ECLAC SESSIONAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Annotated provisional agenda
1. **Election of officers**

The rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) provide for the election of a chairperson, two or more vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. As noted in the annotated provisional agenda for the thirtieth session (LC/G.2241(SES.30/2)), it is suggested that the composition of this group of presiding officers and of those of the other committees should be discussed at the meeting of heads of delegation to be held on 28 June 2004. The presiding officers will remain in office until their successors are elected.

As provided in ECLAC resolution 536(XXV) on the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development and paragraph 98 of that Regional Plan of Action (LC/G.1920; LC/DEM/G.159), the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development has final responsibility for the follow-up and review of issues relating to population and development, including the Regional Plan of Action. In addition, during the period between meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Presiding Officers are responsible for coordination, follow-up and review, and are provided with support in these tasks by the ECLAC secretariat, which also acts as its secretariat.

2. **Adoption of the agenda**

The delegations will have before them, for their consideration and approval, the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee. Member countries may make such observations or suggest such modifications as they deem appropriate under the aforementioned rules of procedure.

The provisional agenda was prepared in accordance with the Regional Plan of Action; ECLAC resolutions 536(XXV), 556(XXVI) and 577(XXVIII); and agreements adopted at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development held in Santiago, Chile, on 10 and 11 March 2004.

3. **Report of the Chairperson of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development**

**Reference documents:**

- Report of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (LC/L/2141), Santiago, Chile, 10 and 11 March 2004

- Report of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (LC/G.2182-P, annex 2), 7 May 2002, Brasilia, Brazil

The Chairperson of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will provide a general report on the implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, the execution of the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994) and the activities carried out by the Presiding Officers during the period between May 2002 and June 2004.
The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC will report on the activities carried out by the secretariat between May 2002 and June 2004 and on the priorities which will guide the work of CELADE in the coming months.

The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Division of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will report on activities completed and planned by the Fund in the region within the framework of the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development and key measures for continued follow-up to this Programme of Action.

4. Progress made in Latin America and the Caribbean in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, 10 years after its adoption: presentation of the outcomes of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, 10-11 March 2004)

Reference documents:
- Report of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (LC/L.2141), Santiago, Chile, 10 and 11 March 2004
- Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development: actions undertaken to implement the Programme of Action of the conference in Latin America and the Caribbean, Población y desarrollo series, No. 55 (LC/L.2064/Rev.1-P)
- Report of the Caribbean Subregional Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 10 Years after its Adoption (LC/CAR/G.761)
- La dinámica demográfica en América Latina, Población y desarrollo series, No. 52 (LC/L.2127-P).

As agreed at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers, the Chairperson will report on the outcome of that meeting, at which the steps taken to implement the Programme of Action in Latin America and the Caribbean were examined.

A report will also be presented on the Caribbean Subregional Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 10 Years after its Adoption (Trinidad and Tobago, 11-12 November 2003).
5. Population, ageing and development

Working document:

- Population, ageing and development (LC/G.2235(SES.30/17)

Reference document:

- Population Ageing in the Caribbean: An Inventory of Policies, Programmes and Future Challenges (LC/CAR/G.772/Corr.1)

In accordance with paragraph 78 of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development and with ECLAC resolution 536(XXV), the Ad Hoc Committee is to undertake an analysis of the population situation in the region when it meets during sessions of the Commission. In addition, in view of the practice of the Commission on Population and Development of the United Nations of dealing with a specific substantive issue at each meeting, it was decided, as set forth in ECLAC resolution 590(XXIX), that the Ad Hoc Committee should examine the question of “Population, ageing and development” at its next meeting, and the secretariat was instructed to prepare the necessary substantive documentation.

Accordingly, the secretariat has prepared a document which provides a comprehensive overview of the issue of population ageing as it relates to development based on an analysis of the status of older persons in the region in each of the priority areas identified in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and on a survey of policies and programmes being implemented in this area.


Reference documents:


The secretariat will present a brief report on the results of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing (Santiago, Chile, 19-21 November 2003) and, in particular, on the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, which was adopted on that occasion. In the Strategy, the countries agreed to: “Define, within six months after the end of the present Conference and in accordance with their particular circumstances, the specific targets to be met under each of the objectives contained in the strategy, together with the mechanisms for the follow-up of the policies and programmes they implement. The progress made in this direction will be presented at the meeting of the ad hoc Committee on Population and Development to be held within the framework of the thirtieth session of ECLAC”. This information will be provided under agenda item 7.
7. Presentation of national activities relating to the follow-up of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

Under this agenda item, member countries are expected to report on recent developments in this area. Owing to time constraints, it is suggested that they make very brief presentations on the most important activities that have been carried out in their countries and that they present more detailed written reports for distribution.

8. Round tables:
   (a) Population and poverty
   (b) Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)

Reference documents:

- América Latina y el Caribe: dinámica demográfica y políticas para aliviar la pobreza, Población y desarrollo series, No. 53 (LC/L.2148-P)

- América Latina: los rostros de la pobreza y sus causas determinantes, Población y desarrollo series, No. 54 (LC/L.2149-P)

- HIV/AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, UNFPA

As one of the events organized to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994) and in accordance with the agreement reached at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers held in March 2004, the topics of “population and poverty” and “HIV/AIDS” will be the focus of two round table discussions in which prominent experts are expected to take part. These issues are considered to be of particular importance for the region and are a focus of priority attention in the Millennium Declaration. CELADE and the United Nations Population Fund will circulate reference documents prepared specifically for this event.

9. Other matters

This item provides for the consideration of any other issues which delegations may wish to raise.

10. Conclusions

The report on the meeting of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will be adopted in accordance with ECLAC rules of procedure and will present considerations and recommendations which the Committee considers relevant for the follow-up and implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development as well as for guiding the activities of the secretariat in that field. These considerations and recommendations will be submitted to the Commission for its approval at the plenary meeting.