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Twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers  
of the Regional Conference on Women in  
Latin America and the Caribbean

San Salvador, El Salvador, 2-4 December 1998

### **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have the provisional agenda before them, for consideration and adoption with whatever changes they deem appropriate.

2. Review of the activities of the Presiding Officers and of the ECLAC secretariat since the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers

(a) The States members of ECLAC represented among the Presiding Officers will report on the activities carried out on the national and subregional levels since the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers pursuant to the mandates contained in the Regional Programme of Action and the agreements reached at that meeting. They will also report on their work as liaison with member States not represented, according to the agreed assignment of duties.<sup>1</sup>

(b) The ECLAC secretariat will report on its activities from 1 September 1997 to 30 September 1998, dealing in particular with the tasks carried out by ECLAC divisions in relation to women's issues; the progress made in developing a system of indicators for follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action, the global Platform for Action and other plans of action, such as that emanating from the second Summit of the Americas; the ECLAC/FLACSO project on indicators to measure women's involvement in positions of power and leadership; and the new edition of the "Directory of national organizations dealing with programmes and policies on women in Latin America and the Caribbean".

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<sup>1</sup> At the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers, liaison duties were assigned as follows: Netherlands Antilles and Barbados: English-speaking Caribbean countries, Aruba and Suriname; Argentina: Colombia; Chile: Peru and Haiti; Cuba: Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and assistance to Netherlands Antilles and Barbados; El Salvador: Guatemala and Honduras; Mexico: Costa Rica and Panama; Paraguay: Ecuador; and Venezuela: Uruguay. At this stage no countries were assigned to Bolivia or Brazil, but the possibility was not ruled out that they might perform liaison functions with States not represented among the Presiding Officers in specific cases, as needed.

Working document:

- Activities of the ECLAC secretariat from 1 September 1997 to 30 September 1998 relating to the integration of women into the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1151(MDM.27/3)).

Advance reports:

- ECLAC/FLACSO, "Indicadores de participación y liderazgo de las mujeres en América Latina y el Caribe".
- Hanna Binstock, "Mujer, sistema jurídico e igualdad. Guía para el monitoreo".
- Thelma Gálvez, "Indicadores de género para el seguimiento y la evaluación del Plan de Acción Regional de las Mujeres de América Latina y la Plataforma de Acción Mundial".

Reference documents:

- Directory of national organizations dealing with programmes and policies on women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1065/Rev.1).
- United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women and ECLAC, "National Mechanisms for Gender Equality. Expert Group Meeting Report. Santiago, Chile, 31 August-4 September 1998" (EGM/NM/1998/Rev.1).
- Marina Subirats, "The education of women: from marginality to coeducation. Proposals for a methodology to achieve educational change", Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 22 (LC/L.1120).
- Hanna Binstock, "Violence within couples: legal treatment. Review of progress and results", Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 23 (LC/L.1123).
- Hanna Binstock, "Towards equality for women: progress in legislation since the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women", Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 24 (LC/L.1126).
- Nieves Rico, "Gender, the environment and the sustainability of development", Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 25 (LC/L.1144).
- Molly Pollack, Incorporación de la perspectiva de género en proyectos productivos de la CEPAL (LC/R.1851).
- Diane Alméras, The institutionality of gender equity in the State: a diagnosis for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1150).
- Lois Hecht Oppenheim, Democratic theory and women's participation in politics: the Chilean case (LC/R.1859).

- Nieves Rico, Women in water-related processes in Latin America. Current situation and research and policy proposals (LC/R.1864).
  - Irma Arriagada, "Familias latinoamericanas: convergencias y divergencias de modelos y politicas", Revista de la CEPAL, No. 65 (LC/G.2033-P).
  - Amparo Hernández Bello, "Perspectiva de género en la reforma de la seguridad social en salud en Colombia", Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 73 (LC/L.1108).
  - Virginia Guzmán, Rosalba Todaro, Recomendaciones desde la perspectiva de género (LC/R.1757).
3. Follow-up to United Nations world conferences and international summits, activities of other intergovernmental organizations, their conclusions concerning gender mainstreaming and the agreements adopted concerning the advancement of women

Since the Presiding Officers, at their twenty-sixth meeting, agreed to "identify important international forums appropriate for follow-up to the agreements adopted at conferences and summit meetings organized by the United Nations and to gather information in that connection",<sup>2</sup> the Presiding Officers will consider the following:

- (a) Report by the Government of Venezuela on the fourth Ibero-American Forum of Ministers and Officials Responsible for Policies on Women (Caracas, 17-18 September 1998);
- (b) Report by the Government of Chile on the agreements adopted at the APEC Ministerial Meeting on Women (Makati, Philippines, 15-16 October 1998);
- (c) Report by the secretariat on activities in follow-up to the Summit of the Americas.

Reference documents:

- Caracas declaration on globalization and international cooperation, emanating from the fourth Ibero-American Forum of Ministers and Officials Responsible for Policies on Women (Caracas, 17-18 September 1998);
- Joint Ministerial Statement emanating from the APEC Ministerial Meeting on Women (Makati, Philippines, 15-16 October 1998);
- Plan of Action emanating from the second Summit of the Americas (Santiago, Chile, 18-19 April 1998).

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<sup>2</sup> ECLAC, "Report of the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean" (LC/L.1133(MDM.26/3)), Santiago, Chile, 30 September 1998, para. 9 (b).

4. Report on the activities of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations

The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference, at their twenty-sixth meeting, and the representatives of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations attending recognized the importance of broadening the participation of the latter at meetings of the Presiding Officers, in order to allow for an exchange of information about activities in follow-up to United Nations global summits and conferences and the development of indicators for measuring fulfilment of the agreements emanating from them. This recognition was embodied in one of the agreements reached at the sixth meeting of the specialized agencies.<sup>3</sup>

5. Review of follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, in strategic areas not considered at the seventh session of the Regional Conference

(a) In accordance with the agreements reached at the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers, representatives will report on the development of indicators in the countries and subregions which might facilitate follow-up and evaluation of how fully the Beijing Platform for Action and the Regional Programme of Action are being implemented.

(b) Since the meetings of the Presiding Officers constitute opportunities for informal horizontal cooperation among the Governments of the region, the member States represented will report on successful policies and practices for the advancement of women and on fulfilment of commitments assumed by their respective countries and subregions and will share information in that regard.

(c) Bearing in mind that the debates at the seventh session of the Regional Conference centred around the issues of access to power and participation in decision-making and of poverty and sustainable development, the Presiding Officers will need to turn their attention to the other six strategic areas outlined in the Regional Programme of Action and consider how best to promote follow-up and evaluation in those areas.

6. Planned activities of the Presiding Officers and of the ECLAC secretariat

The Presiding Officers will select the topics to be considered at the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in the year 2000. Since it was agreed that the same method of work adopted in preparation for the seventh Regional Conference would be followed, the Presiding Officers will designate the countries in charge of presenting the selected topics.

7. Other matters

The representatives may raise other matters of interest to their countries.

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<sup>3</sup> ECLAC, "Report of the sixth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on Future Activities to Promote the Integration of Women into Latin American and Caribbean Development" (LC/L.1134), 24 September 1998.