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**REPORT OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS
OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Santiago, 7-8 November 2012

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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

1. The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held their forty-eighth meeting on 7 and 8 November 2012 in Santiago.

Attendance¹

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following member countries in their capacity as Presiding Officers: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain and Uruguay.

3. Also in attendance were representatives of the following member countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: France, Honduras, Japan, the Netherlands, Nicaragua and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

4. A representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) also attended the meeting on behalf of the United Nations Secretariat.

5. The following United Nations agencies, funds and programmes were also represented: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

6. Also represented were the following specialized agencies of the United Nations: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

7. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB).

8. Representatives of non-governmental organizations and special guests also attended the meeting.

¹ See annex.

Chair and Rapporteur

9. The Presiding Officers, as elected at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference, were as follows:

<u>Chair:</u>	Brazil
<u>Vice-Chairs:</u>	Antigua and Barbuda
	Argentina
	Barbados
	Chile
	Costa Rica
	Cuba
	Dominican Republic
	Ecuador
	El Salvador
	Guatemala
	Jamaica
	Panama
	Paraguay
	Peru
	Spain
	Trinidad and Tobago
	Uruguay
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mexico

B. AGENDA

10. The Presiding Officers adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report on the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and the thirty-fourth session of the Commission.
3. Report by the secretariat on progress in the preparation of the position paper for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santo Domingo, 14-18 October 2013).
5. Presentation of the report “La población uruguaya y el cuidado: Persistencias de un mandato de género desigual”.

6. Presentation of initiatives undertaken in the region to mainstream the gender perspective.
7. Adoption of agreements.
8. Other matters.

C. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

11. The Chair submitted the provisional agenda for consideration by the delegations, who adopted it without amendment.

Report on the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and the thirty-fourth session of the Commission (agenda item 2)

12. The representative of Brazil briefly presented the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), highlighting the importance of strategies for promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in the sustainable development agenda. She said that Rio+20 had been an opportunity to break away from existing paradigms and seek sustainable alternatives to economic development, while upholding the objective of equality. In addition, the issue of equality and women's rights had been successfully incorporated into the outcome of Rio+20 "The future we want".²

13. The representative of Ecuador gave a summary of the meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and the agreements adopted on that occasion. She referred to the priority issues discussed and said that attention had been drawn to the decrease in rural population owing to migration. Also discussed at the meeting in relation to rural areas was the need to focus public policies on protecting people's rights, especially sexual and reproductive rights. The representative also drew attention to the discussion on the creation of working groups on priority issues within the framework of the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in the second half of 2013.

14. The representative of Brazil gave an overview of the main discussions and outcomes of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission. On that occasion, it had been reiterated that women should not be viewed as a vulnerable group, since they represent half the population. At the session, States had been urged to assume responsibility in strengthening machineries for the advancement of women and in the redistribution of labour in societies to promote women's economic empowerment. The representative also drew attention to resolution 667(XXXIV) on the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially paragraph 3, in which the member States welcomed "agreement 13 of the forty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers to promote South-South cooperation among machineries for the advancement of women in the Latin American and Caribbean countries, for the formulation of policies relating to care, comparative research, and the production, use and analysis of statistics", and

² General Assembly resolution 66/288 [online] <http://www.un.org/en/ga/66/resolutions.shtml>.

666(XXXIV), the San Salvador resolution, which expressed the aim to promote a social covenant by improving social equality, reducing social risks and reinforcing gender mainstreaming in public policies.³

15. Statements were then made by the representatives of Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Spain and Uruguay. The representatives congratulated the Government of Brazil upon its role in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and upon its agency in placing gender equality in the outcome of Rio+20. The Commission was also commended for having created two subsidiary organs, the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies and the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. In this regard, the representatives drew attention to the need to promote the participation of machineries for the advancement of women in the government delegations attending meetings of these subsidiary organs. The representative of Paraguay reported that the country's Secretariat for Women, created 30 years earlier, had been elevated to the rank of Ministry for Women, by decree No. 9.900 under laws 4675 and 34/92, in October 2012. The representative of Uruguay reported on law 18.987 decriminalizing the voluntary interruption of pregnancy, which had been enacted in October 2012.

Report by the secretariat on progress in the preparation of the position paper for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 3)

16. The Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC said that the position document for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean represented a pioneering effort both for ECLAC and for the region, owing to the lack of statistical information disaggregated by sex in the field. She underlined the challenges in the process of mainstreaming the gender perspective in the institutions responsible for the area. Lastly, she drew attention to the collaboration with the Division of Production, Productivity and Management in preparing the position document.

17. Lucía Scuro, Social Affairs Officer of the Division for Gender Affairs then briefly reported on the progress made in the preparation of the position paper for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The countries' comments had been incorporated into the annotated list of contents presented at the forty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of Conference and the work on the document had been planned around four studies. These studies were then presented by Lucía Tumini, consultant, Lucía Pittaluga, consultant, Lucas Navarro, consultant, and Sonia Yáñez, Social Affairs Officer of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC.

18. Lucía Tumini, consultant, presented the first study, a theoretical analysis of gender equality and women's economic empowerment in the information society. She referred to the technology gender gap and noted that, although the data showed an improvement in the past decade in terms of more equitable participation by women in employment, education, resources and access to ICTs, inequality between men and women remained in the region.

19. Lucía Pittaluga, consultant, presented a study on the impact of technologies on women's employment, productivity and well-being. On the basis of an analysis of three case studies in the region, the consultant argued that ICTs can have a positive impact on women's empowerment only to the extent that promotion of the new technologies takes the gender perspective into account. Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Guatemala, Argentina, Mexico, Dominican Republic and Paraguay. They

³ See resolutions adopted by the member States of the Commission at its thirty-fourth session [online] <http://www.cepal.org/pses34/noticias/documentosdetrabajo/2/47912/RESOLUTIONS-ING-final-31AUG-kh.pdf>.

expressed concern over the lack of economic information disaggregated by sex, ethnic identity and age and requested that the capacity for analysis with a gender focus be strengthened in the region. They also noted the importance of linking these discussions with a risk-benefit analysis, taking into account the particular situations of rural, Afro-descendent and indigenous women and women with disabilities.

20. Lucas Navarro, consultant, presented a study on the main gender differences in Internet access and use. He set forth the results obtained by processing data from household surveys conducted in six countries of the region, with a view to exploring the main patterns of gender differences in Internet use. The findings showed that the link between the digital gap by gender and by income was not clear in all the countries analysed.

21. Sonia Yáñez, Social Affairs Officer of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC presented a study on challenges, barriers and achievements in the labour trajectories of women in science and technology in Latin America and the Caribbean. The study looked at factors that either promoted or hindered academic women's trajectories in science and technology. Obstacles included the conflict between academic and care work, the fact that women's reproductive years coincided with the "peak time" of their career, and heavy male predominance in the sciences power structure. In most of the countries educational parity was lost upon entry to the professional arena and advances in education were not reflected in employment.

22. Statements were then made on behalf of IICA and by the representatives of Guatemala and Uruguay. Attention was drawn to the lack of data on rural women and the need to address the issue of masculinities. The importance of digital literacy and of mainstreaming the gender perspective in institutions working in the ICT field was also highlighted.

Preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santo Domingo, 14-18 October 2013) (agenda item 4)

23. The representative of the Dominican Republic, host country of the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women, reported on progress in preparations for the event. The Ministry of Women's Affairs had held meetings with representatives of ECLAC to discuss the event venue, as well as with civil society representatives, who had designated the Centre for Women's Research and Action (CIPAF)⁴ as focal point and representative for the Conference.

24. The Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC referred to the challenge of organizing five regional conferences in 2013 and the need to coordinate efforts to make sure the gender perspective would be mainstreamed into the process. Efforts would be made to ensure greater government representation on the thematic discussion panels at the forthcoming session of the Regional Conference on Women. With regard to the position document, although women's economic empowerment was the backbone of the study, this would be linked in with physical, economic and political autonomy. She urged member countries which had not yet done so to convey the information requested as soon as possible, and proposed that national reports on progress in the implementation of the Brasilia Consensus should be presented online. She also reported that there was a possibility of holding a meeting at the Council of Ministers of Women's Affairs of Central America (COMMCA) in Costa in the first half of 2013, in order to facilitate discussions with the countries of the Caribbean.

⁴ See [online] <http://www.cipaf.org.do/>.

25. Next, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Nicaragua, Uruguay, Argentina, Spain, Guatemala, Brazil, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Peru. The representatives noted the need to commence work on the draft Santo Domingo consensus, conferred a vote of confidence upon the secretariat to prepare the programme of panels to be held at the Conference and urged that names of possible panellists should be suggested to ECLAC. Much importance was attached to the need for active participation by civil society, the agencies responsible for public policies on ICTs, development and youth, and representatives of women's production partnerships and cooperatives. The risks and opportunities of ICTs had to be considered, particularly the risks associated with violence against women, including human trafficking. Preparatory processes should be set in motion within the countries themselves in order to incorporate the gender perspective in the run-up to the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women.

26. Statements were then made by the representatives of WHO, UNFPA, FAO and UNESCO. They proposed coordinating the regional agenda with the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015 and the 20-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing+20). The representatives of FAO suggested that the meeting on rural women to be held in Brazil in 2013 be treated as an opportunity to further preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women. The agencies expressed interest in being involved in the side events of the Conference.

Presentation of the report “La población uruguaya y el cuidado: Persistencias de un mandato de género desigual” (agenda item 5)

27. The consultant Karina Batthyany presented a study on care in Uruguay, which showcased the positive impacts which building a care system could have for income distribution equity, gender equity, the promotion of demographic changes processes, the family and the labour market.⁵

Presentation of initiatives undertaken in the region to mainstream the gender perspective (agenda item 6)

28. Pamela Villalobos, Social Affairs Officer of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, gave a presentation on the strategy for mainstreaming the ECLAC gender perspective. As part of this process, she identified the strategic approaches; results-based management for gender equality; monitoring, oversight and responsibility; capacity-building; knowledge management and dissemination; and human and financial resources.

29. The UN-Women regional representative for Brazil and the Southern Cone presented the document “Transversalización de Género: Una Estrategia para la Transformación”. She commented that the mainstreaming strategy of UN-Women aimed to ensure that the commitments of the whole United Nations system to empowering women and mainstreaming gender would lead to robust results across all spheres of action and at all levels.

30. The representative of PAHO presented a document on progress in monitoring gender equality in health in Latin America and the Caribbean and reported on progress with regard to the gender equality policy adopted in 2005. Among the main recommendations made by the countries was the need to position

⁵ See Karina Batthyany, Natalia Genta and Valentina Perrotta, “La población uruguaya y el cuidado: Persistencias de un mandato de género”, *Mujer y Desarrollo series*, No. 117 (LC/L.353), Santiago de Chile, CEPAL, 2012 [online] <http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/publicaciones/xml/6/48256/P48256.xml&xsl=/tpl/p9f.xsl&base=/mujer/tpl/top-bottom.xslt>.

gender mainstreaming in national health plans and to incorporate health components into gender policy, such as unpaid work in health care, wages and benefits of health workers and sexual harassment policies.

31. The representative of UNFPA presented a report on mainstreaming the gender perspective in the agency, explaining the double approach taken by UNFPA, one the one hand seeking to mainstream gender in all its activities and, on the other, explicitly supporting the components of the programme for empowering women and girls. She referred to the gender indicator being developed by the Fund.

32. The consultant Virginia Guzmán presented a study on mainstreaming the gender perspective in public policies. She drew attention to the linkages between gender institutionalization processes and broader politico-institutional processes, noting that the processes studied were the product of sociopolitical dynamics in which social, political and public stakeholders were involved in various institutional contexts. Gender institutionality within the State was the outcome of political relations, social practices and world views that gained legitimacy in the public domain through processes preceded by political struggle. Progress in mainstreaming gender policies in the State could be seen in the dissemination of new discourses on relations between men and women, the enactment of new laws, the formulation of new rules and the formation of State agencies and networks of interaction between the public, private and social stakeholders making up the public policy space.

33. Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, Ecuador, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Spain and El Salvador. They requested ECLAC to continue with the process of gender mainstreaming within the institution, including placing more women in decision-making positions, and signalled the importance of continuing to mainstream gender in national budgets. They also drew attention to the increase in women present at different levels of all branches of the State. The representative of Mexico said that the partnerships forged with key actors and the synergies thus generated were vital and had enabled Mexico to build a platform for promoting gender mainstreaming and to develop an institutional framework underpinned by the following basic dimensions: planning, monitoring and evaluation, budgeting, harmonization of legislation, an institutional culture, building professional gender capacities and communication. The representative of Costa Rica reported that the executive president of the National Women's Institute (INAMU) had been elevated to Minister for the Status of Women, thus enabling an impact at the highest level of decision-making. The representative of Brazil highlighted the ratification of ILO Convention 189 on domestic workers. The representative of El Salvador reported that the country's law on equality, equity and elimination of discrimination against women (decree no. 645) had recently been amended to highlight the principle of gender mainstreaming in all State institutions and drew attention to the project Ciudad Mujer, which provided services for women in education, economic autonomy, prevention and treatment in relation to violence and sexual and reproductive health. The representative of Paraguay announced the recent enactment of comprehensive legislation against human trafficking. The representative of Uruguay referred to the progress made in the care system and the new covenant to eliminate violence against women. The representative of Argentina reported that article 132 of the country's penal code, on sexual abuse, had recently been amended to eliminate the provision for a possible compromise between the victim and the accused. In general, the representatives requested ECLAC to exercise its good offices vis-à-vis the Commission on the Status of Women with a view to having the agreements of the Regional Conference on Women and the information generated by the Observatory for Gender Equality in Latin America and the Caribbean included in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission.

34. There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close.

D. ADOPTION OF AGREEMENTS

35. At their forty-eighth meeting, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed as follows:

1. *To congratulate* the Commission on the creation of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies and the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean as new subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, whose thematic agendas are shared by the Presiding Officers and to encourage participation by the national machineries for the advancement of women in the region in the Government delegations that will be attending the sessions of those bodies;
2. *To endorse* the agreements adopted by the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development at its meeting in Quito in July 2012;
3. *To ensure* that a close relationship is maintained with the machineries for the advancement of women in the region and that the latter participate in the forthcoming session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
4. *To commend* the secretariat on the plan for the position paper of the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which ties in economic empowerment, gender equality and the new information and communications technologies with the three forms of autonomy for women, to recognize the progress made in preparing the paper and to request the secretariat to incorporate in the paper the observations made by the Government representatives participating in the meeting;
5. *To approve* the outline for organization of the work of the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean presented by the secretariat of the Commission;
6. *To include* in the framework for the session of the Regional Conference presented by the secretariat a round table which will tie in the regional agenda with the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015, the 20-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing+20) and the 20-year review of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo+20);
7. *To give* the secretariat a vote of confidence to enable it to draw up a programme whereby preference will be given to Government representatives in discussion panels;
8. *To adopt* the modality of online presentation for national reports on follow-up activities to the Brasilia Consensus, on dates which the secretariat will announce in due course;
9. *To reaffirm agreement 15* adopted at their forty-seventh meeting to “ensure the participation of all stakeholders involved in the agenda of the Conference, specifically that of civil society and of agencies responsible for public policies relating to information and communications technologies and development and to promote the integration of these sectors”, as well as the participation of Government agencies with responsibility for public policies on youth;
10. *To include* representatives of women’s producer associations and cooperatives in their national delegations;

11. *To reaffirm* agreement 17 adopted at their forty-seventh meeting, which requires the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to suggest “the names of competent persons in each country who might be willing to participate in panels at the next session of the Regional Conference” and to set 31 January 2013 as the deadline for compliance;
12. *To hold* discussions on the position paper and on the preliminary draft of the Santo Domingo consensus at a preparatory meeting in the Caribbean in the first half of 2013; at the meeting of Council of Ministers for Women’s Affairs of Central America (COMMCA) in Costa Rica, also in the first half of 2013; and at a meeting to be held within the framework of the Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities on Women of MERCOSUR;
13. *To welcome* the offer by the Government of the Dominican Republic to send a preliminary draft of the Santo Domingo consensus to launch the discussions;
14. *To welcome* the secretariat’s proposal that the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean should meet only once in 2013, given the number of meetings already scheduled for that year which will be of interest to the machineries for the advancement of women in the region;
15. *To welcome* the interest in conducting side events, expressed by bodies in the United Nations system, including the United Nations Population Fund, the Pan American Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organization;
16. *To welcome* the invitation from the Ibero-American Secretariat to attend the fourth Ibero-American Conference on Gender within the framework of the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government;
17. *To thank* the Dominican Republic, in its capacity as host country, for the report presented by its representative on the preparations being made for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference and to express appreciation for the advances made, in particular in appointing the Centre for Women's Research and Action (CIPAF) as the focal point of the civil society organizations;
18. *To work actively* with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in disseminating information on the twelfth session of the Regional Conference, which will be held in Santo Domingo, from 14 to 18 October 2013;
19. *To underscore* the importance of including economic and social policy specialists in the delegations to the twelfth session of the Regional Conference, since only by combining economic, production, social and environmental policies will it be possible to address the challenges of equality;
20. *To welcome* the proposal by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to consider the meeting on rural women which will be held in Brazil in March 2013 as a preparatory meeting for the Regional Conference;
21. *To step up* cooperation efforts between countries in order to provide technical assistance and transmit knowledge and experience on fair policies;

22. *To take* the necessary steps to compile economic information disaggregated by sex and ethnic origin and to strengthen capacities for analysis with a gender perspective, drawing especially on sources such as economic censuses, industry surveys, and business directories and registries, and to strengthen ties with the national statistical offices in the countries of the region; to this end, to request the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean to collaborate with the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC;
23. *To request* the national agencies responsible for policies relating to science and information and communications technologies (ICTs) to mainstream the gender perspective into their sectoral policies and participate in the session as part of their countries' official delegations, bearing in mind the issues to be discussed in 2013 at the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the need to engage the major ICT stakeholders;
24. *To highlight* the importance of coordinating the debates on information and communications technologies with issues relating to the economic, physical and political autonomy of women and of analysing their risks and benefits, bearing in mind the special circumstances of rural women, women of Afro-descendent and first nation groups and women with disabilities;
25. *To request* the secretariat of the Commission to consider including in the schedule of the fourth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in 2013, a slot for presenting to the national delegations the issues and activities of the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women;
26. *To encourage* efforts to strengthen the capacity of the machineries for the advancement of women to influence institutional public-policy frameworks;
27. *To strengthen* coordination with ministries of foreign affairs and Government representatives in international and regional forums for furthering women's rights and gender equality in economic discussion meetings on development and the environment and to promote participation by the machineries for the advancement of women in these spheres;
28. *To recognize* the fundamental role played by women's, feminist and human rights movements in fostering debate and policies on gender equality and to urge the countries to engage their organizations in preparatory debates and include them in their delegations to the conferences;
29. *To request* the Commission to appoint more women to decision-making positions, in follow-up to the process of gender-mainstreaming launched at the fortieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean by virtue of the adoption of agreement 9, by which the secretariat was requested "to convey the resolve of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean to the competent organs of the United Nations to have a Division of Women and Gender within the Commission";
30. *To urge* the national machineries for the advancement of women to pursue initiatives to mark the International Day of Non-Violence and to involve social and Government actors in efforts to promote those activities and to increase the visibility of all forms of violence against women with a view to their prevention;

31. *To instruct* ECLAC to approach the Commission on the Status of Women and to urge the latter to incorporate, at its fifty-seventh session on the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girl children, the agreements adopted by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the information generated by the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, and to highlight the results in the high-level panels and the conclusions reached;
32. *To congratulate* the Government of Brazil on its work in organizing the International Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and to recognize its valuable contribution to the preparation of the outcome document;
33. *To express* their appreciation to María del Rocío García Gaitán, outgoing President of the National Women's Institute and thank her for her valuable collaboration and innumerable contributions to gender equality in Mexico and across the region;
34. *To express* their solidarity with the people and women of Cuba and the Caribbean for the consequences of Hurricane Sandy and with those of Guatemala for the earthquake that struck on 7 November 2012.

Annex

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