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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

1. The thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) was held in Mexico City from 23 to 27 May 2016.

Attendance¹

2. The session was attended by representatives of 36 States Members of the Commission: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

3. Also attending the session were representatives of the following associate members of the Commission: British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Sint Maarten.

4. A representative of Turkey attended the session in a consultative capacity as a State Member of the United Nations which is not a member of the Commission.

5. The President of Mexico attended the session as a special guest.

6. The United Nations Secretariat was represented at the session by staff members from the Regional Commissions New York Office, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

7. The following United Nations bodies were 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), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and World Food Programme (WFP).

8. Representatives of the following specialized agencies of the United Nations attended the session: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), World Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

9. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations also attended the session: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Organization of American States (OAS), Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), Organization of Ibero-

¹ The list of participants appears as annex 3 to this report.

American Youth (OIJ), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB) and European Union.

10. Non-governmental organizations were also represented.

Election of officers

11. At the first plenary meeting, the delegations elected the officers of the thirty-sixth session.
12. The officers elected to preside over the thirty-sixth session were as follows:

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| Chair: | Mexico |
| Vice-Chairs: | Argentina, Cuba and Saint Kitts and Nevis |

Organization of work

13. In addition to the plenary meetings held during the session of the Commission and in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions, concurrent meetings were held by the Committee on South-South Cooperation.

Documentation

14. A list of the working documents submitted by the secretariat to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session is provided in annex 2.

B. AGENDA

15. The Commission adopted the following agenda:
1. Election of officers.
 2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of the work of the thirty-sixth session.
 3. Report on the activities carried out by the Commission since its thirty-fifth session.
 4. Report on the activities of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the outcomes of other intergovernmental meetings organized by ECLAC since its thirty-fifth session.
 5. Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019.
 6. Proposed calendar of ECLAC conferences for the period 2017-2018.
 7. Regional dimension of follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

8. Committee on South-South Cooperation.
9. Presentation of the document prepared by the secretariat, *Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development*.
10. High-level seminar Horizons 2030: equality at the centre of sustainable development.
11. Dialogue of ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities.
12. Report by the secretariat on the request of the Government of the Republic of Turkey for admission as a member of ECLAC.
13. Other matters.
14. Consideration and adoption of the resolutions of the Commission at its thirty-sixth session.

C. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Opening session

16. At the opening session, held on 24 May, Enrique Peña Nieto, President of the United Mexican States, and Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, who made a statement by videolink, were special guests. Also in attendance were Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Paola Bustamante, Minister of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru; and Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

17. The Secretary-General of the United Nations said that Latin America and the Caribbean had helped place equality at the centre of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and that it was time to move from vision to reality, with governments, the private sector and civil society working together. As a region, it was important to overcome structural gaps, capitalize on progress and continue to be a leading voice for sustainable development on the global stage.

18. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC thanked the Government of Mexico for the support and warm welcome it had provided as host country of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission. She said that the prevailing economic and social trends were deepening the contradictions of a development pattern that had become unsustainable. Profound economic, social and environmental imbalances had prompted the international community to seek solutions, resulting in the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015. The region as a whole and Mexico in particular had played a fundamental role in negotiating the universal and civilizational Agenda, which recognized equality and sustainability as the guiding principles on which a new set of global, regional and national strategies and policies should be based. Against that backdrop, ECLAC proposed progressive structural change, with the region driving a gradual and steady shift towards activities and processes that were more learning- and innovation-intensive, and expanding aggregate demand through economic policies coordinated between developed and developing countries, protecting achievements made on the social front and driving an environmental big push.

19. The Minister of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru recalled that her country had hosted the thirty-fifth session in Lima in 2014 and was handing over the Chairship of the Commission to Mexico for the next biennium. Peru was lending its full political support to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, not just through its active participation in defining the Agenda, but also through its political and, above all, ethical commitment to the pursuit of wellbeing.

20. The High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy emphasized the cooperation ties between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean, and called for a strategic association between both regions on the basis of a new approach to governance that built in equality and growth. She thanked ECLAC for providing insight into the region's underlying trends and concurred with the content of the document presented by the Commission, particularly regarding the need for new partnerships for a more just and equitable world. A more representative form of global governance was required, one that heeded the voices of all people, cultures and regions, alongside a partnership of partnerships, a network of international organizations working together for a better world. In closing, she emphasized that both the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean should be at the core of that partnership.

21. The President of Mexico welcomed all the delegations and said that it was an honour for his country to host the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC. He confirmed Mexico's commitment to sustainable development and equality and said that a cross-cutting approach was needed to build more equitable societies. He called for multidimensional measurement of poverty, gender equality and fulfilment of the rights of migrants and indigenous peoples. In implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, public policy must be enriched by the engagement of the whole of society, and reform must be consistent with public policy. The public agenda should focus on guaranteeing respect for the rights of all, certainty and transparency must prevail in order to encourage investment, and firm measures should be taken to protect the environment and natural resources. In concluding, the President stated that the 2030 Agenda required regional collaboration and that the work of ECLAC was essential in order to build an egalitarian region of inclusive development.

Report on the activities carried out by the Commission since its thirty-fifth session and draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019 (agenda items 3 and 5)

22. The Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC described the three broad lines of the Commission's activities and various sources of funding, then commented on some significant figures for the biennium, including the Commission's more than 250 publications and technical documents as well as its growing presence in the media. He referred to the meetings of the subsidiary bodies held during the biennium and made particular mention of the new Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. In relation to the activities planned for the 2018-2019 biennium, he spoke of economic and social dimensions and public policies, and detailed milestones, analyses and proposals for the corresponding strategic policies and actions. On the regional front, he outlined the institutional support, cooperation and technical assistance ECLAC provided to the Central America and Mexico and the workshops, meetings and consultancy and technical assistance carried out in the Caribbean, as well as the work of the Commission's country offices and its close collaboration with countries.

23. The Deputy Executive Secretary underscored the importance of strengthening the regional architecture for the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supporting the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into national and subnational development plans and strengthening statistical capacity to measure the corresponding indicators. With

this in mind, he said it was necessary to strengthen implementation at the regional level, with a new State-market-civil society covenant.

Report on the activities of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the outcomes of other intergovernmental meetings organized by ECLAC since its thirty-fifth session (agenda item 4)

24. The chairs of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission and of other intergovernmental meetings reported on the activities carried out and the outcomes achieved since the thirty-fifth session of ECLAC.

25. The Vice-President of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI) reported on the work carried out by the Statistical Conference of the Americas and said that the commitment to leave no one behind required adequate measurement tools. The main challenges for the Conference were providing the information needed to meet the commitments established in the 2030 Agenda, completing the 2020 round of censuses and implementing both the System of National Accounts 2008 and the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting. Lastly, he described the progress made by the 14 working groups, 2 task forces and the Knowledge Transfer Network, and said that the group structure was being reviewed.

26. The Minister for Women's Affairs of the Dominican Republic provided a summary of the activities carried out by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean since May 2014. She made particular reference to the four meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Conference, three of which had been held in Santiago and one in Santo Domingo. She said that gender equality must necessarily be a cross-cutting theme of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and that the countries had committed to making the incorporation of gender equality into national and sectoral development plans a priority in order to achieve a truly inclusive rule of law more rapidly. Lastly, she reported that the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean would be held in Montevideo in October 2016.

27. The Secretary-General of the National Council for Population of Mexico (CONAPO) reported on the work carried out by the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, specifically on the outcomes of the second session of the Regional Conference held in Mexico City in October 2015. She highlighted the welcome afforded to the Operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on population and development as a voluntary technical instrument to help countries achieve the priority measures set forth in the consensus. The ad hoc working group created at the Conference would present a progress report on the proposal of indicators for the operational guide at the third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference to be held in Santiago in October 2016.

28. The Minister of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru reported on the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean organized jointly by ECLAC and UNDP and held in Lima in November 2015, at which the emphasis had been on the need to safeguard social progress amid weaker economic growth and constraints on public social spending. She indicated that ECLAC would present a document on social inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean at the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Conference, to be held in Santo Domingo in November 2016. In concluding, she reported that the next Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean would be held in Uruguay in November 2017.

29. The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations referred to the work of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC and the meetings held

during the period, three in New York and two in Santiago. He made particular reference to the thirty-first session of the Committee of the Whole, held in New York on 28 April 2016, and its resolution 696(PLN.31), which welcomed the successful conclusion of the regional consultation process aimed at establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and decided to transmit the outcome document to ECLAC at its thirty-sixth session.

30. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Aviation of Saint Kitts and Nevis presented the report on the activities carried out by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC). He outlined the main challenges facing the Caribbean and said that the agendas for the Committee's twenty-sixth session and the seventeenth meeting of its Monitoring Committee had addressed matters of debt reduction, financing for development, preparation for population ageing and a strategic approach to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Caribbean, including synergies with the small island developing States (SIDS) agenda through the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway. The Minister referred to highlights of the programme of work of the Committee's secretariat: global advocacy, regional initiatives including a proposal on debt-for-climate-adaptation swaps, research and analysis, technical assistance and strategic planning. In concluding, the Minister expressed appreciation of the support provided by ECLAC to the Committee's members and its efforts to include the Caribbean in its flagship publications.

31. The Secretary for Planning and Programming of the Office of the President of Guatemala reported that during the biennium the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) had strengthened its work as an organ of dialogue, consultation and exchange between planning authorities. The activities carried out included two meetings of the Council and its Presiding Officers, four international meetings of experts, territorial development and public management overviews, more than 100 training courses and workshops, technical assistance and updated and improved manuals and databases. He said that the activities of ILPES had focused on a study on the state of the art and challenges of planning for development, a white paper on planning, a planning observatory, a digital repository of development plans, the development of a shared vision for the future of the region and a programme for strengthening planning skills and public management.

32. The Coordinator of the National Digital Strategy of Mexico presented the activities carried out by the Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean. She reported on the outcomes of the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Mexico City in August 2015, during which the Mexico City Declaration and the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018) had been adopted. She also referred to the World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2016 held in Geneva in May 2016, where countries had the opportunity to declare their commitment to creating a people-centred information society. In concluding, she reported that work had begun on the preparatory meeting for the sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Chile in 2017.

33. The Sustainable Development Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica reported on the activities carried out by the Presiding Officers of the negotiating committee of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean. At the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, held in Santiago in November 2014, the countries had set in motion the negotiating process for a regional agreement on the application of Principle 10 with the creation of a Negotiating Committee of 21 participating countries and representatives of civil society. He said that the Committee had now met

on three occasions (in Chile and Panama in 2015 and Uruguay in 2016) and had made progress in the negotiation of the text of the regional agreement.

34. The Director General for Multilateral and Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile reported on the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Consultation on Financing for Development, held in Santiago on 12 and 13 March 2015. Among the themes addressed on that occasion, he highlighted official assistance for development, South-South cooperation and mobilization of domestic resources through strong support for development banks, and the need to boost fiscal resources. He also pointed out that international trade was fundamental to obtain resources and emphasized the importance of reforming the conventional financial architecture.

35. The Director General for Multilateral and Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile referred to the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of ECLAC, held on 9 and 10 June 2014 in Santiago, where four priority lines of action were considered: regional cooperation for human resources training and strengthening capacity in science, technology and innovation; creating platforms for collaboration in technological innovation; information technology and communications for science, research and innovation, and institutional frameworks for regional cooperation. Lastly, he reported that the second session of the Conference would be held in San José in September 2016.

36. The Director for Multilateral Economic Agencies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay said that the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 had been adopted at the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, held in November 2014. He explained that the Programme's objective was to address the specific needs of landlocked developing countries by prioritizing concrete measures in six areas, including policies on transit, infrastructure development, facilitation of trade and regional integration.

Proposed calendar of ECLAC conferences for the period 2017-2018 (agenda item 6)

37. The secretariat submitted the proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2017-2018 for consideration by delegations, and it was adopted as reflected in the annex to resolution 698(XXXVI).

Report by the secretariat on the request of the Government of the Republic of Turkey for admission as a member of ECLAC (agenda item 12)

38. Under this agenda item, the ECLAC secretariat referred to the request made by the Government of Turkey to become a member of ECLAC, which was included in the Note by the secretariat available to the delegations,² and stated that this request would be included on the agenda of the thirty-second session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC, to be held in 2017.

Regional dimension of follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (agenda item 7)

39. Julio Santaella, President of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico, chaired this session on 25 May, and Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, made the presentation.

² LC/G.2669(SES.36/12).

40. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC emphasized the indivisible, universal and civilizational nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its goal of eliminating poverty and extreme poverty as an ethical imperative, on the basis of gender equality and the mainstreaming of a holistic approach. She highlighted the importance of global governance, partnerships for a new style of development and a collective global effort to change the production structure, while bearing in mind the challenges of bringing the Agenda to fruition, in terms of its means of implementation, the financial architecture and global public goods. She also emphasized the unequal global distribution of funding for climate change, and recalled the Commission's proposal to ease some of the Caribbean's public debt burden by creating a resilience fund against external shocks and climate change. She also pointed out that although the external digital gap had narrowed, the technical requirements of the new digital revolution and the potential contribution of single digital markets must not be forgotten. With regard to the need to mobilize domestic resources, she advised fighting illegal flows with measures to combat tax evasion and avoidance, seeking solutions for offshore financial centres and fostering multilateral international cooperation in fiscal policy. Lastly, she proposed incorporating the Sustainable Development Goals into national development plans and budgets, strengthening statistical capacity to measure those Goals and building up the regional architecture.

41. After the presentation, remarks were offered by Susana Malcorra, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina, and Héctor Alejandro Palma Cerna, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council.

42. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina said that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was an ambitious, holistic, universal and voluntary agenda, a global challenge for all, focused on people and the planet. The Latin American and Caribbean region had historically shown a hallmark ability to overcome difficult moments by protecting the link between peace, development and respect for human rights, and had made good use of regional organizations and mechanisms to support its growth and development. The 2030 Agenda called for putting the region's vast natural, human, historical and cultural wealth at the disposal of its people. The twenty-first century appeared likely to be a century of shocks, so the implementation of the Agenda should place great importance on resilience, institutions and the role of women and young people. It was time to convert words to actions through the active and decisive encouragement of South-South cooperation in order to create a virtuous circle in the region. Lastly, she said that a dose of realism was needed to build on existing accomplishments and respect countries' priorities.

43. The Vice-President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council said that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development required rethinking perceptions of development and moving beyond classifying countries as developed or developing. He recalled the challenges faced by countries that had recently graduated to the "middle-income" category, such as the risk of erasing the progress made, the dangers of climate change and the difficulties in financing, and suggested that recognizing the multidimensional aspect of poverty would provide a way to move beyond that model. Although regional integration mechanisms offered a forum for addressing challenges beyond political borders, the Sustainable Development Goals should also be incorporated into national and local development plans. Finally, the United Nations development system must adapt to the Agenda and not the other way around, so that the system would fulfil its function without competing with itself or being limited to executing isolated projects.

44. Statements were made by Antonio Patriota, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations; Gustavo Meza-Cuadra, Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations; Sheila Sealy Monteith, Ambassador and Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and

Foreign Trade of Jamaica; Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations; José Manuel Salazar Xirinachs, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Labour Organization (ILO); Esteban Caballero, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Luiza Carvalho, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women); Amerigo Incalcaterra, Regional Representative for South America of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); Marita Perceval, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); and Max Trejo Cervantes, Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ).

45. The Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations said that the contribution of regional institutions such as ECLAC to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development could help identify common challenges, bearing in mind that the preparation of public policies for sustainable development depended on the specific historical, geographical and cultural characteristics of each country or subregion. In this connection, the creation of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development was a valuable contribution by ECLAC to development and it would play a key role in adapting the 2030 Agenda. Although Latin America and the Caribbean was the most unequal region on the planet, it was the only one that had managed to reduce inequality steadily over the previous few decades. It was necessary to avoid imitating old development models and determine what new structures were needed to implement the Sustainable Development Goals.

46. The Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations drew attention to what was new in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly the rigorous review and follow-up mechanism. The regional platform was fundamental given the elements shared by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and could thus serve as a bridge between the global and national arenas in the process of implementation and follow-up. The establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, through an inclusive negotiation process, was an example of the region's leadership and commitment to the 2030 Agenda. The Forum was open to collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations. This facilitated not only the follow-up of the 2030 Agenda, but also action itself, by identifying problems and the solutions and policies needed to resolve them.

47. The Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica provided a Caribbean perspective and noted that the tectonic shifts being observed required a tectonic response. Although young people were traditionally considered to be mere beneficiaries of development, in reality they should be partners and collaborators in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The institutional progress made and the lessons learned from the Millennium Development Goals should be recognized and attention afforded to the relevant international agreements such as the Paris Agreement, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the SAMOA Pathway. In terms of South-South cooperation, Caribbean countries should continue learning from one another in a process of knowledge-sharing that could be expanded to include the countries of Latin America and even other regions.

48. The Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations said that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was an example of the United Nations' inability to achieve the goals of the Organization's Charter without promoting development, as the only path to a world of peace and well-being was through development and prosperity. He also said that the 2030 Agenda was a paradigm shift as, for the first time, development was not being discussed from a North-South perspective but all countries with their various characteristics were acknowledged to be facing the same challenges presented

by the environment, civil society, inequality and poverty. Hence, the Agenda should be accompanied by changes in mentality, philosophy, policy and institutional organization. Although the natural tendency was to adapt the 2030 Agenda to institutional forms, structures and cultures, the opposite was needed: the Organization should be restructured and reinvented around the 2030 Agenda, putting development at the centre of the United Nations.

49. The Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Labour Organization (ILO) said that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development represented a new consensus in the search for a new development paradigm and provided a wide range of opportunities. In relation to the priorities established in ILO regional work, he highlighted industrial development policies that would provide more and better jobs, as well as the need for the formalization and respect for workers' rights. He also referred to the obstacles to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, namely inadequate coordination, various political factors that required the establishment of agreements and the need for financing through the mobilization of internal resources driven by fiscal policies. He also said that synergies between the different institutions were needed to avoid overlap.

50. The Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said that the population perspective helped analyse individuals with a focus on human life and create public policies that provided protection and opportunities. He also referred to the proportion of young people in modern society, population ageing, mobility and population distribution in cities. He reflected on the demographic shift that had given women the power to exercise their reproductive rights, which had in turn led to the gender dividend, or the greater economic participation of women. In relation to low productivity, he said that a thorough analysis of the way in which reproductive life influenced productive life was needed, and that the culture of gender co-responsibility needed to be encouraged further. In concluding, he urged Governments to invest in young people through programmes designed to improve academic opportunities and sex education.

51. The Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) said that in the previous two decades the region had made significant progress in gender equality and that those achievements should be protected in the light of adverse political and social conditions. She presented some proposals to accelerate the achievement of gender equality: ensuring a work plan to examine discrimination against women, widening the scope of new agendas, increasing funding for gender equality, calling for investment to put an end to violence against women, promoting the presence of women in national machineries and fostering and widening leadership in all areas. In concluding, she reiterated UN-Women's commitment to continue working with ECLAC and other United Nations agencies.

52. The Regional Representative for South America of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) outlined the objectives that the High Commissioner was targeting on a worldwide level: working for equality, fighting impunity and strengthening accountability and the rule of law, integrating human rights into development, widening the democratic space, strengthening international machineries for protecting human rights and protecting those rights in conflict situations. One of the main problems facing the region was that international instruments were not sufficiently integrated at the national level. He also emphasized the importance of strengthening South-South cooperation and the need for actions taken by Governments to take each country's differences into account.

53. The Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) stressed that the world needed to change its unsustainable development pattern. More and better investment was needed in truly universal, integral, consistent and effective policies for

children, in order to reduce the intergenerational transmission of inequality, poverty and exclusion. She also stressed that poverty measurement should not be limited to the analysis of income. In addition, the eradication of violence in all its forms and manifestations, particularly against women and girls, was necessary to achieve a three-dimensional model of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. In concluding, she expressed her wish that by 2030 the 17 Sustainable Development Goals would be a reality and that the work of UNICEF would no longer be necessary.

54. The Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) underscored the importance of young people as strategic players in development and reflected on the opportunities and challenges posed by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Thanks to their entrepreneurial, creative and innovative spirit, young people had the opportunity to transform reality and to close equality gaps. He also expressed his wish to contribute to the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, and presented a proposal of targets and indicators on youth issues in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, with a view to consolidating strategic indicators for youth development, such as those pertaining to employment, education, poverty, health and access to information and communications technologies.

55. During the debate that followed, delegations agreed that it was fundamental to support the transformative approach of the 2030 Agenda in order to achieve a new development model that would replace the existing unsustainable model, while respecting the policy priorities of each country. They commended the fact that for the first time in history, the international community had adopted a roadmap that included both developed and developing countries and that aimed to leave no one behind. They also underscored the role of ECLAC and the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, which reflected the importance of the regional structure as a bridge between the national and international levels.

56. Several participants spoke of the need to take advantage of the lessons learned from the Millennium Development Goals and achieve what those Goals could not. Representatives of some countries outside the region reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate with Latin America and the Caribbean in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and underscored the need to harness the data revolution to that end. They also emphasized that the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway provided an ideal framework to address many of the problems faced by Caribbean small island developing States.

57. Lastly, the Executive Director of the Consorcio para el Diálogo Parlamentario y la Equidad of Mexico spoke, focusing on social and economic inclusion, one of the six priorities of the Mexican State in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Just as the Sustainable Development Goals were the outcome of a participatory process, they could be implemented only if all stakeholders were equally involved. With regard to the role of the private sector, businesses should be engaged but the State should remain in control of implementing the Agenda. Lastly, she underscored the need for the region to move beyond what could be measured, and strive to develop new criteria, tools and approaches that would help achieve the shared dream of sustainable development.

Committee on South-South Cooperation (agenda item 8)

58. The report of the Committee on South-South Cooperation is included as annex 1.

Presentation of the document prepared by the secretariat, *Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development* (agenda item 9)

59. On Thursday 26 May work began with a presentation of the document *Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development*³ by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC. Claudia Ruíz Massieu, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, chaired the session, and comments were offered by Luis Videgaray Caso, Secretary of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico, and Mariana Mazzucato, Economist and Professor of Economics of Innovation at the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) of the University of Sussex (United Kingdom).

60. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC said that the prevailing development pattern was unsustainable as a result of the recessionary bias in the economy, its relationship with inequality and global environmental deterioration and the decoupling of the financial system from the real economy. The world was undergoing a change in era with significant tectonic shifts, such as mega trade deals, the fourth industrial revolution, the demographic transition, the emergence of China as a world power and climate change. The response of the international community in the light of these accumulated imbalances had been the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. With regard to Latin America and the Caribbean, the region was falling behind and still suffered from structural imbalances, which were reflected in falling exports, the collapse of the investment cycle and underlying external vulnerability. The region's productivity gap, linked to poor diversification and lack of investment in innovation and development, threatened long-term social accomplishments, and poverty reduction had stagnated since 2012. In addition, significant gender gaps persisted in the labour market and climate change was having a serious impact on Latin America and the Caribbean.

61. The Executive Secretary described proposal put forward by ECLAC, conceived as a complement to the 2030 Agenda. It recognized the significant challenges of implement the Agenda, offered an analysis and proposed progressive structural change on the basis of a big environmental push. In line with that proposal, the region had to transform in order to achieve greater efficiency, both Schumpeterian and Keynesian, as well as environmental, by strengthening regional actions and agreements, and endogenous-capacity-building policies. Latin America and the Caribbean now had an opportunity to achieve structural change, but this would require new partnerships to build a new State-market-civil society equation. It was a political rather than a technical proposal, based on the conviction that the aim was equality, progressive structural change was the path and policymaking was the instrument.

62. The Secretary of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico agreed with the analysis offered in the document presented by the Executive Secretary. In particular, he spoke of the recessionary bias of the global economy triggered by risk aversion, the financial decoupling now evident in the economy and the need to establish coordinated public policies to face climate change. He suggested that the market economy was the path to follow and in order to achieve better outcomes markets needed to be more open and inclusive, which required encouraging competition and formalizing the labour market. Lastly, he said that the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean needed to focus on three main priorities: achieving stability, accelerating structural change and applying industrial market policies.

³ LC/G.2660(SES.36/3).

63. The Economist and Professor of Economics of Innovation at the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) of the University of Sussex commended the document presented as visionary and said that its conclusions amounted to a call for the revitalization of the policy-setting agenda. A cross-cutting framework was needed to change the way public and private sectors worked together to create opportunities through progressive structural change with dynamic efficiencies. The document was provocative in that it explored the role of the State in achieving the vision of sustainable development and equality and transforming industry and production. In her view, the State's role was to lead the way by tilting the playing field in the desired direction so as to co-shape markets through Keynesian efficiency. In that regard, the State must do more than provide countercyclical action, it must also give direction to economies even during good times by means of direct, intelligent policies creating the spaces and opportunities to give business the motivation to invest.

High-level seminar Horizons 2030: equality at the centre of sustainable development (agenda item 10)

64. Panel 1, Macroeconomics for sustainable development, was chaired by Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal, Secretary of the Economy of Mexico. Statements were made by the following panellists: Luis Alberto Arce Catacora, Minister of Economic Affairs and Public Finance of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; Temístocles Montás, Minister of Economic Affairs, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic; Olga Marta Sánchez Oviedo, Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy of Costa Rica; and Gaston Browne, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Corporate Governance of Antigua and Barbuda.

65. The speakers addressed the issue of equity, which was at the centre of the discussion by ECLAC members on the challenge of inequality and the role of the State, including distribution and regulatory capacities. They also discussed economic stability as a necessary, but not sufficient, condition for inclusive growth. The debate was no longer focused on taxation or the independence of central banks (despite the fact that the Plurinational State of Bolivia's central bank was not independent), but on the policies needed to support microeconomic development in line with sustainable development. Caribbean countries were in a particular situation of their own, owing to debt stemming from structural causes and to their vulnerability to extreme natural events.

66. Panel 2, Industrial policy for structural change, was chaired by César Emiliano Hernández Ochoa, Undersecretary for Electricity of the Secretariat of Energy of Mexico. Statements were made by the following panellists: Merlin Alejandrina Barrera López, Vice-Minister of Commerce and Industry at the Ministry of Economic Affairs of El Salvador; Eduardo Bitrán, Executive Vice-President of the Chilean Economic Development Agency (CORFO); Mariano Laplane, President of the Centre for Strategic Studies and Management (CGEE) of Brazil; and José Manuel Salazar Xirinachs, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

67. This panel's discussions highlighted the need for an industrial transformation approached with a long-term vision, tied to new public policies built around innovation that would allow productivity to be boosted without increasing inequality. Participants also discussed the need to encourage industrial policies for society rather than for the market. The challenge was developing innovation policies to drive structural change and achieve greater well-being and equality. Lastly, they underscored the importance of regional integration and the need to identify regional value chains that would stimulate innovation, incorporation, adaptation and the transfer of technology to other industries.

68. Panel 3, Social policies for equality, was chaired by José Antonio Meade Kuribreña, Secretary of Social Development of Mexico. Statements were made by the following panellists: Marcos Barraza, Minister of Social Development of Chile; Margarita Cedeño, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic; Isabel de Saint-Malo de Alvarado, Vice-President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama; Norma Vidal Añaños, Vice-Minister for Social Benefits of the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru; Gabriela Agosto, Executive Secretary of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies of Argentina; and Roberto Lorenzana, Technical and Planning Secretary of the Presidency of El Salvador.

69. The panellists referred to the similarities between the region's countries in terms of social policies for equality and the central importance of poverty reduction efforts. With regard to measuring poverty, the participants agreed on the need to adopt a multidimensional, rights-based approach and to acknowledge inequality as a global phenomenon and a core issue for social policies, which should be shaped on the basis of a threshold of basic needs fulfilment. The panellists highlighted countries' commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its success.

70. Panel 4, Global action for sustainable development, was chaired by Miguel Ruiz Cabañas, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights at the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. Statements were made by the following panellists: José Antonio Ocampo, former Executive Secretary of ECLAC and Director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration in the School of International and Public Affairs of Columbia University, United States; Inge Kaul, Adjunct Professor at the Hertie School of Governance, Germany; Winston Dookeran, Director of Systematics Studies Limited of Trinidad and Tobago; and Rachel Kyte, Chief Executive Officer and Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative.

71. The discussions emphasized that the foundations and conditions needed to achieve sustainable development and redirect the development paradigm were set forth in the most recent United Nations agreements (2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Paris Agreement, Addis Ababa Action Agenda and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction). The panellists also drew attention to the global obstacles to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, as outlined in *Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development*. Those obstacles included the lack of coordination and multilateralism of the elite in the three areas of development at the international level. Although the Goals required a new global architecture with greater participation of the least developed and developing countries, regional coordination played a decisive role in the access to technology and knowledge, innovation, funding, stimulation of investment in the environment and energy efficiency, and tax cooperation, among many other factors. That coordination was fundamental for the transition to a new sustainable development model that would leave no one behind.

Dialogue of ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities (agenda item 11)

72. On Friday 27 May a dialogue of ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities was held, chaired by Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. The speakers were: Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC; Isabel de Saint-Malo de Alvarado, Vice-President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama; Rodrigo Malmierca, Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment of Cuba; María Ángela Holguín Cuellar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia; Carlos Raúl Morales Moscoso, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; Ana María Sánchez de Ríos, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru; and Mark Brantley, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Aviation of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

73. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico said that it was crucial to convey the work done in the framework of ECLAC to the population in the countries of the region, so that citizens could see that these

efforts had a transformative impact on their lives and translated into a better quality of life and inclusive development. Sustainable development for equality was an unavoidable and practical necessity as the models of the past had been exhausted. She shared the five main features of the Mexican experience: citizens' participation in planning and implementing public policies, consistency and complementarity between reforms and policies, focus on rights, the importance of a climate of certainty and transparency for investment and employment, and a sustainable vision of development to preserve the environment.

74. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC stated that the countries of the region had played a fundamental role in building the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and summarized the valuable work done and contributions made during the thirty-sixth session of the Commission. During the panel discussions, participants had discussed the development of economic conditions now the present to the medium term, ways to increase productivity while protecting employment, the need for a change in production and consumption patterns and methods of making equality compatible with environmental stewardship. In particular, the panel on social policy had indicated that the region had to move beyond conventional social policies on poverty reduction and that inequality should be analysed on the basis not only of poverty, but also of wealth. She also mentioned the considerable challenges in terms of technological innovation, the presentation of the document *Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development*, and the importance of special financial regimes for the Caribbean. She highlighted the work of the subsidiary bodies, the establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and the leadership of Peru in the discussions leading up to its creation. In concluding, she said that during the week, participants had envisioned equality as the aim, structural change as the path and policymaking as the instrument.

75. The Vice-President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama reflected on the nature of growth and said that it was necessary to keep growing but also grow in a better way, which could only be achieved through public policies. She reaffirmed Panama's commitment to financial system transparency and the need to strengthen global transparency without limiting developing countries' ability to attract investment. The fight against tax evasion should not become a fight against special tax regimes, which were important platforms for generating employment in some countries. Lastly, she noted that one of the main differences between the Sustainable Development Goals and the Millennium Development Goals, the central importance of equality, represented a special opportunity for Latin America and the Caribbean, as the most unequal region in the world.

76. The Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment of Cuba thanked ECLAC for the document *Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development*, as a valuable guide for the work of the countries that encouraged reflection as well as action. In a context of systemic crisis, recessionary trends in the major economies and the predominance of injustice, the principles of justice and equality had to be protected and strengthened. In order to place equality at the centre of development, the international economic system needed to be restructured and the significant existing gaps had to be closed. He drew attention to the excellent cooperation between Cuba and ECLAC, which had helped update the Cuban economic model, and said that coordinated action was required to make the historical aspirations of the people of the region a reality. In concluding, he officially announced the invitation extended by the Government of Cuba to host the next ECLAC session in 2018.

77. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia highlighted the significance of the document presented by ECLAC to the achievement of sustainable development. Progress could not be made with the conventional methods and joint international efforts were needed that would include not only State actors, but also the private sector. Social inequalities were partly the result of limits on access to technological progress in developing countries. The technological asymmetry widened the gaps in

competitiveness, inclusion and social integration and contributed to economic imbalances. She commended the creation of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and invited countries to work together to make the most of the Forum.

78. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala thanked ECLAC for its work in analysing and formulating proposals for economic growth and reducing inequalities, and acknowledged its role in promoting the Sustainable Development Goals. He also highlighted Guatemala's efforts to become a provider of South-South cooperation activities, as well the measures the country had adopted to reduce inequality and promote local development. Lastly, he spoke of the work done to transform the national development model by consolidating relationships between the State and civil society.

79. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru spoke of her country's active involvement in preparing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its commitment to implementing the Agenda through a rights-based development model built on social inclusion and economic growth. Development was essentially a political issue and the success or failure of the new model would be determined in the framework of a new relationship between the State, the market and civil society. She highlighted the region's collective efforts in that area, which were reflected in the creation of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. In concluding, she said that only the collective efforts of all stakeholders would ensure progress towards achieving a better world.

80. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Aviation of Saint Kitts and Nevis noted that greater equality would not be achieved at home without equality of opportunities at the international level and, in that connection, the Caribbean had spoken about the inequitable distribution of power and influence in international forums. The Minister affirmed that such inequities seriously undermined small economies that relied on the international financial sector, and called upon the wider membership of the Commission to show solidarity with the Caribbean by supporting it in global forums and by embracing the SENDAI framework and the Paris Agreement. He took the opportunity to appeal on behalf of the Caribbean for support for the debt-for-adaptation swap, with assistance from ECLAC on the technical details of climate adaptation.

81. The last speaker, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Relations of Honduras, highlighted the importance of the region's countries working together to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. She also said that good intentions must not remain on paper but should be translated into concrete outcomes that would change the lives of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Consideration and adoption of the resolutions of the Commission at its thirty-sixth session (agenda item 14)

82. The Executive Secretary presented to the delegations of States members a document containing the resolutions of the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC. The resolutions were adopted in the meeting room and their text is included in section D of this report.

Closing session

83. During the closing session, statements were made by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico.

84. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC expressed her satisfaction with the high level of participation in the session and the end of a short but intense and very productive few days of rich discussion and

conversations. She thanked the Government of Cuba for its offer to host the thirty-seventh session in 2018 and said that it had been an honour for ECLAC to support Cuba in its process of economic modernization. She said that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development required innovative development models for progressive structural change and that ECLAC had long aspired to create an independent approach that was genuinely Latin American and Caribbean. Lastly, she called for a renewed United Nations capable of carrying forward an innovative universal agenda, with sustainable development and equality at its core.

85. Before bringing the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC to a close, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico said that Latin America and the Caribbean had good reason to look on the past with pride, but should also be bold enough to visualize and build its future. In this regard, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was a compass showing the direction towards sustainable development. Lastly, she emphasized that it was time for implementation, for translating analysis into action and for adapting regional consensuses to national policies.

D. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

86. At its thirty-sixth session, the Commission adopted the resolutions reproduced below.

697(XXXVI) HORIZONS 2030 RESOLUTION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 553(XXVI), in which it affirmed that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Commission is especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106(VI), in the framework of a restructured United Nations, and that, therefore, ECLAC should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies, together with operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination,

Bearing in mind the document *Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails* and its summary,¹ presented by the secretariat at the thirty-third session of the Commission,

Bearing in mind also the document *Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development* and its summary,² presented by the secretariat at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission,

Bearing in mind further the document *Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future* and its summary,³ presented by the secretariat at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission,

Recognizing that General Assembly resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: 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,

Bearing in mind that the guidelines and overarching orientation for the formulation of the Draft programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019⁴ draw upon the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets and the means of implementation of that Agenda; the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development; the agreements and outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits; and General Assembly resolution 66/288 “The future we want”, in which the countries undertook to contribute to the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental fields,

¹ LC/G.2432(SES.33/3) and LC/G.2433(SES.33/4).

² LC/G.2524(SES.34/3) and LC/G.2525(SES.34/4).

³ LC/G.2586(SES.35/3) and LC/G.2587(SES.35/4).

⁴ LC/G.2665(SES.36/8).

*Having reviewed the document Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development and its summary,*⁵ prepared by the secretariat, which complements the trilogy of equality,

1. *Welcomes* the integrated approach to development that has marked the thinking of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean since its inception, as reflected in the document *Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development*;

2. *Recognizes* the relevance of this issues examined and supports the general tenor of the document's conclusions;

3. *Instructs* the secretariat to conduct studies and formulate public policy proposals in the countries, in close cooperation with their policymakers, with a view to building national economic and social development capacities;

4. *Calls upon* the secretariat to widely disseminate the document and promote its review in the economic, academic, political, business and social spheres in the region, by means of national dialogues on the main issues covered, taking each country's national characteristics into account, and in international organizations concerned with economic development, in order to continue to foster more in-depth comparative analysis vis-à-vis countries outside the region.

⁵ LC/G.2660(SES.36/3) and LC/G.2661(SES.36/4).

**698(XXXVI) ECLAC CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES
FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2018**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on the rationalization of the institutional structure and the pattern of meetings of the system of the Commission, in which it decided that, at each of the Commission's regular sessions, the complete calendar of conferences and meetings planned up to the next regular session should be considered,

Taking into account resolution 489(PLEN.19) on the Commission's intergovernmental structure and functions, in which it was recommended that the current institutional structure should be maintained,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 40/243 entitled "Pattern of conferences" and the provision concerning the principle of rotation of the venue for the sessions of the Commission as laid down in rule 2 of its rules of procedure and reiterated in its resolution 480(XXI),

Taking into account resolution 553(XXVI) on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on the Commission, in which it was recommended that the current pattern of conferences of the Commission's system should continue to serve as the basis for maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of its work,

Bearing in mind the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean that establish and govern the periodicity of the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Bearing in mind also resolution 676(XXXV) adopted at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, in which it was decided, for economic and environmental reasons, to employ documents in electronic format for the future sessions and meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Having examined the proposed calendar of the Commission's intergovernmental conferences for 2017-2018, as set forth in annex 6 of the relevant document,¹

Considering the objectives and priorities established in the subprogrammes of the work programme approved by the member States at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission,

1. *Reaffirms* the decision to maintain the current intergovernmental structure and the existing pattern of meetings and approves the calendar of conferences of the Commission as it appears in the annex to this resolution, along with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission;

¹ See Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2017-2018. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.2666(SES.36/9)).

2. *Reaffirms also* that the Commission's current conference servicing system has proved to be efficient in substantive and organizational terms as well as cost-effective, and recommends that these tasks continue to be the responsibility of the Executive Secretary with a view to an ongoing and sustained improvement in those services;

3. *Reaffirms further* the importance of continuing to entrust the Commission with the task of organizing and holding regional and subregional meetings to prepare for and follow up on world conferences of the United Nations in the economic, social and sustainable development fields;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the relevant United Nations bodies such proposals as may be necessary to ensure implementation of the calendar of conferences as approved;

5. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-seventh session on the implementation of this resolution.

Annex

**ECLAC CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES
FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2018**

| Year | Title | Place and date | Legislative authority | Source of funding |
|-------------|--|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 2017 | Twenty-second session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN) | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Central American Economic Cooperation Committee | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Twenty-seventh session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean | Paraguay ^b | ECLAC resolutions 590(XXIX); 604(XXX); 616(XXXI); 644(XXXII); and 657(XXXIII) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Sixteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolution 580(XXVIII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7 | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Fifty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean | ^{a b} | Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2 | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Sixteenth Meeting of the Regional Council of Planning of ILPES | Peru ^b | ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI) | ECLAC and ILPES regular budget |
| 2017 | Thirty-second session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC | United Nations Headquarters, New York ^b | Economic and Social Council Resolution 106(VI) (para 3); ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19) | Regular budget |
| 2017 | Eighteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean | ^{a b} | Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2 | ECLAC regular budget |

| Year | Title | Place and date | Legislative authority | Source of funding |
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| 2017 | Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolution 602(XXX) | Regular budget |
| 2017 | Preparatory meeting for the sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean | Chile ^b | ECLAC resolution 610(XXX) | Extrabudgetary resources |
| 2017 | Central American Economic Cooperation Committee | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Ninth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC | ^{a b} | Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7 | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC | ^{a b} | Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7 | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean | Uruguay, November | ECLAC resolution 682(XXXV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/32 | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean | ^{a b} | Agreement 1 of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2017 | Third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean | El Salvador ^b | Agreement 1, Meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012); Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (Montevideo, 12 to 15 August 2013) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2018 | Twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI) | Regular budget of ILPES and ECLAC |
| 2018 | Twenty-third session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN) | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2018 | Central American Economic Cooperation Committee | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI) | ECLAC regular budget |

| Year | Title | Place and date | Legislative authority | Source of funding |
|------|---|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 2018 | Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean | Colombia ^b | ECLAC resolution 610(XXX) | Extrabudgetary resources |
| 2018 | Fifty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean | ^{a b} | Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2 | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2018 | Second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean | ^{ab} | ECLAC resolution 682(XXXV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/32 | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2018 | Meeting of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolution 672(XXXIV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/35 | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2018 | Thirty-seventh session of ECLAC | ^{a b} | Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2018 | Twenty-eighth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) | ^{a b} | ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2018 | Fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean | ^{a b} | Agreement 1, Meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012); Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (Montevideo, 12 to 15 August 2013) | ECLAC regular budget |
| 2018 | Nineteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC | ^{a b} | Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7 | ECLAC regular budget |

^a Place to be determined.

^b Date to be determined.

**699(XXXVI) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 558(XXVI), in which it adopted the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001,

Recalling also that in the Lima Consensus adopted at the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the countries undertook to strengthen the implementation of the Regional Programme of Action beyond the year 2001,¹

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/61 on the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations international conferences and summits, which reaffirms that gender mainstreaming must form an integral part of the implementation of the decisions of recent United Nations summits and conferences,

Mindful of the agreements adopted by States that are parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol, the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,

Bearing in mind that the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean adopted the Santo Domingo Consensus at its twelfth session, held in Santo Domingo from 15 to 18 October 2013,²

Bearing in mind also that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, has held four meetings of the Presiding Officers: the fiftieth meeting in Santiago on 19 and 20 May 2014, the fifty-first meeting in Santiago, from 17 to 19 November 2014, the fifty-second meeting in Santo Domingo, on 30 and 31 July 2015, and the fifty-third meeting, in Santiago, from 26 to 28 January 2016,

Having in mind the agreements adopted at those meetings, which are reflected in the respective reports,³

Taking into account the work carried out by the Commission and the other agencies which support the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the considerable progress achieved in disseminating and redesigning the Observatory,

¹ See Report of the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2087(CRM.8/6)).

² See Report of the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3789).

³ See Report of the fiftieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3869), Report of the fifty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3976), 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) and the Draft report of the fifty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Taking note of the initiatives of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean with regard to mainstreaming the gender perspective,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made since the adoption of the Santo Domingo Consensus at the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the progress in relation to the agreements adopted by other subsidiary bodies, such as the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Statistical Conference of the Americas;

2. *Reaffirms* the commitment of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean to mainstream a transformative gender perspective in all of the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets, indicators and implementation mechanisms, and to take action to fulfil the Goal on the empowerment of women, as well as the other 16 Goals, in order to achieve robust sustainable development;

3. *Recommends* the redoubling of efforts to ensure that the indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals reflect the inequalities between men and women and can be used to design effective public policies for overcoming such inequalities;

4. *Commends* the Commission on the progress it has made in implementing the gender mainstreaming strategy and emphasizes the need to strengthen work in conjunction with Governments, economic policymakers and machineries for the advancement of women;

5. *Recognizes* the role of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, through its Division for Gender Affairs, in shedding light on gender affairs at the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development of the Commission, held in Mexico City from 6 to 9 October 2015;

6. *Acknowledges* the role played by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, through its Division for Gender Affairs, in the work relating to gender statistics in the region and its active participation in the Working Group on Gender Statistics of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, specifically with respect to the time-use classification for Latin America (CAUTAL) with a gender focus and adapted to the regional context, adopted at the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas held in Quito from 17 to 19 November 2015;

7. *Thanks* the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) for collaborating with the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on the pursuit of gender equality in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

8. *Calls for* active participation in the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Uruguay in October 2016;

9. *Recommends* that the delegations participating in the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean bear in mind and promote gender balance in their composition;

10. *Requests* that every effort be made to ensure the involvement of civil society in the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference, on the understanding that the quality of democracy is contingent on citizen participation.

**700(XXXVI) MEXICO RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORUM
OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 695(PLEN.16-E) adopted by the Committee of the Whole at its sixteenth extraordinary session held in Santiago on 16 April 2015, in which the Committee decided to launch a regional consultation process aimed at establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development at the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2016,

Recalling also resolution 696(PLEN.31) adopted by the Committee of the Whole at its thirty-first session, held in New York on 28 April 2016, in which the countries welcomed the successful conclusion of the regional consultation process aimed at establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development,

Having examined the draft report of the thirty-first session of the Committee of the Whole,

1. *Decides* to establish the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development in accordance with the outcome of the thirty-first session of the Committee of the Whole, as set forth in the annex to this resolution.

Annex

RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORUM OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 695(PLEN.16-E) of its Committee of the Whole, through which, inter alia, a regional consultation process was launched with the aim of establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development at the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2016,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and reaffirmed its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of this Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, and its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions —economic, social and environmental— in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Recalling that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, inter alia, recognizes the importance of building on existing follow-up and review mechanisms at the regional level and allowing adequate policy space, encourages all Member States to identify the most suitable regional forum in which to engage, as well as United Nations regional commissions to continue supporting Member States in this regard, and establishes guiding principles for follow-up and review processes at all levels, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development, respecting policy space and priorities, while remaining consistent with international rules and commitments, and recognizing that the outcome from national-level processes will be the foundation for reviews at the regional and global levels, given that the global review will be primarily based on national official data sources,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 69/313, entitled “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development”, which, inter alia, commits Member States to fully engage, nationally, regionally and internationally, in ensuring proper and effective follow-up of the financing for development outcomes and all the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and encourages the United Nations regional commissions, in cooperation with regional banks and organizations, to mobilize their expertise and existing mechanisms, which could focus on thematic aspects of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/16 and 68/1, which, inter alia, urge the United Nations regional commissions to contribute, within their mandates, to the review of progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, and resolution 66/288, in which countries agreed to strengthen the Economic and Social Council as a principal body in the integrated and coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 67/290, which, inter alia, acknowledges the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development, and invites the United Nations regional commissions to contribute to the work of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, including through annual regional meetings, with the involvement of other relevant regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate,

Emphasizing the importance of establishing a regional forum to follow up and review progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including for, inter alia, strengthening coherence and coordination, promoting cooperation and providing policy guidance, fostering national capacity-building, hosting voluntary State-led national reviews, identifying regional gaps, emerging challenges and shared targets, fostering peer learning by sharing good practices, experiences and lessons learned, helping to mobilize the necessary means of implementation, encouraging participation of all relevant stakeholders, providing a platform for partnerships, favouring people-centred policies and actions, transparency and accountability, and promoting the development, dissemination, diffusion and transfer of environmentally sound technologies,

Recognizing that there are different approaches, visions, models and tools available to each country, in accordance with its national circumstances and priorities, to achieve sustainable development; and reaffirming that planet Earth and its ecosystems are our common home and that “Mother Earth” is a common expression in a number of countries and regions,

Emphasizing the importance of system-wide strategic planning, implementation and reporting in order to ensure coherent and integrated support by the United Nations development system for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the financing for development processes, including at the regional level, taking into account other regional and subregional processes promoting the impact of international development cooperation,

Taking into consideration the special needs and particular challenges of landlocked developing countries, and recognizing the special sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States, middle-income countries, least developed countries, countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict countries,

Taking note with appreciation of the Note by the secretariat of the Commission,¹ prepared in fulfilment of resolution 695(PLN.16-E) adopted by the Committee of the Whole,

1. *Decides* to establish the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development as a regional mechanism to follow up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its means of implementation, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;

2. *Decides also* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be State-led and open to the participation of Latin American and Caribbean countries, and that it should provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, the sharing of best practices and discussion on shared targets, benefiting from the cooperation of regional and subregional commissions and organizations, in order to guide an inclusive regional process drawing on national-level reviews and contributing to follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda at the global level, including at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and at the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as appropriate;

¹ LC/L.4123.

3. *Reaffirms* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be guided by the principles established for all follow-up and review processes by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

4. *Decides* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will build on existing platforms and mandates, avoiding duplications and the creation of additional structures, and that within existing resources it will promote coordination and coherence within the United Nations development system, and invite other relevant regional and subregional entities and international financial institutions to be involved in its meetings, as appropriate, while addressing the three dimensions of sustainable development in an integrated and balanced manner, and in these regards further decides that:

- a) The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be informed by the following subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, as appropriate:
 - i) The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean,
 - ii) The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee,
 - iii) The Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning,
 - iv) The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,
 - v) The Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,
 - vi) The Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies,
 - vii) The Committee on South-South Cooperation,
 - viii) The Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,
 - ix) The Committee of High-Level Government Experts, and
 - x) The Central American Economic Cooperation Committee,
- b) Other relevant intergovernmental regional mechanisms, including the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Forum of Ministers of Social Development of Latin America, are invited to provide inputs and contributions and inform the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, within their existing mandates, on their work related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,
- c) The regional offices of the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes are also invited to participate and engage in the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development in a coordinated manner, including through the submission of contributions to be reflected in annual progress reports of the Commission, and the presentation of their efforts in supporting and assisting the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

- d) Relevant international financial institutions, including regional and subregional development banks, are also invited to participate and engage in the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, including through the presentation of their efforts in supporting and assisting the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, as appropriate,
- e) The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will take into account, as appropriate, the outcomes related to sustainable development agreed by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, including its 2025 Plan on Food Security, Nutrition and Eradication of Hunger;

5. *Stresses* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will recognize the special needs and particular challenges of landlocked developing countries, and the special sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States, middle-income countries, least developed countries, countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict countries, in order to address the universal character of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

6. *Highlights* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be convened under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and that it will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by, inter alia:

- (a) Strengthening coordination, promoting cooperation and providing political guidance through recommendations for sustainable development at the regional level,
- (b) Fostering the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development in a holistic and cross-sectoral manner, with a particular focus on the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, the promotion of sustained, equitable and inclusive economic growth, including sustainable consumption and production patterns, the reduction of inequalities and the promotion of social inclusion, the recognition of cultural diversity and of the role of culture as a crucial enabler of sustainable development, the protection and sustainable use of the environment, and the promotion of good living in harmony with nature,
- (c) Assessing progress on the regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through the consideration of annual reports issued by the secretariat of the Commission to be based, as appropriate, on the global indicators framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets agreed upon by the United Nations Statistical Commission, and on other relevant indicators for regional, national and subnational levels of monitoring developed at the regional and national levels, taking also into account the indicators encompassed under the operational guidelines for implementing the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, as appropriate. All indicators should be based to the greatest extent possible on comparable and standardized official national statistics provided by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and, when other sources and methodologies are used, these will be reviewed and agreed upon by national statistical authorities and presented in a transparent manner,

- (d) Following-up and reviewing the implementation of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (Samoa Pathway) at the regional level,
- (e) Assessing the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 at the regional level,
- (f) Promoting international cooperation and national capacity-building for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through South-South and triangular cooperation, and other modalities of cooperation in order to strengthen and complement traditional modalities of cooperation,
- (g) Hosting voluntary State-led national reviews,
- (h) Identifying regional gaps, emerging challenges and shared targets for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and targets,
- (i) Fostering peer learning by sharing good practices, experiences and lessons learned,
- (j) Helping to mobilize the necessary means of implementation for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and targets,
- (k) Encouraging the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, academia and the private sector, in accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,
- (l) Providing a platform for partnerships for sustainable development,
- (m) Favouring people-centred policies and actions, transparency and accountability,
- (n) Promoting the coordination and coherence of national development plans and strategies with global frameworks,
- (o) Contributing to the guidance provided by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly, as well as of the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as appropriate,
- (p) Promoting, at the regional level, the development, dissemination, diffusion and transfer of environmentally sound technologies, and stepping up regional cooperation and collaboration in science, research, technology and innovation, including through public-private and multi-stakeholder partnerships, and on the basis of common interest and mutual benefit, focusing on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

7. *Decides* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be convened annually, as appropriate, by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole of the Commission. It will be supported by the secretariat of the Commission, and aligned with the schedules, working programmes and themes of the Economic and Social Council, of the latter's Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, and of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as appropriate;

8. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to issue an annual progress report, four weeks in advance of the respective meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. The report will be considered a regional contribution for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of Economic and Social Council and its forum on financing for development follow-up, as appropriate, and will assess the regional progress and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, on the basis of agreed indicators and other relevant contributions from the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, and on national-level reviews, as appropriate, and it will provide policy recommendations to be considered by the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development;

9. *Also requests* the secretariat of the Commission to prepare a quadrennial progress report, to be considered by the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development as a regional contribution to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the General Assembly, consolidating and building on the progress and challenges identified in the preceding annual reports, in order to provide a broader analysis of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the regional level;

10. *Encourages* the Latin American and Caribbean countries to submit, through the Forum, its intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations, and a summary produced by its Chair, as appropriate:

- To the High-level Political Forum under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as part of the regional contributions to the global follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
- To the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as part of the regional contributions to the global follow-up process of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,
- To the United Nations Regional Coordination Mechanism;

11. *Highlights* the participatory and inclusive character of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which encourages the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, academia and the private sector, and in this regard encourages the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development to ensure institutionalized multi-stakeholder participation following the relevant provisions of the 2030 Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Economic and Social Council;

12. *Encourages* the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to volunteer for national reviews, and the Forum to further develop modalities for hosting them in accordance with the related principles and guidelines provided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**701(XXXVI) SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 340(AC.66) of 25 January 1974, in which it directed that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) should become a permanent institution of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean with its own identity and directly responsible to the Executive Secretary of the Commission,

Reiterating its recognition to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning and its Presiding Officers for the valuable support they provide to the Institute in terms of both guidance and regular financing,

Noting that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Regional Council for Planning held its fifteenth meeting in Yachay, Ecuador, on 19 November 2015,

Noting also that the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning held their twenty-fourth meeting in Antigua, Guatemala, on 19 and 20 June 2014, and their twenty-fifth meeting in Santiago on 12 August 2015,

Considering that, at those meetings, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the relevant reports,¹

1. *Takes note* of the resolutions adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, held in Yachay, Ecuador, on 19 November 2015, and of the agreements adopted by the Presiding Officers of the Council at its twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth meetings, held in Antigua, Guatemala, in 2014, and in Santiago in 2015, respectively;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the strategic priorities for the work of the Institute, which include promoting joint planning efforts at the regional and subregional levels and within groupings of countries with a view to strengthening the Latin American and Caribbean integration process;

3. *Expresses* its conviction that the policies adopted by States should be geared towards long-term aims and afford increasing attention to building visions for the future, centred on reducing inequalities, promoting the prosperity of their peoples, and furthering sustainable development;

4. *Acknowledges* the importance of public management and planning for development as instruments to carry forward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region;

¹ See Report of the fifteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) (LC/L.4151); Report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) (LC/L.3940); and Report of the twenty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) (LC/L.4077).

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning for their contributions to the regular system of Government funding, which provides financing for a large share of the Institute's programme of work, and urges the other States to consider joining that the Regular System of Government Financing, in conformity with their respective normative frameworks, with a view to making regular, timely contributions;

6. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the support provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Commission for the activities of the Institute and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to support its work with human and financial resources so that it may conduct its activities effectively;

7. *Reiterates* the recommendation that the Institute should strengthen its capacity as the body responsible for training within the system of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and should broaden the activities it conducts in that area in collaboration with the subregional headquarters, divisions of the Commission and other international institutions;

8. *Requests* the Institute to develop a training and technical assistance programme in order to strengthen planning competencies for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

9. *Urges* the Institute to regularly maintain, update and improve the digital repository of national development plans, as created within the framework of the proposed medium-term strategy for the Institute's cooperation with Latin American and Caribbean countries, adopted pursuant to resolution CRP/XIV/01;

10. *Recommends* that the Institute prepare a proposal on the creation of a planning observatory, to be presented at the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning;

11. *Urges* the Institute to present a draft white paper on good practices in planning at the twenty-sixth meeting of the Regional Council on Planning;

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Chief of the Institute to engage in a process of consultation and dialogue with national planning authorities with a view to identifying national, subregional and regional priorities in the area of development planning;

13. *Decides* to convene the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning in Santiago in the second half of 2016, and the sixteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Institute in Peru in the second half of 2017.

**702(XXXVI) STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, whereby the Council approved the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/6 on strengthening statistical capacity,

Bearing in mind also that the objectives of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean include the preparation of a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the needs of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources,

Taking into account that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its eighth meeting in Quito, from 17 to 19 November 2015, and on that occasion gave the Executive Committee a mandate to adopt the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2016-2017 at its fifteenth meeting, and adopted the Strategic Plan 2015-2025 to guide the activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in support of the development of official statistics in the region,¹

Taking into account also that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its thirteenth meeting in Santiago, from 12 to 14 August 2014, and its fourteenth meeting in Santiago, from 26 to 28 May 2015,

Taking into account further that, on those occasions, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the respective reports,²

¹ See Report of the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4154).

² See Report of the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3936), Report of the fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4063) and Report of the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4154).

Recognizing the major challenges facing official statistics in relation to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the growing demand for statistical data and indicators in areas such as the environment, economic and social development, the labour market, gender affairs, information and communications technologies, public safety and justice, and South-South cooperation, as well as the challenges involved in analysing the strengths and weaknesses of different sources of information and assessing their appropriateness and relevance for measuring the multiplicity of Goals and targets set forth in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recognizing also the increasing importance of reliable, good-quality, timely, disaggregated public statistics and the growing need to provide these for the sake of transparency, accountability of the public authorities and the evidence-based evaluation of public policy outcomes, which are key elements for sustainable development and for enhancing democracy in the region,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and of the thirteenth and fourteenth meetings of its Executive Committee;

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of the Mitad del Mundo Declaration adopted by the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its eighth meeting;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the increasing consolidation of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission as the intergovernmental body that coordinates international statistical activities in Latin America and the Caribbean and fosters the strengthening of national statistical offices and national statistical systems;

4. *Calls once again upon* the Governments of the region to acknowledge the importance of the work of national statistical systems and the challenges they face in producing relevant, timely and good-quality empirical information for evidence-based public policy design and evaluation, and in providing accountability to citizens to enable them to take informed decisions; and accordingly requests that the necessary resources be made available and a suitable legal and institutional framework be consolidated, so that the public departments working on statistics may form an effective national statistical system and operate in a coordinated manner under the leadership of the statistical office or institute;

5. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the conduct of activities for the implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean;

6. *Also expresses its satisfaction* at the adoption of the time-use classification for Latin America (CAUTAL) with a gender focus and adapted to the regional context;

7. *Recognizes* the importance of the regional space as a timely and necessary 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;

8. *Requests* the secretariat, as technical secretariat of the Conference, to prepare a proposal for a regional statistical monitoring framework for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

9. *Urges* the international community and the United Nations General Assembly to strengthen the strategic role of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as secretariat of the Conference, by providing additional resources with a view to creating regional and national capacities through institution-building, training and exchange of experiences, and to incorporating a geospatial perspective, including linkages to georeferenced statistics, into the monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

10. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the inclusion in the activities of the Conference of the analysis of new thematic areas and methodologies that enable better tracking of economic, social and environmental matters, such as different approaches to the measurement and analysis of poverty, inequality and well-being, the development of basic economic and environmental statistics, and those involved in the implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting and the System of National Accounts, the dissemination of the use of international classifications, the improvement of statistics on time use and unpaid work, the measurement of public safety and justice, the measurement of disability, and the quantification of South-South cooperation, among other relevant topics addressed by the working groups of the Conference.

**703(XXXVI) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, the Programme of Action of the World Summit on Social Development,¹ as well as other relevant internationally agreed instruments, constitute, together with the global dialogue on this issue, the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration² and the development goals contained therein, as well as the commitments made at the 2005 World Summit³ and at the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,⁴ the outcome of the 2013 special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals⁵ and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,⁶

Recalling also 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 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,

Bearing in mind 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 Commission,

Taking into account that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean held its meeting in Lima, from 2 to 4 November 2015,

Considering that, on that occasion, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the respective report,⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

¹ See Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6 to 12 March 1995.

² See General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000.

³ See General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005.

⁴ See General Assembly resolution 65/1 of 22 September 2010.

⁵ See General Assembly resolution 68/6 of 9 October 2013.

⁶ See General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015.

⁷ See Report of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, 2 to 4 November 2015) (LC/L.4170).

2. *Underscores* the welcome afforded by the Conference to the document prepared by the secretariat, *Inclusive Social Development: the next generation of policies for overcoming poverty and reducing inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean*,⁸ which recognizes that social issues are not played out in the social sphere alone, but also in the economy, politics and the environment, and that economic prosperity also hinges on inclusive social development and better living standards;

3. *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;

4. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission 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;

5. *Urges* the secretariat, through the Social Development Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, to strengthen its cooperation and technical assistance efforts with the various government agencies in the region that are involved in the design and implementation of social development policies, with a view to improved social policy coordination and effectiveness;

6. *Instructs* the secretariat to support the countries of the region in strengthening their systems of social policy evaluation;

7. *Welcomes* the request for the secretariat, through the Social Development Division, to organize, maintain and systematically update the Commission's databases of non-contributory social protection programmes, social investment, youth and social inclusion, 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;

8. *Requests* the secretariat, 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. *Decides* that the eighth meeting of the Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held in the Dominican Republic in the second half of 2016;

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

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this resolution at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.

⁸ LC.L/4056/Rev.1.

**704(XXXVI) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-2019**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission and the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations concerning the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system,

Bearing in mind also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled “The future we want”,¹

Bearing in mind further General Assembly resolutions 70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and 69/313 “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)”,

Considering the Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development”,²

Taking into account the Report on the activities of the Commission from January 2014 to December 2015,³

Taking into account also that the thirty-sixth session of the Commission is the occasion for the relevant intergovernmental bodies to review the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019,⁴ and for a regional consultation on the Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019,⁵ which will be reviewed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-sixth session and subsequently by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session,

Having reviewed the outcomes and activities of the previous biennium and the proposed strategic framework and the work priorities for the Commission as set out in the presentation on the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, and which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at its thirty-fifth session,

Having reviewed also all aspects of the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019, which further strengthens programming, results-based management and evaluation,

¹ See General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012.

² A/70/794 of 18 March 2016.

³ LC/G.2664(SES.36/7).

⁴ LC/G.2665(SES.36/8).

⁵ A/71/6 (Prog. 18).

Bearing in mind that the basic guidelines and overarching orientation for the formulation of the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019 incorporate the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets and the means of implementation of that Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the outcomes and results of major United Nations conferences and summits, and resolution 66/288 “The future we want”, by virtue of which the countries agreed to contribute to providing coordinated and integrated follow-up to the outcomes and results of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental spheres,

Acknowledging the secretariat’s efforts to reprioritize activities and reassign resources to bring the content and modalities of the programme of work into line with the new requirements emerging from the aforementioned Agendas, action plans and instruments, with a view to the efficient and effective implementation of both Agendas,

1. *Adopts* the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2018-2019, in its entirety, which, together with the amendments proposed and observations made in the discussions held in the plenary session and the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, shall become the legislative mandate for the execution of programmes, projects and technical cooperation activities, and for the production of the publications identified therein;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the proposed budget for implementing the activities described in the programme of work to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

3. *Expresses its concern* at the recent decline in the budgetary resources allocated to the Commission to carry out the activities set forth in the programme of work;

4. *Notes with interest* paragraphs 80 and 81 of resolution 70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which welcome the cooperation of regional commissions and organizations in the regional and subregional follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and encourage the regional commissions to continue supporting Member States in this regard;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* the Report on the activities of the Commission from January 2014 to December 2015 and underlines the wide-ranging outcomes achieved by the Commission in the different areas of work, commending especially its results-based approach and capacity to respond to the needs of the region;

6. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Executive Secretary to strengthen accountability and evaluation with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and relevance of the Commission to the benefit of the region’s development, and recommends pursuing those efforts;

7. *Encourages* the Executive Secretary to continue the practice of convening the Committee of the Whole in the intervals between the sessions of the Commission in order to strengthen and broaden the dialogue between member States and the secretariat on issues deemed to be relevant;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made in implementing this resolution at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.

705(XXXVI) CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 358(XVI) of 1975 establishing the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee as a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to coordinate activities relating to development and cooperation in that subregion,

Recognizing the important role of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee as a forum in which the Governments of the subregion exchange information and share experiences with a view to addressing the economic, social and environmental challenges to achieving sustainable development,

Bearing in mind that the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its seventeenth meeting in Port of Spain on 26 June 2015, and the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its twenty-sixth session in Basseterre on 22 April 2016, and that, on those occasions, they adopted conclusions and resolutions, which appear in their respective reports,¹

Recalling that the Caribbean Development Roundtable, which brings together high-level experts and policymakers to consider key issues relating to development in the subregion, was first established by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee in March 2010,²

Recognizing the Caribbean Development Roundtable as a valuable forum for fostering strategic thinking and stimulating the consideration of policy options to address critical Caribbean development challenges, and as a mechanism for forging partnerships between Latin America and the Caribbean through dialogue and engagement,

Highlighting the positive contribution made by the fourth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable to the consideration of key issues on the sustainable development agenda of Caribbean small island developing States, including the challenges posed by a high debt burden,

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations formulated by the Monitoring Committee at its seventeenth meeting and the resolutions adopted by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee at its twenty-sixth session;

2. *Welcomes* the convening of the Caribbean Development Roundtable on a biennial basis and calls on development partners to work in collaboration with the members of the Commission in support of these meetings;

3. *Reaffirms* the key role of the Commission, particularly through its subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, in coordinating development support for the subregion, in collaboration with the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and through direct engagement with

¹ Draft report of the twenty-sixth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, and Report of the seventeenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (LC/CAR/L.469).

² See resolution 73(XXIII), adopted by the Committee at its twenty-third session, held in St. George's on 15 and 17 March 2010 (LC/CAR/L.257).

Caribbean development partners, including the Caribbean Community, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States and the Commonwealth;

4. *Welcomes* the role that the Commission, particularly through its subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, is mandated to play in incorporating the needs of the small island developing States in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in bringing to fruition specific strategies that may assist in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in this subregion;

5. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to employ all measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee at its twenty-sixth session, the recommendations formulated by the Monitoring Committee at its seventeenth meeting and the conclusions reached at the fourth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable.

706(XXXVI) APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE 10 OF THE RIO DECLARATION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,¹ endorsed by 10 governments from Latin America and the Caribbean at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, in which they reaffirmed their commitment to the rights of access to information, participation and justice regarding environmental issues, declared their willingness to work towards a regional instrument promoting the full application of those rights and requested the support of the Commission as technical secretariat,

Considering that 21 countries have signed the Declaration to date and that it remains open for signature by all countries in the region,

Recalling paragraph 60 of the Declaration of Santiago adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the first Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, held in Santiago on 27 and 28 January 2013,

Noting that since the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Santiago, from 4 to 6 November 2014, and that three meetings of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean have taken place: the first meeting in Santiago, from 5 to 7 May 2015, the second in Panama City, from 27 to 29 October 2015, and the third in Montevideo, from 5 to 8 April 2016,

Considering that capacity-building and regional cooperation are essential for the successful application of Principle 10 in the region,

1. *Takes note* of the progress made and convergence achieved at the meetings of the focal points and the negotiating committee, which are reflected in the respective reports;²

2. *Reiterates* the commitment of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to advance towards achieving the full application of the rights of access to information, participation and justice regarding environmental issues, with a view to fostering the participation of society in the promotion of sustainable development;

¹ A/CONF.216.13.

² See Report of the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the Application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3970); Report of the first meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4046); Report of the second meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4125); and the draft report of the third meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.

3. *Underscores* the importance for the countries of the region of ensuring the sustainable management of their natural resources, for which mechanisms for informed, broad and inclusive participation are fundamental;

4. *Commends* the secretariat of the Commission on the progress made in the process under way in Latin America and the Caribbean towards the possible adoption of a regional agreement for the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development;

5. *Invites* the countries of the region to participate actively in future meetings of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean;

6. *Requests* the technical secretariat of the process to promote regional cooperation in this regard.

**707(XXXVI) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Reaffirming the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in September 1994, and the key actions for its further implementation; and resolution 65/234 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, whereby it was decided to extend the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation beyond 2014,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, as an instrument for realizing the human rights of all and ensuring that no one is left behind,

Reaffirming the commitments undertaken in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and their contribution to following up on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Noting that since the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, two meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean have taken place: the first meeting in Santiago, on 12 and 13 November 2014; and the second in Santiago from 24 to 26 April 2015,¹

Considering that the Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development was welcomed at the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, held in Mexico City from 6 to 9 October 2015,²

1. *Takes note* of the agreements adopted at the first and second meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the resolutions adopted at the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which are reflected in the respective reports;

2. *Encourages* countries to step up efforts to promote awareness of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and to apply effective, concrete measures to implement the Consensus, in keeping with national priorities and with the support and cooperation of civil society;

¹ See Report of the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3990) and Report of the second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4065).

² See Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1).

3. *Welcomes* the Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, as a voluntary technical tool for assisting countries in the implementation of the priority measures of the Consensus and the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;

4. *Calls for* active participation in the third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in 2016, and the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in El Salvador in 2017;

5. *Calls upon* the countries to step up efforts to implement and follow-up on the San José Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean;

6. *Urges* the countries to sign and ratify the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons, and invites all the stakeholders to ensure its full implementation;

7. *Calls for* active participation in the fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Paraguay in 2017;

8. *Thanks* the United Nations Population Fund for its support for the activities of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and requests the other funds, programmes and specialized agencies to make their contributions, as appropriate, to the activities to be carried out by the Conference.

**708(XXXVI) MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Taking into account the potential of information and communication technologies for furthering the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets,

Reaffirming the commitments of the World Summit on the Information Society and the vision of a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/125 of 16 December 2015, which reaffirms the need to implement the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and requests that a high-level meeting be held in 2025,

Taking into account the provisions of paragraph 68 of that resolution, in which the regional commissions of the United Nations are invited to continue their work in implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society action lines and to contribute reviews thereof, including through regional reviews,

Recognizing that the digital economy forms a crucial component of progressive structural change aimed at increasing the relative share of knowledge-intensive production activities in the economy, enhancing competitiveness and making progress towards social inclusion and the reduction of inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Stressing the urgent need for capacity-building to create, share and utilize digital technologies to exploit the new digital revolution and accelerate the economic and social transformation of Latin American and Caribbean countries,

Emphasizing the need to create conditions in which to boost the digital economy, by addressing barriers that hinder the deployment and diffusion of digital technologies and promoting the exchange of goods and services online,

Mindful that the development of a regional digital market could generate opportunities for innovation, jobs and growth, while stimulating investment, productivity and competitiveness,

Aware of the importance of the Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean for promoting regional cooperation on policies relating to the information society and information and communications technologies,

1. *Takes note* of the Mexico City Declaration and the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2018) adopted at the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean;¹

2. *Urges* regional and international bodies and agencies working in the area of policies on information and communications technologies to play an active part in the implementation of the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018), fostering coordination and integration of efforts;

3. *Calls upon* all member States to participate in the Preparatory Meeting for the sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Chile in 2017, and the sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Colombia in 2018;

4. *Thanks* the Governments of Chile and Colombia for their offer to give continuity to the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018) process and to host the forthcoming ministerial meetings on the information society in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2017 and 2018, respectively;

5. *Commends* the joint efforts made by member States to strengthen regional collaboration on the information society with a view to identifying the advances achieved by Latin America and the Caribbean in the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;

6. *Recognizes* the importance of information and communications technologies to sustainable development and recommends that these technologies be given due consideration in the preparation of Sustainable Development Goal indicators;

7. *Requests* the secretariat to continue working with the countries of the region in the implementation and follow-up of decisions adopted at the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially with regard to the advisability and feasibility of advancing an agenda for the development of a regional digital market in close cooperation with stakeholders.

¹ See Report of the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 5-7 August 2015) (LC/L.4106).

709(XXXVI) COMMITTEE ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/31 of 27 July 2012, which reaffirms the importance of staying fully engaged in ensuring proper and effective follow-up to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development, as reaffirmed in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development,

Bearing in mind that the resolution reiterates the role played by the United Nations as a focal point for the financing for development follow-up process and the need to ensure the continuity and momentum of that process, and reaffirming the need to further intensify the engagement of all stakeholders,

Highlighting the contents of the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, held from 1 to 3 December 2009, in which the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, as well as the regional commissions, were requested to assist developing countries in establishing or strengthening existing South-South centres of excellence, especially at the regional and interregional levels, with a view to improving South-South knowledge-sharing, networking, mutual capacity-building, information and best practices exchanges, policy analysis and coordinated action among developing countries on major issues of common concern,

Recalling paragraph 44 of the document *Consideration of reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme*,¹ prepared by the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, which states that the proliferation of South-South cooperation programmes and activities across the United Nations system points to the need to move from fragmented and ad hoc reporting to more systematic, standard and comprehensive reporting mechanisms and to the need for improved quality of data and analysis, in particular in the planning, programming, reporting and follow-up of South-South cooperation activities,

Considering General Assembly resolution 68/230, which invites the regional commissions, where relevant, to further harness the knowledge network, partnerships, and technical and research capacity in support of enhanced subregional, regional and interregional South-South cooperation and to use the meetings of the regional coordination mechanism, as appropriate, as a tool for advancing system-wide cooperation and coordination in support of South-South cooperation at the regional level,

Recalling that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, inter alia, recognizes the importance of building on existing follow-up and review mechanisms at the regional level and allowing adequate policy space, encourages all Member States to identify the most suitable regional forum in which to engage, as well as United Nations regional commissions to continue supporting Member States in this regard, and establishes guiding principles for follow-up and review processes at all levels, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development, respecting policy space and priorities, while remaining consistent with international rules and commitments, and recognizing that the outcome from national-level processes will be the foundation for reviews at the regional and global levels, given that the global review will be based primarily on national official data sources,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 69/313, entitled “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development”, which, inter alia, commits Member States to fully engage, nationally, regionally and internationally, in ensuring proper and effective follow-

¹ SSC/17/2.

up of the financing for development outcomes and all the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and encourages the United Nations regional commissions, in cooperation with regional banks and organizations, to mobilize their expertise and existing mechanisms, which could focus on thematic aspects of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

Taking into account that the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation was held in Santiago on 14 April 2016,

Having reviewed the document Proposed action lines of the Committee on South-South Cooperation for the period 2016-2018. Note by the secretariat,²

1. *Takes note* of the draft report of the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation;

2. *Takes note also* of the Report on the technical cooperation activities carried out by the ECLAC system during the 2014-2015 biennium;³

3. *Takes note further* of the Report on the South-South cooperation activities carried out since the thirty-fifth session of ECLAC. Note by the secretariat;⁴

4. *Calls upon* the secretariat, under the leadership of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation and in cooperation with the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, to sustain efforts for the design of methodologies to measure South-South cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean through a system of satellite accounts, and for the follow-up and evaluation of South-South cooperation programmes and projects;

5. *Invites* the countries to participate, with the support of the secretariat, in the calculation of structural gaps, as a valuable tool for helping to measure and visualize development levels in each country beyond per capita income;

6. *Adopts* the action lines of the Committee on South-South Cooperation for the period 2016-2018, namely, to share experiences on implementing the 2030 Agenda, to promote multi-stakeholder partnerships for South-South cooperation, and to share experiences of and best practices for South-South cooperation methodologies and metrics;

7. *Requests* the Committee on South-South Cooperation, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, to report to the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development on its contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

8. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this resolution at the meeting of the Committee on South-South Cooperation to be held in the framework of the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.

² LC/G.2671(SES.36/14).

³ LC/G.2668(SES.36/11).

⁴ LC/G.2667(SES.36/10).

**710(XXXVI) CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,¹ which was endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Considering the key role played by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the region in recent years in facilitating and encouraging dialogue among representatives of the countries of the region, and in promoting the consolidation of institutions devoted to science, technology and innovation, and of policies and regulatory frameworks for such activities,

Recognizing the support function performed by the United Nations regional commissions in the implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action, especially as regards the contribution made by Governments and stakeholders to the promotion of information and communications technologies for development and as regards international and regional cooperation and the creation of an enabling environment,

Recalling resolution 672(XXXIV) adopted at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, establishing the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind that since the preceding session of the Commission, the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean held its first session in Santiago on 9 and 10 June 2014,

Having in mind the agreements adopted at that meeting, which are reflected in the respective report,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. *Welcomes* the offer by the Government of Costa Rica to host the second session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in September 2016;

3. *Calls for* active participation in the second session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this resolution at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.

¹ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

² See Report of the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3876).

711(XXXVI) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIENNA PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THE DECADE 2014-2024

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024,¹ adopted at the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, held in Vienna from 3 to 5 November 2014, at which all relevant stakeholders expressed their commitment to the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Reaffirming the overarching goal of the Vienna Programme of Action of addressing the special development needs and challenges of landlocked developing countries arising from their landlockness, remoteness and geographical constraints in a more coherent manner,

Recalling that, in its resolution 69/232, the General Assembly called upon the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to integrate the Vienna Programme of Action into their programmes of work, as appropriate, within their respective mandates, and to support landlocked and transit developing countries in the implementation of the Programme of Action in a well-coordinated and coherent manner,

Bearing in mind that the six priority areas of the Vienna Programme of Action, namely, fundamental transit policy issues, infrastructure development and maintenance, international trade and trade facilitation, regional integration and cooperation, structural economic transformation and means of implementation, are fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,²

1. *Invites* member States to mainstream the Vienna Programme of Action into their national and sectoral development strategies and regional development plans;

2. *Urges* regional and subregional organizations, including regional economic integration organizations and regional development banks, to integrate the Vienna Programme of Action into their relevant programmes of work and to provide technical and financial support for its implementation;

3. *Encourages* the private sector to contribute to the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action, including through transparent, effective and accountable public-private partnerships;

4. *Requests* the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to promote the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 in the region, and to provide follow-up through the preparation of analytical studies, contributions to regional and global reports, and the convening of regional meetings on landlocked developing countries;

5. *Calls upon* the secretariat to provide technical support to the region's landlocked developing countries in areas related to the Vienna Programme of Action, such as infrastructure investment, transport facilitation, logistical integration and logistics cost studies.

¹ General Assembly resolution 69/137.

² General Assembly resolution 70/1.

712(XXXVI) REGIONAL INTEGRATION OF STATISTICAL AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, whereby the Council approved the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/6 on strengthening statistical capacity,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/24, which established the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management to provide a forum for coordination and dialogue among Member States through the holding of regular high-level multi-stakeholder discussions on global geospatial information, including through the convening of global and regional forums,

Recalling also resolution 70/1 of the General Assembly, in which it adopted the document entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which recognizes the need to adopt new approaches for the production, acquisition and integration of data so as to enhance the availability, quality and timeliness of disaggregated information, with a view to supporting the implementation of the new development agenda at all levels, exploiting the contribution made by a wide range of data, including Earth observation, geospatial information and big data, and ensuring national ownership and leadership in supporting and tracking progress,

Recalling further the Declaration of the Third High Level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, held in Beijing in October 2014, on which occasion the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management committed to take deliberate measures to close the gap in geospatial information technologies and associated implementation challenges between developing and developed countries, by establishing frameworks to build capacity through sharing of data, best practices, technical knowledge, tools and workflows in the collection, production, management and dissemination of geospatial information in countries requiring such assistance,

Recalling moreover that, as part of a regional geospatial information management architecture, in August 2013 the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas was created in alignment with the global agenda of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, with 38 member countries and an explicit mandate to forge links and develop cooperation mechanisms with other United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, with a view to pursuing synergies and preventing the duplication of efforts,

Taking into account that, at its fifth session, the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management acknowledged the importance and need for the integration of geospatial information as an essential base for effective and efficient information systems to support official statistics with a view to contributing to the design and monitoring of public policies for sustainable development and overall economic, social and environmental well-being, for which the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, headed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico, had been created,

Bearing in mind agreement 1 of the second meeting of the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas, in which the Committee decided that the formal format of United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas was no longer necessary and recommended that the Economic and Social Council consider removing the Conference from the United Nations calendar of conferences and meetings and transferring its international mandates and obligations to the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, with regional and national technical and substantive activities to be assumed by the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas,

Acknowledging the importance of geospatial information for timely, evidence-based decision-making, and the need for capacity-building, particularly in developing countries and vulnerable regions, to be able to supply this information,

Taking into account that the integration of statistical and geospatial information may provide support for many aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as their targets and indicators, and will be essential in guiding countries and regions in their efforts to monitor progress and ensure respect for the rights and opportunities of citizens at both the national and local levels,

Considering that the United Nations regional commissions are fundamental for advancing, from a regional perspective and in intergovernmental and global forums, in the follow-up and discussions of the member countries' vision in respect of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals and other important issues,

Taking into account that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and its subsidiary bodies have been widely recognized as a platform for the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its eighth meeting in Quito, from 17 to 19 November 2015, and on that occasion authorized the Executive Committee to adopt the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2016-2017 at its fifteenth meeting, and adopted the Strategic Plan 2015-2025 to guide the activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in support of the development of official statistics in the region,

Bearing in mind also that one of the objectives of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean is to prepare a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the needs of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources,

1. *Recommends* that a forum for dialogue be established between the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas, in order to coordinate efforts and define a joint agenda for the integration of statistical and geospatial information, through cooperation between these two entities;

2. *Recognizes* that the immediate overarching goal of the regional agenda on geostatistical integration is its use in the measurement, monitoring and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and in conducting and analysing the 2020 round of censuses;

3. *Recommends* the exploration of joint mechanisms for projects such as the Integrated Map of the Americas of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, containing statistical information on population, and an atlas of information on gender matters for the Americas;

4. *Welcomes* the holding of regular joint meetings between the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas, and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

5. *Decides* that the first joint meeting will be held on 17 June 2016 in Santiago.

**713(XXXVI) REGIONAL FOLLOW-UP TO THE OUTCOMES OF CONFERENCES
ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002, at which the Monterrey Consensus was adopted,

Recalling also the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008, and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development,

Taking note of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda¹ adopted at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Addis Ababa from 13 to 16 July 2015,

Recalling the Regional Consultation on Financing for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago, on 12 and 13 March 2015,

1. *Takes note* of the report the Regional Consultation on Financing for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;²

2. *Acknowledges* the work of the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the region to promote research, analyses, initiatives, responses and tools that may serve to mobilize domestic and international resources;

3. *Requests* the secretariat, within existing resources, to continue to promote follow-up to the outcomes of international conferences on financing for development, in particular the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, by means of technical seminars and regional consultations, inter alia, and to present the results thereof to the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

¹ General Assembly resolution 69/313.

² LC/L.3997.

714(XXXVI) PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind paragraph 15 of its terms of reference and rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,

Considering the invitation of the Government of Cuba to host the thirty-seventh session of the Commission,

1. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government of Cuba for its generous invitation;
2. *Accepts* this invitation by acclamation;
3. *Recommends* that the United Nations Economic and Social Council approve the decision to hold the thirty-seventh session of the Commission in Cuba in the first semester of 2018.

Annex 1

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

1. The Committee on South-South Cooperation met as scheduled on 25 May 2016 during the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). The following countries were appointed to serve as presiding officers of the Committee:

Chair: Mexico

Vice-Chairs: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Jamaica

2. The Committee adopted the following provisional agenda:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the provisional agenda.
3. Panel on South-South cooperation and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. Presentation of the action lines of the Committee on South-South Cooperation for the period 2016-2018.
5. Consideration and adoption of resolutions.

3. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC referred to the technical cooperation activities carried out by the Commission since its thirty-fifth session. ECLAC had identified four key pillars for achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals: integrating the Goals into national development plans and budgets, planning and monitoring implementation in a difficult economic context, strengthening the regional architecture to follow up the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and increasing statistical capacity to help monitor relevant indicators using conventional and non-conventional data. The traditional paradigm based on a one-way flow of assistance from North to South was no longer valid, as the reality was more complex and diverse, and Latin America and the Caribbean was in fact both a recipient and a provider of assistance. New elements were thus emerging in South-South cooperation, as it was becoming more horizontal and better able to induce a sense of ownership on the part of the receiver. It was providing double dividends—for both the donor and the receiver—and stimulating technical capacity and a sense of shared responsibility. Triangular cooperation also allowed parties to make the most of the comparative advantages offered by each partner involved based on their specific characteristics, producing mutual benefits and encouraging further collaborative projects.

4. The Executive Director of the Mexican Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AMEXCID) spoke in her capacity as Chair of the Committee on South-South Cooperation. She said that South-South cooperation had become more significant over the previous few years and had contributed greatly to regional integration. In the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it provided crucial public financing to implement policies supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Committee on South-South Cooperation could seek solutions to the region's existing challenges by mapping out South-South cooperation initiatives, measuring and monitoring cooperation, forming alliances between civil society, the academic world and Governments, and aligning

activities at the regional and global level. Lastly, she referred to the three lines of action that Mexico proposed for the Committee: sharing experiences in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, encouraging multi-stakeholder partnerships and publicizing good practices in South-South cooperation.

5. There followed a panel discussion on South-South cooperation and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with presentations by Jesús Manuel Gracia Aldaz, Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Ibero-America of Spain; Norma Vidal Añaños, Vice-Minister for Social Benefits of the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru; Ricardo Herrera Saldías, Director of the Chilean Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AGCID); Rolando Ocampo, President of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas; Salvador Arriola, Director for International Cooperation of the Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB); and Christiane Bögemann-Hagedorn, Deputy Director General for Latin America at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany.

6. The Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Ibero-America of Spain based his comments on three benchmarks: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Master Plan for Spanish Cooperation 2013-2016 and Ibero-American cooperation. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was a challenge for developed countries as they had to learn how to evaluate themselves and middle-income countries could not be disregarded, which would be to ignore a fundamental aspect of the problems of development, inequality and change in countries that risked falling into the “middle-income trap”. He also said that triangular cooperation added value for both developed and developing countries, allowing them all to harmonize contributions in equal conditions. He gave the example of the triangular cooperation projects with Ecuador, Haiti and Honduras in which both Spain and Mexico had participated. Spain was the largest financing partner of the Ibero-American Programme to Strengthen South-South Cooperation and maintained a strong commitment to Ibero-American renewal.

7. The Deputy Minister for Social Benefits of the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru spoke of the creation of the said Ministry, which had been motivated by the decision to fight poverty and exclusion head on and which had benefited from the experience of Mexico and Brazil. She also described the new strategy of development and social inclusion in Peru, known as “Include to Grow” which placed people at the centre of its efforts within a cradle-to-grave approach. She described examples of Peru’s cooperation for development in the region, with countries such as Colombia, Ecuador, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic, and one instance of collaboration with a country outside the region, India, on monetary transfers. In concluding, said that a new institutional approach was needed to formulate and apply policies and actions, along with developing capacity for that new approach. Specific tools were needed to build an effective and efficient relationship between the different stakeholders and South-South cooperation should be used to help close gaps and ensure sustainable growth in the framework of the 2030 Agenda.

8. The Director of the Chilean Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AGCID) said that the significant increase in South-South cooperation in the region testified to middle-income countries’ growing capacity to contribute to development processes in general and the Sustainable Development Goals in particular. He said that the concept of middle income was only a reference, given the region’s considerable diversity. Accordingly, cooperation should not end, but should become a key factor in achieving the Goals. He also referred to the trilogy of new times, new conditions and new solutions. The change in era made it impossible to maintain the same development patterns and new conditions included an economic scenario in which contraction and deceleration were strongly linked to the end of the commodity supercycle, along with environmental challenges, population displacement,

continuing inequality and institutional weakness. Middle-income countries had the essential task of sustaining development levels to avoid setbacks. He also referred to the activities of South-South cooperation in Chile through funds and the development of global and regional goods.

9. The Chair of the Regional Committee of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas outlined the progress made in the framework of the Project for Strengthening of the Spatial Data Infrastructure in the Caribbean. In the diagnostic phase of the Project, a questionnaire had been circulated in the various countries to ascertain the situation in each one, the Technical Assessor Committee had been established, and meetings held in Panama and New York to define the Project's strategies. In terms of capacity-building, courses and workshops had been held on geodesy, cartography, geographical metadata, geoportals, geoservices and geographical information, among other themes. He also highlighted participation in various international meetings linked to geospatial information, with the aim of integrating the Caribbean into global and regional discussions in that field. With regard to infrastructure, he spoke of the strengthening of the geodetic network in the Caribbean and the aim to produce updated soil maps for the subregion.

10. The Director for International Cooperation of the Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB) recalled the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals with a view to carrying out structural reform at the national and regional levels, amid the slow global economic growth projected and weak trade growth. He said that the successful formulation of the Goals was a reflection of the political commitment of the 193 countries involved, which recognized equality and sustainability as shared and universal guiding principles that should serve as the basis for global, national and regional policy strategies. He outlined the work done to improve the analysis of how Ibero-American cooperation, which included 25 programmes and initiatives and 4 projects in knowledge, social cohesion, South-South cooperation and culture, could help achieve the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. Lastly, he described the progress made in relation to the Ibero-American Knowledge Platform, the Ibero-America Science and Technology Programme, the Ibero-American Cultural Platform and the Ibero-American Social Cohesion Platform.

11. The Deputy Director General for Latin America at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) said that the 2030 Agenda had shifted the vision and goals for South-South and triangular cooperation and that her country's Government was already preparing plans for sustainable development, focusing on the idea of a new global partnership with pacts at the global, national and regional levels, engaging the public and private sectors, academics and civil society. She noted that Germany was one of the world's largest donors to cooperation for sustainable development, and in Latin America its efforts had been concentrated mainly on the mitigation of climate change. The country was also actively involved in discussions on innovative approaches to cooperation, as international demand for new forms of cooperation had grown rapidly. Lastly, she explained that triangular cooperation was becoming important in breaking the North-South paradigm and valuing the complementary strengths of counterparts in relation to the 2030 Agenda.

12. In statements that followed, delegations agreed that South-South cooperation offered significant possibilities that for tackling global challenges. They recalled that international cooperation should not replace official development assistance, but complement it, and that it should always respect countries' diversity and sovereignty, given that cooperation should work alongside the role of the State, not replace it. Various countries stressed the injustice of graduating countries from official development assistance on the basis of per capita income alone, the need to generate capacity and endogenous strength, and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. They also said that it was necessary to build a

new regional financial architecture on the basis of fair trade and complementarity and that South-South cooperation between the region's countries could make a singular and strategic contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, through the lessons learned and the experiences the Latin American and Caribbean countries had to offer. They underscored the need to afford greater visibility and value to the contribution made to sustainable development by South-South cooperation.

13. The Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Programme Analysis of ECLAC said that the Commission's cooperation programme was flexible and effective and that it was being carried out through technical assistance, training activities (workshops, seminars and courses), and the set-up and operation of specialized networks for discussing and managing knowledge and good practices. He also recalled that the budget for programmes financed by the Commission's regular resources was not enough to cover collaborative activities and additional resources were required. The Commission appreciated the contributions made by the Governments of the region to the voluntary regular system of Government funding to ILPES and specific bilateral projects, as well as contributions made by countries outside the region, cooperation entities and agencies, foundations, development banks and United Nations agencies. Lastly, he said that ECLAC had carried out 163 technical cooperation projects during the biennium, of which 128 had been funded by bilateral sources, and the rest by multilateral sources, and that those projects had helped create more than 798 technical cooperation missions in the 33 member countries and a significant number of associate member countries.

14. The conclusions of the meeting of the Committee on South-South Cooperation are reflected in resolution 709(XXXVI).

Annex 2

**DOCUMENTS PRESENTED AT THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE COMMISSION**

A. DOCUMENTOS DE TRABAJO/WORKING DOCUMENTS

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| LC/G.2658(SES.36/1)/Rev.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temario provisional - Provisional agenda - Ordre du jour provisoire - Temário provisório |
| LC/G.2659(SES.36/2)/Rev.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temario provisional anotado y organización del trigésimo sexto período de sesiones - Annotated provisional agenda and organization of the thirty-sixth session - Annotations à l'ordre du jour provisoire et organisation de la trente-sixième session - Temário provisório anotado e organização do trigésimo sexto período de sessões |
| LC/G.2660(SES.36/3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horizontes 2030: la igualdad en el centro del desarrollo sostenible - Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development - Horizontes 2030: a igualdade no centro do desenvolvimento sustentável |
| LC/G.2661(SES.36/4) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horizontes 2030: la igualdad en el centro del desarrollo sostenible. Síntesis - Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development. Summary - Horizons 2030: l'égalité au coeur du développement durable. Synthèse - Horizontes 2030: a igualdade no centro do desenvolvimento sustentável. Síntese |
| LC/G.2662(SES.36/5)/Rev.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temario provisional del Comité de Cooperación Sur-Sur - Provisional agenda of the Committee on South-South Cooperation - Ordre du jour provisoire du Comité de coopération Sud-Sud - Temário provisório do Comitê de Cooperação Sul-Sul |
| LC/G.2663(SES.36/6)/Rev.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temario provisional anotado del Comité de Cooperación Sur-Sur - Annotated provisional agenda of the Committee on South-South Cooperation - Annotations à l'ordre du jour provisoire du Comité de coopération Sud-Sud - Temário provisório anotado do Comitê de Cooperação Sul-Sul |

- LC/G.2664(SES.36/7)
- Informe de actividades de la Comisión de enero de 2014 a diciembre de 2015
 - Report on the activities of the Commission from January 2014 to December 2015
- LC/G.2665(SES.36/8)
- Proyecto de programa de trabajo del sistema de la CEPAL, 2018-2019
 - Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019
- LC/G.2666(SES.36/9)
- Calendario de conferencias de la CEPAL propuesto para el período 2017-2018. Nota de la Secretaría
 - Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2017-2018. Note by the secretariat
- LC/G.2667(SES.36/10)
- Informe de las actividades de cooperación Sur-Sur llevadas a cabo desde el trigésimo quinto período de sesiones de la CEPAL. Nota de la Secretaría
 - Report on the South-South cooperation activities carried out since the thirty-fifth session of ECLAC. Note by the secretariat
- LC/G.2668(SES.36/11)
- Informe de las actividades de cooperación técnica realizadas por el sistema de la CEPAL durante el bienio 2014-2015
 - Report on the technical cooperation activities carried out by the ECLAC system during the 2014-2015 biennium
- LC/G.2669(SES.36/12)
- Solicitud del Gobierno de la República de Turquía para incorporarse como miembro de la CEPAL. Nota de la Secretaría
 - Request of the Government of the Republic of Turkey for admission as a member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Note by the secretariat
- LC/G.2670(SES.36/13)
- Documentos presentados al trigésimo sexto período de sesiones de la Comisión
 - Documents presented at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission
- LC/G.2671(SES.36/14)
- Propuesta de líneas de acción del Comité de Cooperación Sur-Sur para el período 2016-2018. Nota de la Secretaría
 - Proposed action lines of the Committee on South-South Cooperation for the period 2016-2018. Note by the secretariat

B. DOCUMENTOS DE REFERENCIA/REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- DDR/1
- Informe de las actividades de los órganos subsidiarios de la CEPAL y reuniones intergubernamentales, desde el trigésimo quinto período de sesiones
 - Report on the activities of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, and the outcomes of other intergovernmental meetings since the thirty-fifth session
- LC/G.2587(SES.35/4)
- Pactos para la igualdad: hacia un futuro sostenible. Síntesis
 - Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future. Summary
 - Pactes pour l'égalité: vers un avenir durable. Synthèse
 - Pactos para a igualdade: rumo a um futuro sustentável. Síntese
- LC/G.2525(SES.34/4)
- Cambio estructural para la igualdad: una visión integrada del desarrollo. Síntesis
 - Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development. Summary
 - Changement structurel pour l'égalité: une vision intégrée du développement. Synthèse
 - Mudança estrutural para a igualdade: Uma visao integrada do desenvolvimento. Síntese
- LC/G.2433(SES.33/4)
- La hora de la igualdad: brechas por cerrar, caminos por abrir. Síntesis
 - Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails. Summary
 - L'heure de l'égalité: combler les écarts, ouvrir de nouveaux chemins. Synthèse
 - A hora da igualdade: brechas por selar, caminhos por abrir. Síntese
- A/RES/70/1
- Transformar nuestro mundo: la Agenda 2030 para el Desarrollo Sostenible
 - Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - Transformer notre monde : le Programme de développement durable à l'horizon 2030
 - Proyecto de informe de la Cuarta Reunión de la Mesa Directiva del Comité de Cooperación Sur-Sur
 - Draft report of the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation
 - Proyecto de informe del trigésimo primer período de sesiones del Comité Plenario
 - Draft report of the thirty-first session of the Committee of the Whole

Annex 3

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

La lista provisional contiene los nombres de los participantes que se han comunicado a la Secretaría. Se publicarán adiciones a la lista a medida que se vaya recibiendo información. Se ruega a las delegaciones se sirvan informar de cualquier corrección a María Eugenia Johnson, Oficial de Conferencias, o a Paula Warnken en el Registro de Participantes.

The provisional list contains the names of the participants communicated to the Secretariat. Addenda will be issued as information is received. Delegations are requested to inform of corrections to the list to Ms. María Eugenia Johnson, Conference Officer, or Ms. Paula Warnken in the Registration of Participants.

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