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Sixth meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Madrid, 25 and 26 September 2006

AGREEMENTS ADOPTED

At its sixth meeting, held in Madrid on 25 and 26 September 2006, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean agrees to:

Take note of the progress report on the activities carried out under the Programme of Regional Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean, July 2005-June 2007;

Take note also of the report on the operation and activities of the working groups created at the third meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

Confirm that Spain is to be responsible for the activities of the Working Group on Human Resource Education and Training, except in respect of its work regarding education and training in relation to poverty and the Millennium Development Goals, which are to be incorporated into the work of the Working Group on the Monitoring of Progress Towards the Millennium Development Goals;

Request Argentina to take responsibility for coordinating the Working Group on the Monitoring of Progress Towards the Millennium Development Goals, and that it include the activities aimed at updating the methodology for measuring poverty in the region on its agenda;

Adopt the necessary measures to broaden participation by members of the Conference in the working groups' activities;

Welcome the activities in the area of statistics based on a gender perspective that are being conducted by the National Institute of Women of Mexico, the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics of Mexico, the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and recommend that at its fourth meeting the Conference should make arrangements to

align its activities with the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for 2007-2009;

Approve, on a preliminary basis, the final draft strategic plan 2005-2015, incorporating the provisions of the Economic and Social Council resolution entitled “Strengthening statistical capacity” and setting a time period of four weeks for observations regarding this document to be conveyed to the Chairperson of the Committee;

Approve also the proposed guidelines for the preparation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for 2007-2009, and urge the members of the regional and international statistical community to collaborate with the Chairperson and the secretariat to provide content for the scheme set out for the presentation of the biennial programme mentioned under point D, paragraph 42 of document LC/L.2600;

Also approve the draft provisional agenda for the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as set out in the annex to these agreements;

Decide that at its fourth meeting the Conference should examine the following substantive issues: the Millennium Development Goals, the 2010 census round and institution-building in national statistical offices: credibility and autonomy, and that its agenda should set aside the amount of time necessary for their due consideration;

Organize three thematic meetings within the framework of the preparations for the fourth meeting of the Conference on (i) monitoring fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals; (ii) the 2010 census round; and (iii) the changes to be made in the System of National Accounts in 2008, and convey these meetings’ technical findings to the Conference;

Entrust the secretariat with the task of preparing a comprehensive report on all activities carried out under the Programme of Regional Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean, July 2005-June 2007, particularly those conducted by the Conference’s working groups, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean system and international agencies and those of a subregional nature;

Hold the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean during the last week of July 2007 at the headquarters of the Economic Commission in Santiago, Chile;

Express its gratitude to the Government of Spain, and particularly the Chairperson of the National Institute of Statistics, for their excellent organization of the meeting and for the hospitality extended to the participants.

ANNEX

Draft provisional agenda of the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
2. Report on the activities carried out under the Programme of Regional Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean, July 2005-June 2007
3. Adoption of the Strategic Plan 2005-2015
4. Presentation of proposals for the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for 2007-2009
5. Presentation and discussion of substantive issues
6. Adoption of agreements
7. Report of the Rapporteur
8. Election of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the period 2007-2009