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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of meeting

1. The second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean: towards a society for all ages and rights-based social protection was held in Brasilia from 4 to 6 December 2007.

Attendance

- 2. The Conference was attended by representatives of 24 States members of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, ,Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.
- 3. Aruba, an associate member of the Commission, was also represented.
- 4. A large number of panellists and special guests, whose names appear on the list of participants, were also present.
- 5. Also attending was a representative from the Social Integration Branch of the Division for Social Policy and Development in the United Nations Secretariat.
- 6. The following United Nations body was represented: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- 7. Representatives of the following United Nations specialized agencies were in attendance: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO) and Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).
- 8. The intergovernmental organization Ibero-American Social Security Organization (OISS) was also represented.
- 9. Also present were representatives of the non-governmental organization whose names appear on the list of participants.

Chairperson and Rapporteur

10. The following countries were elected to serve as officers of the second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing:

<u>Chairperson</u>: Brazil

<u>Vice-chairpersons</u>: Argentina, Belize, Costa Rica and Peru

Rapporteur: Cuba

11. A drafting group was set up to prepare the text of the Brasilia Declaration.

B. AGENDA

- 12. The Conference adopted the following agenda:
 - 1. Election of officers
 - 2. Adoption of the agenda
 - 3. Report by the secretariat on the application of the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
 - 4. Country statements
 - 5. Report by the organizations of the Inter-Agency Group on Ageing and intergovernmental bodies
 - 6. Priority area I: older persons and development
 - 7. Priority area II: promotion of health and well-being into old age
 - 8. Priority area III: creation of enabling and supportive environments
 - 9. Application and monitoring of the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
 - 10. Consideration and adoption of agreements reached during the Conference
 - 11. Other matters

C. PROCEEDINGS

Opening session

- 13. At the inaugural meeting, statements were made by José Luis Machinea, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and Paulo de Tarso Vannuchi, Special Secretary for Human Rights of Brazil.
- 14. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC said that the rising numbers of older persons had far-reaching implications for society and specific areas of public policy. Rapid ageing, poverty, inequality, social protection systems that had poor coverage and other deficiencies meant that the family as an institution was overburdened and found it increasingly difficult to fulfil its role of social reproduction, especially with the full incorporation of women into work outside the home. Progress had admittedly been made in drafting laws and designing policies and programmes that sought to improve the living conditions of the

older population; however, the effective exercise of the rights of older persons continued to be insufficient and a significant proportion still lacked access to social security, health services and other social services. The lack of protection was due to the weakness of state mechanisms and to the fact that the needs of older persons were scarcely taken into account in public policy owing to the deep-rooted notion that ageing problems were private in character rather than a matter for collective solidarity.

- 15. Societies must be built that were more cohesive, democratic and inclusive of all. Human rights implied that the subject effectively belonged to the society, that all citizens were contemplated in the development dynamic and could enjoy the well-being that such development promoted. He recognized Brazil's track record in incorporating older persons into public policies, and, thus, sharing the experience of co-hosting the conference with that country was a source of great satisfaction for ECLAC. He hoped that in the course of the discussions, member countries would reaffirm their commitment to the agreements adopted in 2003 in the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and to those adopted in 2006 in the Montevideo resolution on social protection, in order to reduce disadvantages and imbalances in the exercise of human rights for both present and future generations.
- 16. The Special Secretary for Human Rights of Brazil welcomed participants and said that it was an honour for his country to be the host of the Conference. The event was one of a series of meetings in which Brazil had participated in its effort to increase protection of the rights of older persons.
- 17. He went on to highlight his country's achievements in the area of ageing. In Brazil, persons aged 60 years and over accounted for a substantial proportion of the population, hence the priority being given to them in programmes conducted by different ministries, which used a rights-based approach. International human rights instruments were important for building citizenship in old age and the adoption of human rights standards for older persons would be necessary in order to enforce the guarantees established in favour of that segment of the population.

Conduct of work

Report by the secretariat on the application of the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (agenda item 3)

- 18. The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) Population Division of ECLAC, Dirk Jaspers_Faijer, presented the document "Report on the application of the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing", which had been prepared by ECLAC.
- 19. He said that in all countries of the region, the proportion and absolute numbers of persons aged 60 years and over were expected to rise steadily in the next few decades. That age group was growing rapidly and more vibrantly than younger age groups and, indeed, as a proportion of the population, was projected to triple between 2000 and 2050. However, owing to differences in the pattern of demographic transition, the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean found themselves in different phases of the ageing process (incipient, moderate, moderately advanced and advanced).
- 20. The speaker stressed that changes in the age structure of the population were well known and could be anticipated. In Latin America and the Caribbean, the poorest countries and those where institution-building was still rudimentary were at a less advanced stage of demographic ageing. The

change in the age structure could bring tangible benefits for those countries, as the increasingly favourable relationship between the population of dependent age and the working age population created significant opportunities.

- 21. Such countries were in a position where they could take advantage of the opportunities provided by the demographic bonus and prepare for the final phase of the demographic transition, when the older population would increase in relation to the rest of the population. Whether they could take advantage of that bonus would depend on their ability to generate productive employment and create the economic and social conditions for moving forward along the path of sustained growth with equity.
- 22. He also reported on the advances in applying the 2003 Regional Strategy and drew attention to the differences in situation between countries and subregions. Ageing must be mainstreamed into all areas of the public agenda with a view to the construction of more cohesive societies that were inclusive of all members.

Country statements (agenda item 4)

- 23. The representatives of the countries listed below gave an account of the main advances achieved in applying the Regional Strategy: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.
- 24. The representatives of all countries thanked the Commission for organizing the conference and the Government of Brazil for the welcome extended to them. Several also expressed appreciation to UNFPA for its support.
- 25. The participants described the progress achieved by their countries at the legal and administrative levels in favour of older persons, as well as the principal policy and programme initiatives launched in the area of income protection, health care and the creation of inclusive environments. They also reported on the advances achieved in: expanding social security coverage and in improving the quality of pensions and retirement benefits. Several countries spoke of their achievements in training health care personnel and creating new health benefits, especially those designed specifically for older persons. The advances made in terms of environments included programmes for preventing abuse, promoting the use of free time and fostering associations.
- 26. The representatives highlighted the efforts made by their governments to incorporate the rights-based approach in the measures being adopted for older persons and pointed to the need to continue moving forward in this area. They agreed that it was essential to reinforce activities and improve mechanisms for the protection of the human rights of older persons. One of the challenges facing government was to include the different age groups in their programmes. Further progress was needed in the area of gender equity, in catering for older persons with disabilities and in ensuring that socio-cultural differences were taken into consideration in the various activities.

Report by the organizations of the Inter-Agency Group on Ageing and intergovernmental bodies (agenda item 5)

27. Some members of the Inter-Agency Group on Ageing and of intergovernmental organizations reported on their activities in the four preceding years.

- 28. The representative of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs drew attention to the efforts that the Latin American and Caribbean countries had made to implement the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in each of the relevant priority areas. He said that the existing institutional infrastructure and national capacities must be strengthened to ensure that development strategies made full provision for older persons' needs.
- 29. The representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said that the Fund had collaborated actively with countries in the formulation of national assessments, public policies and legislative and institutional frameworks, in human resource training, in the exchange of experiences and good practices, in applied research and in monitoring and assessment in the area of ageing and development. In the two preceding years, the Fund had strongly advocated social inclusion and the protection of the human rights of older persons and, as part of its new Strategic Plan 2008-2011, it would be supporting mainstreaming the issue of ageing in national and local development plans, especially in poverty alleviation and social protection programmes.
- 30. The representative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) gave an account of the organization's activities in support of countries of the region in their application of the Regional Strategy and reported on the results of the meeting-workshop on health and well-being of older persons in Latin America five years after the Second World Assembly on Ageing: advances, barriers and the requirements in terms of international cooperation. At that meeting, which had been held in Cuba in the first half of 2007, representatives of health institutions described their achievements in that area, identified the main barriers to future progress and standardized their requirements for cooperation from international organizations.
- 31. The representative of the Ibero-American Social Security Organization (OISS) reported on the results of the Project on Older Persons, Dependency and Social Services in the Ibero-American countries, which was designed to contribute to a better quality of life for older persons. He said that as part of that project, reports had been prepared on the situation, needs and demands of older persons and that in the preceding year, OISS had organized two training courses that had been attended by about a hundred professionals and technical staff from institutions that cater for older persons throughout Ibero-America.

Priority area I: older persons and development (agenda item 6)

- 32. The panel on social security and employment in old age: trends and perspectives in Latin America and the Caribbean was led by Sergei Zelenev, Chief of the Social Integration Branch in the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Daniel Titelman, of the Special Studies Unit, Economic Development Division of ECLAC.
- 33. The experts said that social security was fundamental to a good quality of life in old age and was a central part of strategies designed to enhance economic growth and social cohesion. Developing countries were experiencing difficulties in expanding social security coverage and a vast sector of the older population was in a position of extreme vulnerability. The poverty affecting older persons should be addressed not just as an economic problem but above all as a matter of solidarity between generations. They drew attention to existing experiences in the area of non-contributory pensions and warned that the objective of any pension scheme should be to provide at least a basic level of income to older persons.
- 34. Representatives of member countries were then invited to express their views and made the following points: the main problem of social security in the region was limited coverage; there was need for improved coordination between contributory and non-contributory systems; the financing of pension

systems should be considered not merely as a financial issue but as one of management; as regards the controversial issue of the impact of migration on social security for older persons, it was vital to set up a shared social security system as a factor for protecting the rights of migrant workers.

- 35. The following experts took part in the panel on social security: advances in coverage, quality and financing in countries of the region: Luis Henrique Da Silva, Coordinator of Social Security Studies in the Social Insurance Secretariat of Brazil; Guillermo Antonio, Director of Benefits of the Collective Capitalization Funds (FCC) in the Office of the Superintendent of Pensions, Securities and Insurance of Bolivia; Ernesto Murro, President of the Social Insurance Bank of Uruguay; Fernando Morales, Director General of the National Hospital of Geriatrics and Gerontology of the Costa Rican Social Security Fund; and Wilbert Marchena, Social Planning Officer in the Ministry of Social Affairs of Aruba.
- 36. Luis Henrique Da Silva said that in recent years Brazil had raised the social security benefits for the older population and improved the coverage of active workers. He stressed the importance of the impact of transfers on poverty reduction in old age as well as on the financing modalities of the Brazilian social security system.
- 37. Guillermo Antonio spoke of the track record of Bolivia's Solidarity Bonus (BONOSOL), which had significantly reduced the incidence of poverty in old age by contributing to the livelihood of families with older persons. With effect from December 2007, that programme would be replaced by the Renta Dignidad (decent income) programme, which would provide universal social security coverage in the country.
- 38. Ernesto Murro stated that social security coverage in Uruguay was over 90%. In recent years, pensions had been improved through differential adjustments that had favoured mainly the lower-income population; at the same time, the number of social security contributors had increased, thanks to the inclusion of the rural active population, domestic workers and construction workers, who were being offered new guarantees to encourage them to join the system.
- 39. Fernando Morales highlighted the expansion in the coverage of the non-contributory regime and the Workers' Protection Act of Costa Rica. He said that the social security system provided economic, health and social benefits to its beneficiaries. The main challenges for the future were to enhance the quality of services, increase mechanisms for access to pensions, improve the latter qualitatively and to provide further information on contributions to all sectors of society.
- 40. Wilbert Marchena said that Aruba offered comprehensive social-security coverage and was putting into practice the recommendations of the International Labour Organization in order to prevent the social security funds from shrinking in 2025. The government would be introducing changes in the formal retirement age, in rules governing individualization of pensions and would be raising the rate of contribution.
- 41. Representatives of member countries were then invited to take the floor. A project being developed in Costa Rica to streamline retirement prerequisites without affecting the solvency of the pension system was described. Further details were given on the financing modality of the Renta Dignidad in Bolivia, which would be funded with the proceeds of the hydrocarbon tax.

Priority area II: promotion of health and well-being into old age (agenda item 7)

- 42. The panel on health and well-being in old age: trends and outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean was led by Alexandre Kalache, Special Consultant for the World Health Organization's Ageing and Life Course Programme, and Enrique Vega, Regional Advisor on Ageing and Health of the Pan American Health Organization.
- 43. The panellists said that the region's health systems still had not adjusted to the epidemiological change and that there was a transition towards a higher prevalence of chronic diseases as well as an increase in risk factors associated with non-communicable diseases. Countries in the region were at different stages of epidemiological transition, with infectious or contagious diseases associated with substandard living conditions among the general population still persisting. Both speakers advocated adopting measures to prolong life in good health conditions. Lack of access to health-care services and low coverage needed to be addressed; likewise, the lack of human resource training in issues relating to ageing.
- 44. The panellists presenting the topic of health care in old age: advances in quality guaranteed universal coverage in countries of the region were: Mónica Roqué, Director of the National Division for Policies for Older Persons in the Ministry of Social Development of Argentina; Roberto Cino, Director General of the Institute for Social Welfare in the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare of Paraguay; Anselm Hennis of the Faculty of Clinical Medicine and Research of the University of the West Indies, Barbados Campus; Alberto Fernández, Director of the National Division for Care for Older Persons and Social Welfare in the Ministry of Public Health of Cuba and Juan Segundo Del Canto y Dorador, National Officer for the Life Stage: Older Persons in the Ministry of Health of Peru.
- 45. Mónica Roqué said that the National Programme for Home Care being implemented by the Ministry of Social Development of Argentina was a social and health service that provided assistance to older persons needing support in their daily activities. The programme helped to strengthen family ties, favoured integration in the community and promoted labour alternatives in formal employment.
- 46. Roberto Cino said that significant advances had been made in social investment, particularly in the health sector. Legal and administrative institutions had been strengthened, health benefits expanded to include, among other things, the provision of medicines, and social support networks were being built. Further progress was needed; in particular, a larger health-care budget was required as well as efforts to forge closer ties with civil organizations.
- 47. Anselm Hennis said that public policy in Barbados sought to expand health services, adapt the physical environment to the needs of older persons and implement legislation on abuse and discrimination against older persons. Suitable approaches were required in order to address the issue of disability in old age, assess existing measures and step up activities in the area of preventive health care.
- 48. Alberto Fernández said that the comprehensive care programme for older persons in Cuba, which had multidisciplinary health-care teams, provided services free of charge and had island-wide coverage. Complementary services, including senior citizens' circles, day centres for rehabilitation, programmes for the care of elderly persons living alone, relief services for caregivers and schools for caregivers, were all designed to promote ageing in one's own home.
- 49. Juan Segundo del Canto said that older persons in Peru had benefited from advances in oral health and prevention of blindness from cataracts within the framework of policy guidelines for the period

2007-2020 and the implementation of the comprehensive health insurance programme. The outstanding challenges were to achieve national health targets, prepare for new scenarios arising from the demographic and epidemiological transition and reduce health inequalities.

<u>Priority area III: creation of enabling and supportive environments</u> (agenda item 8)

- 50. The panellists discussing enabling and supportive environments: trends and outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean were Sonia Heckadon, Programme Specialist in the Division of Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and Javier Vásquez, Specialist in Human Rights in the Pan American Health Organization.
- 51. The experts pointed to the need to implement efficient systems for monitoring and assessing the situation of older persons as a fundamental precondition for increasing the coverage and quality of policies and programmes intended for that population group. They stressed that a knowledge platform should be created to facilitate South-South support in different areas of intervention. They reaffirmed the importance of adopting a rights-based approach to ageing and discussed the links between human rights, enabling environments and ageing and explained the principal international human rights instruments, as well as mechanisms for protection of those rights in old age.
- 52. In the ensuing discussion, participants said that the rights-based approach should be incorporated in legislation relating to older persons and in policies and programmes implemented for their benefit. Developing more theoretical tools and methodologies was essential in order to put that approach into practice in all relevant actions. The exchange of good practices in dealing with ageing issues should be stepped up. Lastly, further efforts should be made to create a legally binding instrument on the rights of older persons.
- 53. The panellists leading the discussions on discrimination and violence in old age: legislative and programme advances in countries of the region were: Perly Cipriano, Under-Secretary for Promotion and Defence of Human Rights in the Special Human Rights Secretariat of Brazil; Diana Alvarado de Molo, Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Social Development of Panama; Lindy Jeffery, Executive Director of the National Council on Ageing in Belize; Ana Leonor Morales, Director of Comprehensive Care for Older Persons in the National Secretariat of the Family of El Salvador; and Paula Forttes, National Director, National Service for Older Persons of Chile.
- 54. Perly Cipriano spoke of the measures adopted by Brazil to draft legislation and implement a plan of action for addressing the problem of violence against older persons. He said that legislative measures included the Statute on the Rights of Older Persons, whereby mechanisms were created to punish abuse of older persons; at the programme level, the above-mentioned plan addressed all forms of violence against older persons and included the application of measures to raise awareness, training, research, and the creation of institutional infrastructure.
- 55. Diana Alvarado reported on the results of the assessment of elder abuse and of the legal and institutional measures and programmes adopted by the Ministry for Social Development of Panama, which included awareness-building campaigns, legal reforms to the legislation on domestic violence designed to deal with the issue of violence against older persons and legal advice for reporting cases of abuse.
- 56. Lindy Jeffery said that Belize did not have reliable statistics for measuring the actual incidence of abuse against older persons and that no legislation existed that protected that group specifically, although the Domestic Violence Act could be applied in cases where the victim was an older woman. The

governing body worked in conjunction with other social actors to achieve advances in the medium term to control the problem.

- 57. Ana Morales reported on the legal provisions existing in El Salvador to prevent elder abuse, including the Comprehensive Care for Older Persons Act, the Family Violence Act and the Criminal Code. She said that programmes were also being run to assist older persons who had been abandoned, to strengthen family ties and to raise awareness of the problem within the community.
- 58. Paula Forttes provided statistics on elder abuse and on the working methodology being implemented in Chile to reduce its incidence. An inter-sectoral working group had therefore been set up along with a legal subcommittee that had evaluated the drafting of a specific law as well as a proposal for reforms within the existing policy-making framework. Awareness-building, prevention and reporting activities had also been conducted.
- 59. In the debate that followed, different forms of elder abuse were discussed and emphasis was placed on the importance of strengthening family ties in order to prevent situations of violence. It was stressed that alternative instruments needed to be created for cases of older persons that had been victims of domestic violence and, as a result, could not return to live with their relatives.

Application and monitoring of the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (agenda item 9)

- 60. The panellists discussing the challenges for the application and follow-up of the Regional Strategy were: Sandra Huenchuan of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC; Jennifer Rouse, Director of the Division of Ageing in the Ministry of Social Development of Trinidad and Tobago; Amparo Valcarce, Secretary of State for Social Services, Families and Disability in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Spain; José Carlos Baura, Director of the Project on Older Persons, Dependency and Social Services in the Ibero-American Social Security Organization (OISS); Renato Maia Guimarães, President of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (AIGG), Brazil, and Dora Celton, President of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP), Argentina.
- 61. The experts discussed the challenges facing countries of the region in their efforts to apply the Regional Strategy over the following five-year period, in particular those relating to the formulation of public policies, research and international cooperation. They said that a society for all ages and rights-based social protection was the most appropriate conceptual framework for dealing with issues of ageing in the region. Possible niches for research and preparation of studies that might be useful for taking public policy decisions were identified; steps should be taken towards the construction of systems of national indicators for measuring progress in the area of ageing and development. Lastly, international and intergovernmental organizations needed to cooperate more closely in order to respond in a coordinated way to the technical assistance needs and financial aid requirements of the countries of the region.
- 62. They also reported to ECLAC member States on the outcome of the Caribbean Intergovernmental Conference in Follow-up to the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development: Focus on Age, which underscored the impact of ageing in the English-speaking countries as well as on the principal advances and opportunities existing in each of the priority areas of the Regional Strategy.

Other matters: conclusions of the Civil Society Forum (agenda item 11)

63. The representatives of the Regional Forum on Ageing of Civil Society Organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean, held from 1 to 3 December 2007, read out the Carta de Brasilia. They said that the extent to which the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Regional Strategy for its implementation had been applied varied from one country to the other. A broad range of laws and programmes had been put in place, but rigorous studies were needed to determine how well the rules were being applied and what impact government interventions were having. Governments were urged to strengthen existing mechanisms for the protection and respect of the human rights of older persons and to expand forums for the participation of civil organizations in relevant public areas. Participants also affirmed that it was important to have a binding international instrument on the rights of older persons. Lastly, the organizations pledged to continue to work for the well-being of older persons.

Closing session

- 64. At the closing session, statements were made by the Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC and the Chairperson of the Conference. Both speakers thanked those present for their active participation and constructive contributions, and underscored the importance and relevance of the Declaration to be adopted, which the countries in the region would use as a guide in their subsequent work in a spirit of cooperation and exchange of experiences. They drew attention to the work of the Inter-Agency Group on Ageing and, in particular, the United Nations Population Fund. Speaking on behalf of ECLAC, which had served as the secretariat of the meeting, the Director of CELADE thanked the Government of Brazil for its support.
- 65. The representative of Brazil requested that the following paragraph should be included in the report:

"We recognize the importance of treating Alzheimer's and other related diseases as a multidisciplinary public health problem that calls for the commitment of governmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and civil society in order to foster research, training, medical care and measures to support patients and their families."

Report of the Rapporteur

66. The representative of Cuba, in his capacity as Rapporteur, presented an oral report in which he drew attention to the significant level of representation and briefly summed up the proceedings. He commented on the excellent quality of the report presented by the secretariat and of the presentations made by national delegations and experts. He said that the meeting had been proof of the willingness and generosity of participants in sharing their diverse experiences and working practices. He congratulated non-governmental organizations and associations of older persons, highlighting the contribution made by the Civil Society Forum whose representative read out the conclusions adopted at that meeting. Lastly, he commended delegations on the spirit of collaboration they had displayed, which had enabled them to reach a broad consensus on the contents of the Brasilia Declaration.

Consideration and adoption of agreements reached during the Conference (agenda item 10)

67. The Conference adopted by acclamation the Brasilia Declaration, which is presented in annex 1.

Annex 1

BRASILIA DECLARATION

We, the representatives of the countries gathered in Brasilia, Brazil, from 4 to 6 December 2007 at the Second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean: towards a society for all ages and rights-based social protection,

With the purpose of identifying the future priorities for application of the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, responding to the opportunities and challenges posed by the ageing of the population in the coming decades and promoting a society for all ages,

Underscoring the responsibility of Governments, subject to their legal frameworks, to promote and provide basic social and health-care services and facilitate access to them, bearing in mind the specific needs of older persons and the agreements assumed in this document,

With the firm determination to adopt measures at all levels —local, national, subregional and regional—in the Regional Strategy's three priority areas: older persons and development; promotion of health and well-being into old age, and creation of enabling and supportive environments,

Recognizing that ageing is one of humanity's greatest achievements, that in Latin America and the Caribbean the population has been ageing unevenly and that the process is more advanced in some countries than in others, as a result of which the challenges for the State in terms of finding appropriate responses to the changes in the age structure of the population are different,

Bearing in mind that a demographic transformation of such dimensions has far-reaching repercussions on society and public policy and that ageing increases the demand for the effective exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms at all ages,

Highlighting the fact that in order to confront the challenges of ageing, some countries have pressed ahead with the creation and implementation of legislation, policies, programmes, plans and services to improve the living conditions of older persons and that, in comparison with the year 2003, there are new public-policy niches and more interventions in this matter, although situations and achievements still vary considerably from one country, or one subregion, to another,

Underscoring the fact that States have, for some years, been becoming increasingly concerned about the rights of older persons and that this has translated into the creation of legal protection frameworks, although gaps persist in the implementation of such rights and many older persons still lack access to social-security, health or social-service benefits,

Emphasizing that population ageing must not be treated as a matter of relevance only to the current generations of older persons and that it is fundamental to advance towards the construction of more inclusive, cohesive and democratic societies which abhor all forms of discrimination, including age-based discrimination, and to strengthen mechanisms that promote solidarity between generations,

Bearing in mind that ageing can generate disabilities and dependency, which call for comprehensive care services,

Recognizing that the United Nations and its specialized agencies have placed special emphasis on this issue and have stressed the need to expand the coverage and quality of social protection systems in order to protect persons against age-associated risks; and that entitlement to human rights signifies that the subject effectively belongs to the society, since it implies that all citizens, men and women alike, are included in the development dynamic and can enjoy the well-being that it promotes,

Recognizing also the systematic work carried out by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, through the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre–Population Division of the Commission in support of countries in the region that seek to incorporate ageing into their development agendas and to promote opportunities for strengthening technical skills, research and technical assistance to Governments, and expressing appreciation for the support provided by the United Nations Population Fund, the Pan American Health Organization, the International Labour Organization and the Inter-American Development Bank as well as the Ibero-American Intergovernmental Network for Technical Cooperation and the Ibero-American Social Security Organization,

Taking note of the San Salvador Declaration, which was adopted by the First Ladies, Spouses and Representatives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas at the fourteenth conference on the issue "Building a society for all ages",

Having considered the Report on the Application of the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, prepared by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, ¹

- 1. Reaffirm our commitment to spare no effort to promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all older persons, to work to eradicate all forms of discrimination and violence and to create networks for the protection of older persons with a view to the effective exercise of their rights;
- 2. *Promote* dialogue and strategic alliances between Governments, the United Nations system, international and South-South cooperation, civil society –with special emphasis on organizations of older persons– and the private sector, to create awareness of changes in the population structure, especially in terms of the rate of demographic ageing and the economic, health, social and cultural implications;
- 3. *Underscore* the importance of examining thoroughly and comprehensively the effects of migration on the ageing dynamic of the communities of origin, transit and destination of migrants, with special attention to the impact of migration flows on the migrants themselves, their families, community and society, as well as on the economic and social development of countries;
- 4. *Propose* that preventive and health-care measures be adopted to improve access by older persons with disabilities to treatment, care, rehabilitation and support services;
- 5. Take into account the effects of HIV/AIDS on older persons, both in terms of access to prevention, treatment, care and support services and in terms of their valuable contribution in caring for family members suffering from the disease, as well as the role they play as promoters in creating a positive environment, free from any stigma and discrimination against persons with HIV/AIDS;

¹ LC/L.2749(CRE.2/3).

- 6. Support actively the incorporation of the gender perspective in all policies and programmes that take into account the needs and experiences of older persons;
- 7. Reaffirm our commitment to mainstream the issue of ageing and treat it as a priority in all spheres of public policy and programmes and to allocate and take steps to secure human, material and financial resources for achieving the appropriate monitoring and evaluation of the measures put into practice, distinguishing between urban and rural areas and recognizing the intergenerational, gender, race and ethnic perspective in policies and programmes designed for the sectors of the population that are the most vulnerable, whether because of their economic and social status or as a result of humanitarian emergency situations, such as natural disasters or forced displacements;
- 8. *Recognize* the need to strengthen national and international capacities as well as international and South-South cooperation to address the problems of population ageing in the different spheres of human endeavour and public policy;
- 9. *Propose* that studies and research be undertaken to facilitate informed decision-making on the issue of ageing and the preparation of demographic and socio-economic profiles of populations of older persons which enable us to identify gaps in the implementation of human rights and ways of ensuring their full enjoyment and the full and effective participation of older persons in development;
- 10. *Resolve* to do all in our power to expand and improve the coverage of pensions, whether contributory or non-contributory, and to adopt measures to incorporate greater solidarity into our social protection systems;
- 11. *Promote* dignified work, as defined by the International Labour Organization, for all older persons, taking steps to secure and allocate loan support, training and marketing programmes that are conducive to a dignified and productive old age;
- 12. *Recognize* the need to promote equitable access to timely and quality comprehensive health-care services, including, subject to the public policies of each country, access to basic long-term medications for older persons;
- 13. *Propose* that legal frameworks and monitoring mechanisms be created to protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of older persons, whether they live in long-stay facilities or in their own homes, and to facilitate the formulation and enforcement of laws and programmes for the prevention of abuse, abandonment, neglect, ill-treatment and violence against older persons;
- 14. *Propose* humane practices in order to care for and understand older persons holistically, with absolute respect for their human rights and fundamental freedoms, mobilizing national resources to ensure that such care is provided in the context of a meaningful and solidarity-based human relationship;
- 15. Recommend that terminally ill older persons be given palliative care to alleviate their suffering, while support is given to their families, and that professionals demonstrate sufficient sensitivity and competence to perceive such suffering, which calls for palliative measures to control physical and psychosocial symptoms as well as spiritual assistance;
- 16. *Promote* the implementation of initiatives to improve the accessibility of public areas, adapt housing to the needs of multigenerational and older-single-person households and facilitate ageing in the home with measures to support families, in particular women, in caregiving tasks;

- 17. Request the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to adopt timely measures to intensify the activities carried out by the United Nations at the regional level in the area of ageing; request also the Commission to provide technical assistance in terms of information, research and training relating to the issue of ageing and public policies in order to foster and strengthen the efforts made by countries in this respect; and invite the Commission to examine the progress made by countries of the region in applying the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and present its findings to the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development;
- 18. *Promote* access to continuing education and life-long learning at all levels;
- 19. *Encourage* the creation of degree programmes at baccalaureate and master's levels in regional universities in social gerontology and management of geriatric care services, to encourage young adults to build relevant careers in their countries and reduce the exodus of health professionals from the region;
- 20. *Urge* academic centres, scientific societies and networks for cooperation in population, ageing and development to conduct detailed, diversified and expert studies on the issue, and to organize work and discussion meetings to strengthen the research and training agenda relating to ageing, and set up and support centres for study, research and human resource training in this field;
- 21. *Recommend* that older persons be included in the processes of preparation, implementation and monitoring of policies;
- 22. *Request* that older persons be included in activities and conferences scheduled by the United Nations for the next five year-period;
- 23. Request international cooperation agencies to take older persons into account in their policies and projects as part of their measures to assist countries in implementing the commitments set out in the Regional Strategy;
- 24. *Recommend* that account be taken of older persons in the efforts under way to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including those adopted in the Millennium Declaration;
- 25. *Agree to request* the member countries of the United Nations Human Rights Council to consider the possibility of appointing a special rapporteur responsible for the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons;
- 26. *Pledge* to make the necessary consultations with our Governments to promote the drafting of a convention on the rights of older persons within the framework of the United Nations;
- 27. *Invite* persons from all countries and social sectors to individually and collectively join our commitment with a shared vision of equality and the exercise of rights in old age;
- 28. Agree that this Brasilia Declaration constitutes the contribution of Latin America and the Caribbean to the forty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which will be held in February 2008;
- 29. *Express* our gratitude to the Government of Brazil for hosting the second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Departamento de Asuntos Económicos y Sociales en Nueva York/Departament of Economic and Social Affairs, New York (DESA)/Département des affaires économiques et sociales à New York

- Sergei Zelenev, Jefe, Subdivisión de Integración Social de la División de Política y Desarrollo Social/ Chief, Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development

D. Organismos de las Naciones Unidas United Nations bodies Organisations rattachées à l'Organisation des Nations Unies

Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Población (UNFPA)/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)/Fonds des Nations Unies pour la Population (UNFPA)

- Sonia Heckadon, Especialista de Programas y Punto Focal en Población y Desarrollo, División de América Latina y el Caribe del Fondo de Población de las Naciones Unidas (UNFPA)

E. Organismos especializados Specialized agencies Institutions spécialisées

Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT)/Internacional Labour Organization (ILO)/Organisation internationale du travail (OIT)

- Laís Abramo, Directora de la Oficina de la OIT en Brasil

Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación (FAO)/ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations/Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture

- José Tubino, Representante de la FAO en Brasil

Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)/World Health Organization (WHO)/Organisation Mondiale de la Sante (OMS)

- Alexandre Kalache, Consultor Especial, Programa Envejecimiento y Curso de Vida

Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OPS)/Panamerican Health Organization (PAHO)/ Organisation panaméricaine de la Santé (OPS)

- Enrique Vega, Asesor Regional de Envejecimiento y Salud
- Javier Vásquez, Asesor Regional de Derechos Humanos

F. Otras organizaciones intergubernamentales Other intergovernmental organizations Autres organisations intergouvernementales

Organización Iberoamericana de Seguridad Social (OISS)

- José Carlos Baura, Director, Proyecto Personas Mayores, Dependencia y Servicios Sociales en Iberoamérica

G. Panelistas Panellists

- José Luis Machinea, Secretario Ejecutivo de la CEPAL
- Paulo de Tarso Vannuchi, Secretario Especial de los Derechos Humanos, Presidencia de la República de Brasil
- Sergei Zelenev, Jefe, Oficina de Integración Social, División de Política Social y Desarrollo, Departamento de Asuntos Económicos y Sociales (DAES), Naciones Unidas
- Dirk Jaspers_Faijer, Director, Centro Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Demografía (CELADE) –
 División de Población de la CEPAL
- Daniel Titelman, Unidad de Estudios del Desarrollo, División de Desarrollo Económico, CEPAL
- Luis Henrique Da Silva, Coordinador de Estudios sobre Seguridad Social de la Secretaría de Previsión Social, Brasil
- Guillermo Antonio, Director Beneficios FCC-BONOSOL, Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros, Bolivia
- Ernesto Murro, Presidente Banco de Previsión Social, Uruguay
- Fernando Morales, Director General del Hospital Nacional de Geriatría y Gerontología, Caja del Seguro Social, Costa Rica
- Wilbert Marchena, Encargado de Planificación Social, Ministerio de Asuntos Sociales, Aruba
- Alexandre Kalache, Consultor Especial del Programa Envejecimiento y Curso de vida, Organización Mundial de la Salud, Ginebra
- Enrique Vega, Asesor Regional en Envejecimiento, Organización Panamericana de la Salud, Washington
- Mónica Roqué, Directora, Dirección Nacional de Políticas para Adultos Mayores, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social, Argentina
- Roberto Cino, Director del Instituto Nacional de Bienestar Social, Ministerio de Salud, Paraguay
- Anselm Hennis, School of Clinical Medicine & Research, University of the West Indies, Barbados
- Alberto Fernández, Director Nacional de Atención al Adulto Mayor y Asistencia Social, Ministerio de Salud. Cuba
- Juan del Canto y Dorador, Responsable Nacional de la Etapa de Vida Adulto Mayor, Ministerio de Salud
- Javier Vásquez, Especialista en Derechos Humanos, Organización Panamericana de la Salud, Washington

- Perly Cipriano, Subsecretario de Promoción y Defensa de Derechos Humanos, Secretaría Especial de Derechos Humanos, Brasil
- Diana Alvarado de Molo, Viceministra, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social, Panamá
- Lindy Jeffery, Executive Director, National Council on Ageing, Belice
- Ana Leonor Morales, Directora de Atención Integral al Adulto Mayor, Secretaría Nacional de la Familia, El Salvador
- Paula Forttes, Directora Nacional, Servicio Nacional del Adulto Mayor, Chile
- Sandra Huenchuan, Centro Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Demografía (CELADE) División de Población de la CEPAL
- Jennifer Rouse, Director Division of Ageing, Ministry of Social Development, Trinidad y Tabago
- Amparo Valcarce, Secretaria de Estado de Servicios Sociales, Familias y Discapacidad Ministerio del Trabajo y Asuntos Sociales, España
- José Carlos Baura, Director del Proyecto Personas Mayores, Dependencia y Servicios Sociales en Iberoamérica, Organización Iberoamericana de Seguridad Social (OISS), España
- Renato Maia Guimaraes, Presidente de la Asociación Internacional de Gerontología y Geriatría (AIGG), Brasil
- Dora Celton, Presidenta de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Población (ALAP), Argentina

H. Otras organizaciones no gubernamentales Other non-governmental organizations Autres organisations non gouvernementales

Abuelas Plaza de Mayo de Argentina

- Nora Pochtar, Representante Abuelas Plaza de Mayo

Academia Latinoamericana de Medicina Adulto Mayor

- Maria de Lourdes Tellechea

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Estados Unidos

- Jessica Frank López

Caritas

- Christel Wasiek, Asesora en Gerontología, Caritas Alemania
- Muriel Abad, Responsable Programa Adulto Mayor, Caritas Chile

Centro Ecuménico de Capacitación (CEC)

- Lucio Díaz, Director, Chile
- Alejandro Reyes
- Regine Obreque Morales, Chile

Colegio de Gerontólogos de Chile

- Rosa Fuentes, Miembro, Académica

Confederação Brasileira de Aposentados, Pensionistas e Idosos (COBAP)

- Marcos Oliveria
- Wilson Oliveria

Federación Iberoamericana de Asociaciones de Personas Adultas Mayores (FIAPAM)

- Ruth Rivera, Secretaria General
- Janet Black, Miembro Grupo Básico
- Marcelina Palacios de Gómez, Secretaria Nacional, FIAPAM Paraguay
- José Ramón Navarro, Técnico de Proyectos

Fundación Nicaragüense de la Tercera Edad (FUNITE)

- Humberto López, Presidente

Fundación Salvadoreña de la Tercera Edad

- Lila Judith Vega, Directora Ejecutiva

HelpAge Internacional

- James Blackburn, Representante Regional,
- Fiona Clark, Directora Programas y Políticas
- Gustavo Trigo, Oficial de Abogacía y Comunicación
- Pilar Contreras, Help-Age, Coordinadora Proyecto Madrid+5

Red Tiempos de Colombia

- Fabiola Cuellar de Pineros, Presidenta
- Rosa Inés Castaneda

Red Continental Personas Mayores, América Latina y el Caribe

- Edilia Camargo, Secretariado

Red Latinoamericana de Gerontología

- Ximena Romero, Coordinadora

Red Chilena de Programas Adulto Mayor

- Ricardo Adriazola, Miembro Asesor

Sociedad de Geriatría y Gerontología Ecuador

- Juan Vicente Salinas, Presidente

I. Otros invitados Other guests Autres invités

- Edusa César Menezes Araújo Pereira, Brasil, Conselho Diretor do Idoso,
- Maria Alice Machado, Brasil, ANG/RO
- Marta Carvalho Loures, Brasil Vicepresidente do Conselho Estadual do Idosos
- Olga Quiroga Grupo de Defensores de Moradia para Idosos/SP, Brasil
- Zhélide Quevedp Hunter, Representante Prefeitura.Porto Alegre, Brasil
- Corina Villarroel, Coordinadora, Programa Universidad Adulto Mayor, Universidad de Valparaíso, Chile
- Teresa Ibacache, Docente, Universidad de Valparaíso, Chile
- Patricia Ledesma, Docente, Universidad de Valparaíso, Chile

- Víctor Vilche, Subgerente, CCAF Los Andes, Chile
- Flor María Quijada
- María José Giannattei, Asesora Jurídica, Dirección Adulto Mayor
- Verónica Montes de Oca, Investigadora y académica, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- Jaime Cáceres, Perú, Director Ejecutivo, Instituto Peruano de la Pesca y la Minería (IPEMIN)
- José Francisco Nuberg, Oficial de Abogacía y Género, UNFPA, República Dominicana

J. Secretaría Secretariat Secrétariat

Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL)/Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)/Commission économique pour l'Amérique latine et les Caraïbes (CEPALC)

- José Luis Machinea, Secretario Ejecutivo/Executive Secretary
- Laura López, Secretaria de la Comisión/Secretary of the Commission
- Dirk Jaspers, Director, Centro Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Demografía (CELADE) División de Población de la CEPAL/Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC
- Luis Yañez, Asesor Legal/Legal Adviser
- Sandra Huenchan, Centro Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Demografía (CELADE) División de Población de la CEPAL/Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC
- Miguel Villa, Centro Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Demografía (CELADE) División de Población de la CEPAL/Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC
- Paulo Saad, Centro Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Demografía (CELADE) División de Población de la CEPAL/Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC
- Daniel Titelman, Unidad de Estudios del Desarrollo, División de Desarrollo Económico/Special Studies Unit, Economic Development Division

Sede subregional de la CEPAL para el Caribe/ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean

- Karoline Schmid, Oficial de Asuntos Sociales

Oficina de la CEPAL en Brasilia/ECLAC office in Brasilia

- Ricardo Bielschowsky, Oficial de Asuntos Económicos
- Carlos H. Mussi, Oficial de Asuntos Económicos