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Forty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference on Women in
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Santiago, 4 and 5 December 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, it was agreed to convene the forty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers on 4 and 5 December 2008 in Santiago.

At this meeting, the Presiding Officers will concentrate mainly on reviewing progress in setting up the gender equality observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean¹ in accordance with the Quito Consensus. In particular, participants will consider the results of the meetings convened in Aguascalientes, Mexico, on 2 and 3 October 2008 and in Trinidad and Tobago on 6 and 7 October 2008 to analyse the indicators of the observatory, as requested at the last meeting of the Presiding Officers by member countries whose representatives serve in that capacity.²

The Presiding Officers will consider the preparations being made for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Brazil in June 2010; the progress made within the region in implementing the Secretary-General's campaign to eliminate all forms of violence against women; and the status of the reforms to the gender architecture of the United Nations system.

B. ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have the following provisional agenda before them for adoption or amendment (LC/L.2931(MDM.42/1)):

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Analysis of the impact of the economic and financial crisis on the situation of women in Latin America and the Caribbean
3. Report on progress regarding the establishment of the gender equality observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean
4. Preparations for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

¹ Provisional name.

² See Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Report of the forty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2926), Santiago, Chile, August 2008.

5. The Secretary-General's campaign to eliminate all forms of violence against women
6. Advances in reforming the gender architecture of the United Nations
7. Adoption of agreements
8. Other matters

2. Analysis of the impact of the economic and financial crisis on the situation of women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Director of the Economic Development Division will present the Commission's vision of the development of the financial crisis in the region.

The delegations will then be invited to ask questions.

3. Report on progress regarding the establishment of the gender equality observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

The secretariat will present the report of the technical meeting of gender statistics experts for the analysis of the indicators for the gender equality observatory, held in Aguascalientes, Mexico, on 2 and 3 October 2008.

The ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean will present the results of the Caribbean technical meeting on the establishment of a gender equality observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Port of Spain on 6 and 7 October 2008.

The secretariat will report to the Presiding Officers on the inter-agency agreements, financial resources and preparation of the website relating to the establishment of the gender equality observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The secretariat will present a proposal on the functioning of the observatory to the Presiding Officers for analysis.

Working documents:

- Report on the meeting of technical experts on gender statistics for the analysis of indicators for the gender equality observatory (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 2 and 3 October 2008) (LC/L.2979(MDM.42/4))
- Report for the Caribbean technical meeting on the establishment of a gender equality observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean (Port of Spain, 6 and 7 October 2008) (LC/CAR/L.178)
- Report of the secretariat on the proposed gender equality observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2936(CE.8/6))

Reference documents:

- Report of the forty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2926)
- Millennium Development Goals. Progress towards the right to health in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2364)
- “Indicators for monitoring implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women”, *Mujer y desarrollo* series, No. 91 (LC/L.2854-P)

4. Preparations for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The representative of Brazil will report on preparations for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Brazil in June 2010.

The secretariat will present a proposal for preparations to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the World Conference on Women (Beijing +15) in the framework of the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Future activities of the Presiding Officers.

Working document:

- Proposal by the secretariat on the preparations for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2967(MDM.42/3))

5. The Secretary-General’s campaign to eliminate all forms of violence against women

The representative of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will report on the progress of the regional working group in implementing in Latin America and the Caribbean the Secretary-General’s campaign to eliminate all forms of violence against women.

The member countries whose representatives serve as Presiding Officers will discuss the priorities that should guide their involvement in the campaign.

6. Advances in reforming the gender architecture of the United Nations

The secretariat will present a report on the advances made in reforming the gender architecture of the United Nations.

7. Adoption of agreements

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

8. Other matters

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