

**605(XXX) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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,

Recalling further that, since the previous session of the Commission, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean have held the following meetings: the thirty-fourth meeting, in Santiago, Chile, on 5 and 6 September 2002; the thirty-fifth meeting, in Havana, Cuba, on 28 and 29 April 2003; and the thirty-sixth meeting, in Mexico City, on 9 June 2004,¹⁰

Taking into account that, as a subsidiary body of ECLAC, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held its ninth meeting in Mexico City from 10 to 12 June 2004 and that, on that occasion, in compliance with the agreements adopted at the thirty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers, the secretariat presented the document entitled "Roads towards gender equity in Latin America and the Caribbean" and the following issues were examined: (i) poverty, economic autonomy and gender equity, and (ii) empowerment, political participation and institution-building,

1. Takes note of the report of the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;¹¹

2. Reaffirms the Mexico City Consensus and reiterates that that document represents the regional contribution to the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which is scheduled for March 2005.

¹⁰ Report of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1857(MDM.34/3)), 2002.

Report of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1944(MDM.35/4)), 2003.

¹¹ Report of the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. LC/G.2256(CRM.9/6).