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Eighth meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of
the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in
Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, Chile, 9-10 November 1999

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Relevant activities carried out or planned within the framework of the United Nations system in relation to women in Latin America and the Caribbean since the seventh session of the Regional Conference

In the context of their mandates, the participating agencies will report on the following:

- (a) priority areas, subjects, approaches and strategies in the period since the last meeting;
 - (b) gender mainstreaming in their organizations;
 - (c) most important achievements and challenges pending, with special emphasis on institutional aspects and resources.
2. Preparations for the eighth session of the Regional Conference, to be held in Lima, Peru, from 8 to 10 February 2000, in relation to the issues of gender equity, human rights, and peace and violence, which were proposed for analysis by the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference at their twenty-seventh meeting

The ECLAC secretariat will report on preparatory activities relating to the eighth Regional Conference.

In addition, ECLAC will present the general guidelines of the position paper it is preparing for the Conference, concerning the challenge of gender equity and human rights on the threshold of the twenty-first century. This document includes a consolidated analysis of the two issues to be addressed at the Conference, namely, gender equity, and human rights, peace and violence.

The participating organizations will report on the papers they will be presenting as inputs to the eighth Conference and on other supporting activities the governments of the region are carrying out in this area.

The participants will analyse and assess the circumstances surrounding preparatory activities and the main challenges and opportunities arising from the process. Particular attention will be given to an analysis of the participation of civil society.

Reference documents

- ECLAC, "The challenge of gender equity and human rights on the threshold of the twenty-first century" (DDR/1). This document will be presented at the twenty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 November 1999).
- United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). "Gender Budget Initiatives for Latin America: a Tool for Improving Accountability and Implementation of Government Policy and Programmes (preliminary version for comments)", 10 October 1999.
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Subcommittee on Women, Health and Development. Hacia la equidad en materia de género en las políticas de reforma del sector de la salud (MSD 18/4), 24 December 1998.
- International Labour Organisation (ILO), "Decent work and protection for all. Priority of the Americas. Report of the Director General", Fourteenth American Regional Meeting (Lima, 24-27 August 1999).
- 3. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", to be held in New York from 5 to 9 June 2000 to appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the Beijing Platform for Action

The participating organizations will report on their activities and priorities in regard to the following:

- (a) support to governments;
 - (b) support to civil society;
 - (c) preparatory activities in connection with the forty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
4. Priority tasks and cooperation strategies for inter-agency regional coordination

The participating organizations will analyse proposals for improving inter-agency coordination. Priority tasks and medium-term strategies will be defined.

Reference documents

- ECLAC, Nota informativa de la Reunión de coordinación entre organismos de las Naciones Unidas para la región de América Latina y el Caribe (Santiago de Chile, 6 de mayo de 1999) (LC/R.1917) (Spanish only).
- ECLAC, Report of the seventh 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 (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 2 June 1999) (LC/L.1236).

5. Other matters

The participants may raise other matters that are of interest to their organizations.