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Thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference on Women in
Latin America and the Caribbean

Mexico City, 11 and 12 May 2006

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). It brings together Government representatives to analyse the fulfilment of international and regional agreements on gender equality.

The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference meeting in Mar del Plata, Argentina, in September 2005, agreed to convene their thirty-ninth meeting in the first half of 2006 and to accept the Government of Mexico's offer to host that gathering.

This meeting of the Presiding Officers will focus on the analysis of policies designed to strengthen the institutional stature of national gender machineries and ensure their sustainability, as well as challenges relating to the fulfilment of the Mexico City Consensus, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and other international commitments on gender equality.

B. ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have the following provisional agenda before them for adoption or amendment (LC/L.2511(MDM.39/1)):

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report on activities carried out by member countries and the ECLAC secretariat since the thirty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers (September 2005)
3. Analysis of national experiences regarding mainstreaming of the gender perspective in public policies and the sustainability of gender machineries
4. Activities in preparation for the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
5. Adoption of agreements
6. Other matters

2. Report on activities carried out by member countries and the ECLAC secretariat since the thirty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers (September 2005)

(a) The secretariat will examine the agreements adopted at the thirty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers (Mar del Plata, 7 and 8 September 2005) and will report on follow-up to them. The secretariat will also present the reference documents.

(b) The Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference will refer to the thirty-first session of ECLAC, held in Montevideo, Uruguay from 20 to 24 March 2006. The secretariat will present the position paper of the session entitled “Shaping the Future of Social Protection: Access, Financing and Solidarity”.

(c) The representative of Cuba will refer to the participation of the countries of the region in the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 27 February to 10 March 2006).

(d) Representatives of member countries who are serving as Presiding Officers will be offered the floor in relation to the foregoing items and will report on activities carried out at the national and regional levels to ensure the implementation of the Mexico City Consensus.

Working documents

- Written reports of the member countries whose representatives are serving as Presiding Officers

3. Analysis of national experiences regarding mainstreaming of the gender perspective in public policies and the sustainability of gender machineries

(a) A panel of specialists will address the topic “Women’s offices: sustainability challenges”.

(b) Discussion and comments.

(c) Agencies of the United Nations System will report on completed activities conducted in relation to the development and institutional stature-building of national gender machineries.

Working documents

- Papers by specialists invited to participate in the panel
- Written reports of member organizations of the United Nations System

4. Activities in preparation for the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

(a) The Presiding Officers will decide upon the place and date of the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

(b) The Presiding Officers will consider a proposal by the secretariat on substantive issues that may serve to guide the work of the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, with a view to expediting the implementation of the Mexico City Consensus and strengthening the social equity agenda of the countries of the region.

(c) The Presiding Officers will set out their future activities.

5. Adoption of agreements

Member countries whose representatives are serving as Presiding Officers will consider and adopt agreements at the thirty-ninth meeting.

6. Other matters

Under this item, delegations may raise any other matters they deem to be relevant.

C. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Agenda item 2

- Report of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2430(MDM.38/4))
- Executive summary of the regional study “The right to be free from violence: situation in Latin America and the Caribbean. Challenges and proposals” (DDR/1)
- Shaping the Future of Social Protection: Access, Financing and Solidarity (LC/G.2294 (SES.31/3))
- Resolutions adopted at the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (when published)
- Resolutions adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) at its thirty-first session (DDR/2)
- Las metas del Milenio y la igualdad de género. El caso de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela, *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 73 (LC/L.2377-P)
- Las metas del Milenio y la igualdad de género. El caso de Guatemala, *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 74 (LC/L.2378-P)
- Buenas prácticas para la erradicación de la violencia doméstica en la región de América Latina y el Caribe, *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 75 (LC/L.2391-P)
- Un marco de análisis para el fomento de las políticas de desarrollo productivo con enfoque de género, *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 77 (LC/L.2437-P)
- Destinatarios y usos de remesas. ¿Una oportunidad para las mujeres salvadoreñas? *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 78 (LC/L.2455-P)
- Report of the thirteenth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2513)

Agenda item 3

- Redes y institucionalización en Ecuador. Bono de desarrollo humano, *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 76 (LC/L.2405-P)
- Roads towards gender equity in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2114/Rev.1)
- Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean and other regional consensuses (LC/G.2239/Rev.1)