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Santiago, Chile, 11-12 November 1999

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The provisional agenda (LC/L.1254(MDM.29/1)) will be submitted to the representatives for their consideration and subsequent adoption following the incorporation of any modifications they may deem appropriate.

2. **Review of the activities of the Presiding Officers and of the ECLAC secretariat since the twenty-eighth 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-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers in compliance with the mandates contained in the Regional Programme of Action and the agreements reached at the twenty-seventh meeting, especially those set forth in subparagraphs 37.2 and 37.3¹ concerning the standard format for the presentation of country reports that has been developed and distributed by the ECLAC secretariat.
- (b) The secretariat will report on the activities carried out during the period under review, in particular the conclusions reached at the meeting of experts on gender indicators and public policy; the progress made by the project on gender mainstreaming in the substantive work of ECLAC and in sectoral ministries; the study being conducted on gender equity based on an analysis of household surveys; the status of human rights and legislation on gender equity in Latin America and the Caribbean; the start-up of the project on natural disasters and gender; the projects being executed at the subregional headquarters 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)), paragraph 37.

located in Mexico City and Port-of-Spain; the conclusions reached at the Latin American and Caribbean Symposium on Older Persons as they relate to women; an appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development; trends relating to the status of women in the labour markets of the region; gender, race and ethnicity; public safety and violence against women; and the results obtained since the construction of the ECLAC Website.

Background documents

- Guidelines for the presentation of oral and written reports of the member countries
- Preliminary report of the meeting of experts on gender indicators and public policy (Santiago, Chile, 21-22 October 1999) (Spanish only)
- Preliminary version of the report of the ECLAC/GTZ project on gender mainstreaming in the substantive work of ECLAC and in sectoral ministries (Spanish only)
- Susana Chiarotti, "La situación jurídico-social de las mujeres a cinco años de Beijing. El panorama regional" (preliminary version)
- CELADE - Population Division of ECLAC, Open-ended Meeting of Presiding Officers of the ECLAC Sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, "Latin America and the Caribbean: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development" (LC/DEM/G.184)
- Irma Arriagada and Lorena Godoy, *Seguridad ciudadana y violencia en América Latina: diagnóstico y políticas en los años noventa*, Políticas sociales series, No. 32 (LC/L.1179-P)

3. Follow-up to major United Nations world conferences and summits, activities of other intergovernmental organizations, provisions relating to gender mainstreaming, agreements adopted concerning the advancement of women and the arrangements being made by the Economic and Social Council regarding activities in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

- (a) Bearing in mind that at their twenty-sixth meeting the Presiding Officers agreed 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 that at their twenty-seventh meeting they agreed to “keep the ECLAC secretariat informed about meetings addressing women’s issues”³ that are attended by representatives of member countries serving as Presiding Officers:

- (i) The delegation of Paraguay will present the report of the fourth meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Government Offices for Women (San José, Costa Rica, 28-30 July 1999).
- (ii) The delegation of Chile will report on the results of the subregional meeting in follow-up to the Beijing Platform for Action held by government agencies concerned with women’s affairs and organizations of civil society of the countries of the Southern Cone and Brazil (Montevideo, Uruguay, 15 October 1999).

Background document

- Report of the subregional meeting in follow-up to the Beijing Platform for Action held by government agencies concerned with women’s affairs and organizations of civil society of the countries of the Southern Cone and Brazil (Montevideo, Uruguay, 15 October 1999) (Spanish only)
- (b) Bearing in mind that at their twenty-eighth meeting the Presiding Officers agreed to “examine, at the next meeting of the Presiding Officers, the outputs of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council devoted to the consideration of the theme ‘The role of employment and work in poverty eradication: the empowerment and advancement of women’”,⁴ the delegation of Mexico will report on the subject.

Background documents

- United Nations, Report of the Economic and Social Council for 1999 (A/54/3)
- United Nations, Economic and Social Council, “The role of employment and work in poverty eradication: the empowerment and advancement of women” (E/1999/L.21)
- (c) The ECLAC secretariat will report on the arrangements being made by the Economic and Social Council regarding activities in preparation for the special

² 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)/Rev.1), Santiago, Chile, subparagraph 29(b).

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

⁴ Report of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1235(MDM.28/3)), subparagraph 46.19.

session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”.

4. 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 of the Regional Conference and the representatives of specialized agencies, other bodies within the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations in attendance recognized the importance of having the latter organizations participate more fully in future meetings so that they could keep abreast of activities conducted in follow-up to summits and world conferences of the United Nations. This decision was subsequently endorsed in an agreement adopted at the sixth inter-agency meeting.⁵ In accordance with the wishes of the Governments as expressed in subparagraph 46.5 of the report of the twenty-eighth meeting of Presiding Officers, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system will submit written reports on their activities to the Presiding Officers. These reports will also be presented orally.⁶

The representatives of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and of other intergovernmental organizations will also report on the commitments made at the eighth inter-agency meeting, to be held during the two days immediately preceding the meeting of the Presiding Officers, particularly as they relate to the preparations for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the forthcoming special session of the General Assembly.

5. Activities preparatory to the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, Peru, 8-10 February 2000)

- (a) The secretariat will submit a preliminary version of the document entitled “The challenge of gender equity and human rights on the threshold of the twenty-first century” (DDR/1) to the Presiding Officers. This document will present an analysis of the two topics selected for consideration at the eighth session of the Regional Conference: gender equity; and human rights, peace and violence.⁷
- (b) The countries assigned the responsibility of preparing presentations on the topics selected for the eighth session (Cuba and Mexico: gender equity; Barbados and Chile: human rights, peace and violence) will report on the progress made in drafting those documents.

⁵ 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), paragraph 11.

⁶ Report of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers..., *op. cit.*, subparagraph 46.5.

⁷ Report of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers..., *op. cit.*, subparagraph 37.6.

- (c) The ECLAC secretariat will report on the results of the third Caribbean Ministerial Conference on Women: review and appraisal of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 5-7 October 1999) and of the Central American preparatory meeting for the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (San Salvador, El Salvador, 11-12 October 1999).
- (d) The Presiding Officers and the ECLAC secretariat will report on the national, subregional and regional preparatory activities being carried out at the level of civil society.
- (e) The delegation of Peru, the country which is to host the forthcoming session of the Regional Conference, will report on the preparatory activities being carried out at that venue.
- (f) The Presiding Officers will review and approve the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Regional Conference.

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

The Presiding Officers will select the preparatory activities for the eighth session of the Regional Conference as they deem necessary.

7. Other matters

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