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**FOLLOW-UP TO THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE WOMEN OF  
 LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, 1995-2001**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 558(XXVI), in which it adopted the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001,

Taking note of General Assembly resolutions 50/203 of 22 December 1995, 51/69 of 12 December 1996, 52/100 of 12 December 1997, 52/231 of 4 June 1998, 53/120 of 9 December 1998 and 54/142 of 17 December 1999 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which emphasized the fundamental role played by the regional commissions in these tasks,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/61 on the implementation of decisions and on integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations international conferences and summits,

Taking into account that, as a subsidiary body of ECLAC, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held its eighth session in Lima and that on that occasion it adopted the Lima Consensus and resolutions on the participation of associate members of regional economic commissions as observers in the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"; participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"; and ECLAC activities relating to regional cooperation for gender mainstreaming,<sup>1</sup>

1. Takes note of the report of the eighth session of the Regional Conference and of the resolutions adopted on that occasion;

2. Approves with satisfaction the Lima Consensus, as set forth in annex 1 to the report of the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, as the region's contribution to the special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", and recommends that technical and financial resources be increased at the national, international, regional and subregional levels in order to accelerate the attainment of gender equity and the full integration of women in the development process, together with their full enjoyment of citizenship within the framework of sustainable development, social justice and democracy.

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<sup>1</sup> See the report of the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.