

## 617(XXXI) STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, whereby the Council approved the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission,

Bearing in mind that the objectives of the Statistical Conference of the Americas include the preparation of a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the demands of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources,

Taking into account that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its third meeting in Santiago, Chile, from 1 to 3 June 2005, and on that occasion approved the establishment of a strategic plan for 2005-2015, together with a set of priorities and guidelines for its preparation, and a programme of regional statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean for July 2005-June 2007,<sup>1</sup>

Taking into account also that, since the last session of the Commission, the Statistical Conference of the Americas held the following meetings of its Executive Committee: fourth meeting in Dallas, United States, on 30 November and 1 December 2004 and fifth meeting in Mexico City on 14 and 15 November 2005,

Bearing in mind that, on those occasions, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the respective reports,<sup>2</sup>

1. Takes note of the reports of the third meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and of the fourth and fifth meetings of its Executive Committee;

2. Welcomes the decision to establish a strategic plan for the Statistical Conference of the Americas for 2005-2015;

3. Entrusts the Statistical Conference of the Americas with the task of promoting the importance of scaling up to best international practices in terms of the standards of quality, comparability and transparency of national statistics in the region and of using those standards as a basis for fostering a seal of excellence for official statistics among economic agents, social actors, decision-makers, international agencies and other users.

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the third meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2501).

<sup>2</sup> Report of the fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2290); Draft report of the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.