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Forty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference on Women in
Latin America and the Caribbean

Bogotá, 24 and 25 April 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). It brings together Government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality.

In consultation with the Government of Ecuador, Chair of the Presiding Officers elected at the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Quito, Ecuador, in August 2007, and in response to the invitation of the Government of Colombia, it was agreed to convene the forty-first meeting on 24 and 25 April 2008 in Bogotá.

At this meeting, the Presiding Officers will concentrate mainly on the follow-up of the Quito Consensus adopted at the tenth session of the Regional Conference. Discussions will focus on the preparatory work for the creation of the regional gender equality observatory in accordance with agreement 3 of the Consensus which requests “the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, together with other organizations in the United Nations system, to collaborate with member States that request them to do so in following up on the fulfilment of the agreements that have been adopted through the creation of an equality observatory that will help strengthen national gender machineries.”

The progress and conclusions of the project entitled “Contribution of the care economy to social protection”, which was carried out by ECLAC with funding from the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI), will also be presented at the meeting. In addition, the Presiding Officers will consider the participation of the member States and bodies of the United Nations system in the campaign launched by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to eliminate all forms of violence against women within the framework of the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 25 February to 7 March 2008, to intensify efforts to end violence against women and girls up to 2015.

B. ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have the following provisional agenda before them for adoption or amendment (LC/L.2866(MDM.41/1)/Rev.1):

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report on the activities carried out by the secretariat, the member countries and bodies of the United Nations system with regard to the fulfilment of the Quito consensus
3. Panel of experts on the contribution of the care economy to social protection
4. High-level panel on experiences of gender equality observatories in Latin America and the Caribbean

5. Presentation of the ECLAC proposal for a gender equality observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean
6. United Nations Secretary-General's campaign to eliminate all forms of violence against women
7. Adoption of agreements
8. Other matters

2. Report on the activities carried out by the secretariat, the member countries and bodies of the United Nations system with regard to the fulfilment of the Quito consensus

The secretariat will report on the activities carried out to begin implementation of the Quito Consensus and will present the corresponding reference documents.

The representative of Cuba will report on the participation of the countries of the region in the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women. The representative of Mexico will then report on the Commission's conclusions regarding the follow-up of the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development, with special emphasis on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Member countries whose representatives are serving as Presiding Officers will report on activities undertaken at the national level to ensure the implementation of the Quito Consensus.

Representatives of the bodies of the United Nations system will report on the follow-up activities to the Quito Consensus undertaken since the tenth session of the Regional Conference.

Working documents

- Report of the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, Quito (Ecuador), 6 to 9 August 2007 (LC/G.2361(CRM.10/8))
- Millennium Development Goals, 2006 report: a look at gender equality and empowerment of women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2352)
- Reports submitted by the member countries whose representatives are serving as Presiding Officers
- Reports of the bodies of the United Nations system on the monitoring of the fulfilment of the Quito Consensus
- Agreed conclusions on financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women (E/CN.6/2008/L.8)

Reference documents

- Ricardo Calla, “La mujer indígena en Bolivia, Brasil, Ecuador, Guatemala y Panamá: un panorama de base a partir de la ronda de censos 2000”, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 86 (LC/L.2766-P)
- Claudia Giacometti, “Las metas del Milenio y la igualdad de género. El caso de Uruguay”, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 88 (LC/L.2832-P)

3. Panel of experts on the contribution of the care economy to social protection

Presentation of the theoretical framework developed by ECLAC for the analysis of the contribution of the care economy from a rights-based perspective.

Presentation of case studies performed under the project on the care economy, carried out by ECLAC with AECI financing in Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Haiti and Uruguay.

Comments and discussion.

Working documents

- Laura C. Pautassi, “El cuidado como cuestión social desde el enfoque de derechos”, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 87 (LC/L.2800-P)
- Flavia Marco Navarro, “El cuidado de la niñez en Bolivia y Ecuador: derecho de algunos, obligación de todas”, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 89 (LC/L.2843-P)
- Corina Rodríguez Enríquez, “La organización del cuidado de niños y niñas en Argentina y Uruguay”, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 90 (LC/L.2844-P)
- Nathalie Brisson Lamaute, *Economie des soins aux enfants en Haïti : prestataires, ménages et parenté*, executive summary (LC/R.2145)

4. High-level panel on experiences of gender equality observatories in Latin America and the Caribbean

Round-table discussion among gender authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean on experiences of equality observatories in the region.

Comments and discussion.

5. Presentation of the ECLAC proposal for a gender equality observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

The secretariat will report on the progress of the preparations for the regional gender equality observatory in light of agreement 3 of the Consensus, which requests “the Economic Commission for

Latin America and the Caribbean, together with other organizations in the United Nations system, to collaborate with member States that request them to do so in following up on the fulfilment of the agreements that have been adopted through the creation of an equality observatory that will help strengthen national gender machineries.”

The secretariat will present the pertinent agreements reached at the Fifteenth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held the previous day in Bogotá.

Comments and discussion.

Working document

- Report of the inter-institutional video conference on the preparations for the gender equality observatory in Latin America and the Caribbean, held on 17 March 2008 (LC/L.2886)

6. United Nations Secretary-General’s campaign to eliminate all forms of violence against women

The secretariat will report on the programme of work of the 2008-2015 campaign of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to eliminate all forms of violence against women, paying particular attention to the initiatives that are of the greatest interest to Latin America and the Caribbean.

A representative of the bodies of the United Nations system will report on the pertinent agreements reached at the Fifteenth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held the previous day in Bogotá.

The member countries whose representatives serve as Presiding Officers will analyse which activities could be started at the national level in 2008 and which could be carried out subsequently during the period 2008-2015.

Working documents

- General Assembly resolution 61/143 on the intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women, 30 January 2007
- United Nations, Department of Public Information, “Violence against women: ‘Never acceptable, never excusable, never tolerable,’ says Secretary-General as Global Campaign Launched at Women’s Commission”, New York (WOM/1664), 25 February 2008
- No more! The right of women to live a life free of violence in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2808)

7. Adoption of agreements

The member countries whose representatives serve as Presiding Officers will consider and adopt the agreements of the forty-first session.

8. Other matters

Any other matters raised by the delegations will be considered under this item.