

**645(XXXII) 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 provisions that emphasize the fundamental role played by the regional commissions in these areas, in particular 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, 54/142 of 17 December 1999 and 61/145 of 19 December 2006 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,

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

Taking into account that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, has held its tenth session, which took place in Quito from 6 to 9 August 2007,

Bearing in mind the fact that, on that occasion, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean adopted the Quito Consensus,¹

Taking into account that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, has held three meetings of its Presiding Officers: the thirty-ninth meeting, held in Mexico City on 11 and 12 May 2006; the fortieth meeting, held in Santiago, Chile, on 3 and 4 October 2006; and the forty-first meeting, held in Bogotá on 24 and 25 April 2008,

Bearing in mind that the participants at those meetings adopted a number of agreements that were reflected in the respective reports,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the reports of the thirty-ninth, fortieth and forty-first meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

¹ Report of the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2361(CRM.10/8)).

² Report of the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2599); Report of the fortieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2695); Draft report of the forty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

2. *Underlines* the importance of the Quito Consensus as adopted by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at its tenth session;

3. *Commends* the Executive Secretary for having successfully completed the necessary procedures at United Nations Headquarters to convert the Women and Development Unit into a Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.