group on Statistics on Childhood and Adolescence

53. The representative of Mexico presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Statistics on Childhood and Adolescence and spoke of four pillars of action and the respective activities: (i) developing technical and methodological capacity with a view to providing regular reports on the 2030 Agenda indicators; (ii) reinforcing administrative records relating to childhood indicators; (iii) encouraging user access to childhood statistics; and (iv) fostering cooperation between national statistics institutes in specific areas, particularly violence against children and early childhood development.

Working Group on Disability Measurement

54. The representative of Mexico presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Disability Measurement and outlined some of the main activities planned for the biennium, which included completing a directory of disability statistics officials in national statistics institutions and other bodies, and organizing the first and second regional seminar and training workshop on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) and the application by national statistics offices of that classification in the collection and analysis of data on disabilities, with a focus on the next census round.

55. The representatives of the countries expressed their concern about the difference between measurement methods used by the Washington Group on Disability Statistics and the World Health Organization. They underscored the importance of building administrative records—with the help of medical records in particular—to fill in the existing information gaps owing to the inconsistency of survey estimates and the limited details those surveys provided.

Working Group on Labour-Market Indicators

56. The representative of Chile presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Labour-Market Indicators and the objectives for the biennium, as well as the outputs and activities planned in connection with the SDG labour-market indicators.

57. The country representatives discussed the need to coordinate activities with the Working Group on the Informal Sector. In particular, progress had been made in updating a document on measurement practices in the countries of the region, which the group had made available to the Executive Committee to use as an input when determining the division of labour between the two groups.

Working Group on Measurement of Information and Communications Technologies

58. The representative of the Dominican Republic presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Measurement of Information and Communications Technologies for the biennium, which

included revising and updating the ICT module in education; selecting a group of ICT indicators that would help develop measurement of those technologies with a focus on gender; holding an ICT workshop for English-speaking Caribbean countries and Haiti; and revising the ICT module applied to household surveys with a regional perspective. He also proposed a survey on those technologies for institutions responsible for the digital agenda and national statistics, and holding two workshops, one on big data and the other on e-commerce data, in collaboration with ECLAC.

59. The representative of UNEP highlighted the role of that body in disseminating the use of open-source data and offered an opportunity to collaborate with the countries of the region.

Working Group on International Classifications

60. The representative of Mexico presented the programme of work of the Working Group on International Classifications. Some of the main activities were: carrying out an online survey to update the use of classifications in the countries of the region; providing a Spanish translation of the Central Product Classification (CPC), version 2.1; providing a Spanish translation of concept documents and other classifications that could arise during the biennium; preparing a video to support training in international classification; preparing comparative lists of agricultural products; holding face-to-face meetings with the working group members; and writing up a report to present to the United Nations Committee of Experts.

Knowledge Transfer Network

61. The representative of Colombia presented the programme of work of the Knowledge Transfer Network, whose objectives were to update the group of country focal points, the experts on each theme and the online platform. The Advisory Committee also had to be relaunched and a concept note prepared to update its functions. He also proposed that the Advisory Committee of the Knowledge Transfer Network should include two members from each subregion. The Chair reaffirmed the importance of the Network as an instrument for sharing experiences and as a repository of methodologies that the working groups could use in future. The delegates proposed that the Network should serve as the basis for a training system for the region.

Information regarding subregional and international cooperation activities (agenda item 5)

62. Under this agenda item, the different coordinating bodies in the Caribbean, Central America, the Andean Community and the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) reported on their programmes of work and contribution to the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

63. The representative of the Andean Community said that the institution had received a mandate to relaunch activities in statistics. In the framework of the Community's restructuring, the priorities of Andean integration would be reinforced. The activities of the statistics committee would also be relaunched and a statistics platform would be maintained in the general secretariat. A community statistics programme had been established for 2016-2021, which included the consideration of statistical requirements to achieve the SDGs. Coordination with international bodies (PARIS21) and technical assistance to countries had also resumed.

64. The representative of Belize presented a report on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). He highlighted the activities carried out in the previous two years, particularly those focused on producing statistics for the SDGs and the principles applied to produce information at the

global and regional levels. A regional strategy had been devised for statistical development with a programme of work based on the Goals. He also pointed out the main challenges, particularly the existing legal barriers to the development of statistics institutions. With a view to strengthening the institutions, CARICOM proposed updating computing infrastructure platforms, encouraging professionalization, building an association of statistics professionals and supporting training of statistics personnel.

65. The Central American Statistical Commission (CENTROESTAD) of the Central American Integration System (SICA) was represented by the delegate from Costa Rica, who spoke of the progress of the statistics development strategy of the Central American region. The strategy was focused on achieving certain objectives, particularly strengthening institutions, harmonizing statistics and encouraging the use of statistics at the regional level. She reported the most recent progress in capacity-building to estimate food balance sheets and training in the use of international standards to manage metadata and microdata. For the coming period, there was a plan to prepare a document containing common methodological guidelines to build a basic food basket, strengthen the integrated statistical information system, review procedures for updating the statistical compendium and design projects to use administrative records, among other activities.

66. The representative of El Salvador reported on other aspects of the activities of CENTROESTAD, especially the creation of a group to analyse and follow up on the SDG indicators and the subregion's collaboration with PARIS21. In concluding, he spoke of the possibility of carrying out a census of the Central American population.

67. The representative of Uruguay, as the pro tempore chair of MERCOSUR, reported on the organization's activities. She spoke of the Specialized Statistical Meeting, involving the five member countries of MERCOSUR, as well as Chile and the Plurinational State of Bolivia. She highlighted the work done to harmonize statistics—including those on employment, foreign trade and national accounts—and to prepare common classifications for products and economic activities. Moreover, she spoke of a working group on an inventory of statistical operations that was helping to put the MERCOSUR statistics plan into practice.

68. Reports were then presented on statistical cooperation with international bodies and organizations. The representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) said that the countries were reporting on the fulfilment of their human rights obligations on the basis of indicators produced by the different national statistics systems. He also mentioned the existence of methodological documents defining human rights indicators and the work done in collaboration with Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay and the Plurinational State of Bolivia, among other countries.

69. The representative of UNESCO referred to the work of the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) and highlighted the adoption of the Education 2030 Framework for Action. UNESCO was working in conjunction with country authorities towards the fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goal 4. In concluding, he said that a thematic framework was being applied (with the participation of different countries in the region), which included broader sectoral priorities beyond the global indicators.

70. The representative of UNFPA highlighted the link between the indicators of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and those of the SDGs, as well as the work done with various national institutions to introduce those indicators in line with the specific features of each one. He spoke of the implementation of two activities, one with Caribbean countries and ECLAC on population projections, and the other a workshop on population censuses.

71. The representative of UN-Women underscored the role of gender statistics in achieving the SDGs and women's limited participation in producing statistics in general. She also spoke of initiatives by statistics offices and governments to raise awareness of those statistics and their use. Technical and methodological notes on gender indicators were being prepared and meetings and workshops were being held to raise awareness.
72. The representative of IDB spoke of the four areas the institution was working on: (i) strengthening institutions; (ii) providing support for producing basic statistics through regional public goods projects; (iii) disseminating and using statistics; and (iv) fostering technological development. He reiterated IDB support for countries in designing censuses for the 2020 round.
73. The representative of ILO recalled that activities in the region had focused on technical assistance and training, often in coordination with ministries of labour; pilot tests to implement the new directives of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians; the dissemination of classic indicators and SDG indicators; and the co-financing of some activities, such as those of the Working Group on Labour-Market Indicators and other working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas.
74. The representative of UNICEF presented plans to gather data on childhood. Pilot tests were being carried out to adapt surveys to new indicators in Belize and before long in Costa Rica. Further out, workshops would be held to present the surveys to national statistics institutes. Workshops on measuring disability in childhood were also being planned.
75. The representative of IMF referred to the statistical cooperation activities of the Fund's Department of Statistics. In particular, he called on national and international institutions to strengthen coordination of their activities with a view to streamlining technical assistance activities (which included more than 100 missions), mainly in national accounts. The Fund was also willing to work on medium-term plans to improve the conditions in which technical assistance was provided.
76. The representative of FAO highlighted the organization's cooperation activities to implement SDGs, including a collaboration platform planned for the second half of the year. She called for institutions and countries to work together to implement the follow-up indicators for the SDGs and improve statistics on agriculture and food security. In concluding, she underscored the progress made in integrating the gender perspective into statistics.
77. The representative of the Caribbean Development Bank said that the bank was working on establishing a group of donors to finance statistics activities, particularly those concerning poverty estimates and social statistics.
78. The representative of UNEP highlighted the large number of environmental indicators. The organization was working on developing methodologies and metadata for SDG indicators and on national projects to develop countries' data infrastructure.
79. The representative of Brazil spoke of communication problems between international organizations and national statistics offices. She proposed that information on the collaboration activities between international organizations and countries should be submitted in writing in advance in order to provide the members of the Statistical Conference of the Americas with a clearer picture.

80. The representative of the Dominican Republic said that resources had to be secured so that countries could take advantage of some of the training activities, as they were sometimes unable to participate owing to the lack of travel funding.

Other matters (agenda item 6)

81. Under this agenda item, the representatives of Statistics Sweden and Örebro University in Sweden gave a presentation on the use of administrative records for statistical purposes. They spoke of the experiences on the subject in Sweden, Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean and laid out the challenges and opportunities associated with that information source. They provided suggestions on the organization of work with administrative records in national statistics offices and highlighted the importance of countries making progress towards an integrated statistics system based on administrative records.

82. There followed a discussion on the International Comparison Programme (ICP). A representative of the secretariat outlined a new plan of work targeting the 2017 round and the measures to be taken so that the ICP would be a permanent element of the global statistics programme. He also suggested a “mobile reference focus” as a methodology, in which the components to be measured would vary each year and that a new process with 2017 as the base year should be carried out.

83. A representative of the secretariat announced that the Latin American Conference: Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics, would be held in Santiago from 14 to 16 September 2016, with the aim of supporting the various international, regional and national initiatives to integrate and modernize statistical systems that were under way or in the planning phase.

84. Another representative of the secretariat presented the road map for the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the context of the 2030 Agenda, which included presenting the background of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the progress made in the implementation of the *Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development* and the proposed indicators for regional follow-up of the Consensus.

85. After thanking everyone for their comments, the representative of the secretariat reiterated the commitment of ECLAC to continue working towards the development of statistics in the region and establishing forums for sharing ideas and experiences.

Closing of the meeting

86. In conclusion, the participants commended the work of the Chair of the Executive Committee at the meeting and the Chief of the Statistics Division of ECLAC called on those present to work intensely, synergistically and in a solidary manner to ensure that the decisions taken during the meeting would quickly become a reality.

Adoption of agreements

The Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at its fifteenth meeting, held in Santiago from 14 to 16 June 2016,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7 of 25 July 2000, in which the Council approved the proposal on the establishment, as one of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind also that the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7 provides that the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas shall have the following duties: carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference; draw up, every two years, a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities on statistical matters, to be submitted at the regular meeting of the Conference; follow up on the implementation of the agreements reached at the Conference and the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference, particularly the biennial programme of activities; and decide on the documentation required for its meetings,

Taking into account resolution 70/1, adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which establishes the commitment of the United Nations Member States to implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals,

Having reviewed the Updated report on the implementation of the 2014-2015 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities,³

Having reviewed also the Draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2016-2017, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC,⁴

Taking into account agreement 15 of resolution 9(VIII) adopted by the Statistical Conference of the Americas at its eighth meeting, by virtue of which the Conference agreed to extend the term of the working groups until the fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee and mandated the Executive Committee to adopt the Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities 2016-2017 of the Statistical Conference of the Americas,

Taking into account also the growing importance of and need for reliable, high-quality and timely public statistics for the exercise of transparency, for the accountability of public authorities and for the assessment of public policy advances, as key elements of institution-building in the region,

Taking into consideration the resolutions adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-sixth session, held in Mexico City from 23 to 27 May 2016,

Taking into consideration also the views expressed and the contributions provided by the Governments of the States members of the Conference and by the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and the international organizations represented at this meeting,

³ LC/L.4180(CE.15/4).

⁴ LC/L.4181(CE.15/5).

Report by the Chair on activities conducted since the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

1. *Endorses* the Updated report on the implementation of the 2014-2015 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities,⁵ which incorporates the activities conducted up to May 2016, and takes note of the progress made by the working groups, the task forces and the Knowledge Transfer Network in their respective activities;

2. *Thanks* the international organizations that have provided support for and collaborated in the activities of the working groups either by acting as technical secretariats or by providing financing for the conduct of planned activities;

Follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals

3. *Thanks also* the organizers and participants of the Seminar on the follow-up framework of the Sustainable Development Goals for their valuable contributions to the regional discussion of this matter;

4. *Acknowledges* the work carried out by the member countries of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and urges them to continue to represent the region in the process of defining and applying the global monitoring framework for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

5. *Reaffirms* the importance of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, created by virtue of resolution 700(XXXVI), adopted at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, and expresses the commitment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas to contribute to the fulfilment of its objectives;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the regional space as an apt platform for the statistical monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and highlights that the Conference is the appropriate intergovernmental body to conduct such monitoring in the region;

7. *Approves* the creation of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, composed of the Latin American and Caribbean countries that are members of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as technical secretariat, which will serve as the joint mechanism for establishing a regional plan to gradually cover the information requirements arising from the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

8. *Urges* the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean to coordinate its activities with 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, adopted by the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean at its first session;

⁵ LC/L.4180(CE.15/4).

9. *Encourages* the countries to strengthen their national statistical systems, in line with their national development strategies, in order to meet the information needs arising from the follow-up framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, in accordance with the Mitad del Mundo Declaration, adopted by the Statistical Conference of the Americas at its eighth meeting;

10. *Highlights* the central importance of environmental statistics in the follow-up framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and urges the countries to create and strengthen their environmental statistics programmes and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to strengthen its efforts to provide technical support and capacity-building in this area;

11. *Affirms* the importance of having a mechanism, in the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, for coordinating the statistical activities of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations and international and regional organizations in order to contribute to the follow-up process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the regional level;

Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2016-2017, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

12. *Adopts* the Draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2016-2017, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,⁶ with the amendments proposed and observations made in the discussions held at the meeting;

13. *Also adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Institution-building, whose activities relate to the evaluation and follow-up of the fulfilment of the principles contained in the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean and to the formalization of a mechanism to ensure the continuity of these processes;

14. *Further adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Censuses, which includes providing training on vital statistics, censuses and population estimates, gathering information on the progress made in the 2020 census round and analysing the scope of and challenges involved in using population censuses to generate indicators for follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

15. *Recommends* that the Working Group on Censuses analyse the possibility of creating task forces on the content of censuses, cartography, census technologies and the integration of censuses with other data sources;

16. *Adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on National Accounts, which includes activities related to the collection of information on the status of implementation of the System of National Accounts 2008, the timetables for the publication of the national accounts results, the supply of and demand for horizontal cooperation in preparing national accounts, the compilation of methodologies and best practices used to produce basic statistics and national accounts, the organization of forums on improving industrial and services statistics, the implementation of the System of National Accounts 2008 and the organization of courses;

17. *Recommends* that the Working Group on National Accounts form a task force to promote the development and improvement of quarterly national accounts and their international comparability;

⁶ LC/L.4181(CE.15/5).

18. *Adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Administrative Records, whose activities include preparing a plan to develop and strengthen statistical capacities based on administrative records, compiling good practices on the use of administrative records and fostering horizontal cooperation to implement these practices;

19. *Requests* the new coordinator of the Working Group on Household Surveys and the secretariat to present a draft programme of work for the 2016-2017 biennium for the Working Group on Household Surveys, focusing on the documentation, standardization and efficiency of processes for the production of household surveys with a view to preparing the indicators needed to follow up on the Sustainable Development Goals;

20. *Adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Poverty Statistics, which will prepare an overview of how certain poverty indicators are currently measured in the countries of the region and will formulate recommendations to promote the harmonization and quality of measurements;

21. *Also adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Labour-Market Indicators, which will focus on preparing an overview of harmonization gaps in the measurement of labour statistics with respect to the recommendations of the nineteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians, examining the methodological and operational aspects of measuring informal economy indicators, drafting a regional position paper on the relevance of the International Classification of Status in Employment of 1993, and exploring alternative methodologies for monitoring the labour market;

22. *Approves* the creation of a task force on the measurement of the informal sector and requests that the coordinating country provide more information in order to decide whether the task force should be established under the Working Group on Labour-Market Indicators or the Working Group on National Accounts;

23. *Adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Gender Statistics, whose activities include preparing a methodological guide to the economic valuation of unpaid work, establishing the satellite account on unpaid work, providing support for the production of a gender atlas of Mexico and extending this initiative to the rest of the region, formulating proposals to strengthen statistics on violence against women and femicide, developing methodologies to mainstream gender in poverty measurements, promoting a gender perspective in the generation and analysis of Sustainable Development Goal indicators, preparing a set of indicators with a gender perspective for information and communications technologies (ICTs), and building the gender-mainstreaming capacities of national statistical offices;

24. *Also adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Statistics on Childhood and Adolescence, which will address the implementation of methodologies to measure violence against children, early childhood development and childhood functionality and disability, document the collection of data on childhood and adolescence in the region, promote the use of administrative records to generate statistics on childhood, disseminate statistics on childhood effectively through open data platforms, and foster horizontal cooperation among national statistical offices;

25. *Further adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Disability Measurement, which will examine the implementation of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health in the collection and analysis of disability data in the countries of the region;

26. *Adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Environmental Statistics, whose activities include preparing an action plan and strategy to develop and strengthen

environmental statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, a set of methodological and technical tools, and an environmental statistics capacity-building plan, as well as analysing the scope of the project linked to the activities of the working group under the Regional Public Goods Initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank;

27. *Also adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Agricultural Statistics, whose activities include supporting the implementation of the project of the working group under the Regional Public Goods Initiative by following up on the proposed consultancies and conducting training courses in various areas;

28. *Further adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Statistics on Public Security and Justice, which will provide an overview of the crime and criminal justice statistics of the countries of the region, develop and establish a crime victimization laboratory and formulate recommendations to help to produce indicators for Sustainable Development Goal 16;

29. *Adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on Measurement of Information and Communications Technologies, whose activities encompass supporting the review of the ICT module for the education sector, applying regional criteria to review the list of ICT indicators of the Task Group on Gender of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, providing training on ICT measurements in English-speaking Caribbean countries and Haiti, carrying out the ICT measurement survey in the national statistical offices of the region and providing assistance for the organization of workshops in support of the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018);

30. *Also adopts* the programme of work 2016-2017 of the Working Group on International Classifications, whose activities will support the adoption or adaptation of international classifications in the region by translating a set of international classifications, compiling the names of agricultural products and producing audiovisual material on the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities;

31. *Reaffirms* the importance of fostering the participation of the countries in the initiatives of the Knowledge Transfer Network and strengthening this platform for exchanging knowledge and disseminating regional information, and supports the reactivation of its Advisory Committee;

Subregional and international cooperation

32. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the productive subregional cooperation activities carried out by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community and the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians of the Caribbean Community, the Central American Statistical Commission of the Central American Integration System, the Andean Statistical Committee of the Andean Community and the Specialized Statistical Meeting of the Southern Common Market;

33. *Commends* the international agencies on the activities undertaken to help strengthen national statistical systems and urges the international community to intensify that support through cooperation, technical assistance and financial assistance;

Other matters

34. *Thanks* Anders Wallgren and Britt Wallgren of Statistics Sweden and Örebro University in Sweden for their valuable presentation on the use of administrative records for statistical purposes.

Annex

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