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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have the provisional agenda (LC/L.1198(MDM.28/1)) before them, for consideration and adoption with any changes they may deem appropriate.

2. Review of the activities of the Presiding Officers and of the ECLAC secretariat since the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers

(a) The States members of ECLAC represented by the Presiding Officers will report on the activities carried out at the national and subregional levels since the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers in compliance with the mandates contained in the Regional Programme of Action and the agreements adopted at that meeting,¹ in particular subparagraphs 37.2 and 37.3 concerning the standard format for presentation of country reports developed and distributed by the ECLAC secretariat.

(b) The secretariat will report on the activities carried out during the period under review, especially the development of a system of gender indicators for the follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women; the preparation of the *Social Panorama of Latin America, 1998*; the technical meetings held in the Caribbean subregion; the projects which are being conducted in Mexico and Central America; and the start-up of phase two of the project on mainstreaming the gender perspective in the substantive work of ECLAC.

¹ ECLAC, Report of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1188(MDM.27/4)), Santiago, Chile, 31 March 1999, paragraph 37.

Reference documents

- Guía para la presentación de los informes orales y escritos de los países miembros. ECLAC, April 1999.
- Indicadores de género para el seguimiento y la evaluación del Programa de Acción Regional para las Mujeres de América Latina y el Caribe, 1995-2001 y de la Plataforma de Acción de Beijing (LC/L.1186), ECLAC, Santiago, Chile, May 1999.
- *Social Panorama of Latin America, 1998* (LC/G.2050-P).
- Report of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1188(MDM.27/4)).

3. Follow-up to major United Nations world conferences and summits, activities of other intergovernmental organizations, provisions concerning gender mainstreaming and agreements adopted concerning the advancement of women

Bearing in mind that the Presiding Officers agreed, at their twenty-sixth meeting, to “identify important international forums appropriate for follow-up to the agreements adopted at conferences and summit meetings organized by the United Nations ...”,² and, at their twenty-seventh meeting, “to keep the ECLAC secretariat informed about meetings addressing women’s issues” that are attended by representatives of member countries serving as Presiding Officers:³

(a) The delegations of Cuba and Argentina will report on the Latin American Seminar on Offices responsible for Women’s Affairs, held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from 6 to 8 April 1999;

(b) The delegation of Argentina will report on the Meeting of Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean and of the European Union, which will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 28 and 29 June 1999, and, in particular, on the policy paper prepared by the working group on women and the gender perspective at the fifth meeting of the Preparatory Committee and third meeting of the Thematic Committee;

(c) The delegations of Cuba and Chile will report on the Meeting of Ibero-American Ministers and Officials with Responsibility for Equal Opportunities, held from 2 to 4 May 1999 in Lisbon, Portugal, to study the global economic crisis and women’s rights.

² ECLAC, Report of the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1133(MDM.26/3)), Santiago, Chile, 30 September 1998, subparagraph 29(b).

³ ECLAC, Report of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers..., *op.cit.*, subparagraph 37.5.

Reference document

- “Documento político”, the final version of the policy paper adopted on 16 December 1998 by the working group on women and gender for presentation at the Meeting of Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean and of the European Union.
4. Activities of the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-third session, in particular the follow-up to the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, adoption of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”

The delegations of Mexico and Chile will review the activities carried out by the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-third session in March 1999. This review will be followed by an analysis of the decisions adopted, especially those relating to government mechanisms for the advancement of women and women’s health established in follow-up to the Platform for Action, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”.

Reference document

- Resolutions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-third session.
5. Report on the activities of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations

At their twenty-sixth meeting, the Presiding Officers and the representatives of specialized agencies, other bodies within the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations in attendance recognized the value of having the latter organizations increase their participation in future meetings to enable them to keep abreast of activities in follow-up to the summits and world conferences of the United Nations and the development of indicators for measuring fulfilment of the relevant agreements. This decision was subsequently endorsed in an agreement adopted at the sixth inter-agency meeting.⁴

The representatives of the specialized agencies and other bodies within the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations will report on the commitments made at their seventh meeting, to be held on the eve of the meeting of Presiding Officers, especially with respect to the preparations for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the special session of the General Assembly.

⁴ ECLAC, Report of the sixth meeting of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system on future activities to promote the integration of women into Latin American and Caribbean development (LC/L.1134), 24 July 1998.

6. Activities preparatory to the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, first half of 2000)

The ECLAC secretariat will present for consideration by the Presiding Officers guidelines for analysis of the two topics selected for consideration at the eighth session of the Regional Conference: (a) gender equity and (b) human rights, peace and violence. These two topics come under the theme, "Gender equity: the foundation for a just and equitable society", which was selected at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers.⁵

In keeping with the working procedure used for the organization of the seventh session of the Regional Conference, the Presiding Officers will designate the countries responsible for presenting the selected topics and will assign the responsibilities for their analysis.⁶

The delegation of Peru, the country which is to host the next session of the Regional Conference, will report on the preparatory activities being carried out in that country.

Reference documents

- Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (LC/G.1855).
- Equidad de género para America Latina y el Caribe en los albores del siglo XXI. Lineamientos para la discusión. ECLAC, May 1999.
- Derechos humanos y paz para America Latina y el Caribe en los albores del siglo XXI. Lineamientos para la discusión. ECLAC, May 1999.

7. Planned activities of the Presiding Officers and of the ECLAC secretariat

Once the procedures for the organization of the work of the eighth session of the Regional Conference have been determined and responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the relevant documents and reports has been assigned, the Presiding Officers will select the preparatory activities to be carried out prior to the next meeting of Presiding Officers, to be held in the second half of 1999 in Santiago, Chile.⁷

The Presiding Officers will set the date for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

8. Other matters

The representatives may raise other matters of interest to their countries.

⁵ ECLAC, Report of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers..., op. cit., paragraph 37.6.

⁶ Ibid., subparagraph 37.9.

⁷ Ibid, paragraph 37.15.