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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

As provided in resolution 536(XXV) of 1994 of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), entitled “Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development”, and paragraph 98 of that Regional Plan of Action (LC/G.1920; LC/DEM/G.159), the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development has ultimate responsibility for the follow-up and review of issues relating to population and development, including the Regional Plan of Action. In addition, between its meetings the Ad Hoc Committee delegates to its Presiding Officers the oversight of coordination, follow-up and review of the Plan, with support from the secretariat.

In accordance with ECLAC resolution 604(XXX) of 2004, the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development is the intergovernmental body responsible for follow-up to the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and, pursuant to ECLAC resolution 615(XXXI) of 2006, the Committee has been called upon to follow up the issue of international migration.

In resolution 657(XXXIII) of 2010, adopted by ECLAC at its thirty-third session, the member States took note of the agreements on population and development adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee at its meeting in Santiago in 2010. These agreements recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee should analyse the subject of population, territory and sustainable development at its regular meeting in 2012, and requested that the secretariat undertake a series of activities during the period 2010-2012 to follow up the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Brasilia Declaration. The agreements also explicitly requested that priority continue to be afforded to various population and development issues, and that the Ad Hoc Committee should incorporate in the agendas of its regular meetings regional follow-up to the issues of indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations in Latin America, in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, adopted by General Assembly resolution 61/295 of 13 September 2007, and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance held in 2001.

In accordance with that mandate, the secretariat drafted a document entitled “Population, Territory and Sustainable Development”, which will be presented and examined during the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee. CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC has also strengthened its technical support for the implementation of the recommendations of the Brasilia Declaration and has carried out a number of activities in relation to international migration and development and indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations in Latin America, with support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA) and other agencies of the United Nations system. Its programme of work has also continued to give priority to a range of other issues, with a gender perspective: status, determining factors and consequences of population trends; population dynamics, equity and poverty; ageing; internal migration; training in demography and population and development, the 2010 round of population and housing censuses and vital statistics; youth; and sexual and reproductive health with an emphasis on rights and early maternity.

This meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee will address the activities carried out in the areas mentioned in the above paragraphs and delegations will have the opportunity to report on national experiences, progress and planned actions in the framework of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Brasilia Declaration, and to offer their views on the theme “Population, territory and sustainable development” and the Programme of Action of

the International Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean beyond 2014. This will also be the occasion for defining priority activities in the framework of population, territory and sustainable development during the next two years.

1. Place and date

The meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will take place in Quito from 4 to 6 July 2012.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to review and follow up on population and development matters, including the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, the Regional Plan of Action and the Brasilia Declaration; indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations in Latin America; international migration; and the 2010 round of population and housing censuses.

3. Thematic areas

The reference framework for the issues to be addressed at the meeting will include the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development of 1994, the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development of 1996, the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing of 2003 and the Brasilia Declaration of 2007.

The provisional agenda was prepared in accordance with ECLAC resolutions 536(XXV), 556(XXVI) and 657(XXXIII).

Discussions during the meeting will be held in plenary and will be organized under four thematic areas:

- Reports on the period 2010-2012 and the outlook for 2012-2014
- Population, territory and sustainable development
- Follow-up to the Cairo Programme of Action up to 2014 and beyond, and to the Brasilia Declaration
- Panel discussions on priority activities in the framework of population, territory and sustainable development

4. Organization of work

The first day will begin with the election of officers and the adoption of the agenda for the meeting. During the following session, "Population, territory and sustainable development", the document prepared by the secretariat will be presented and discussed. Next, reports will be given by the Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee, the secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). A report will also be given on the Third Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San José in May 2012.

The session immediately following will consist of a general discussion on national experiences regarding population and development matters. Here, the States members of the Commission will report on progress made at the national level in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Brasilia Declaration, and put forward their views on the theme “Population, territory and sustainable development” and the Cairo Programme of Action beyond 2014. This discussion will continue into the morning of the second day.

Immediately afterwards, three of the panel discussions on specific issues relating to population, territory and development will take place. The three scheduled for the second day are: population, territory and sustainable development in the Caribbean; investing in youth: gaps in universal access to sexual and reproductive health care; and indigenous peoples, territory and sustainable development.

The final two panel discussions —on territory and public policies, and on population and rural development— will take place on the third day. This will be followed by reports on follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo+20) and the incomplete agenda relating to Millennium Development Goal 5. Following this, a high-level round table will be held with Government authorities of member States and representatives of international organizations, who will discuss the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 in Latin America and the Caribbean. Lastly, other population and development issues will be discussed and the meeting will conclude with the adoption of the agreements to be presented for consideration at the thirty-fourth session of ECLAC, which will take place in San Salvador, from 27 to 31 August 2012.

5. Documentation

In accordance with resolution 657(XXXIII), the secretariat is responsible for preparing the substantive documents for meetings of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development. In fulfilment of that mandate, the secretariat has prepared a series of documents that will guide the discussions on the issues to be addressed.

Working documents:

- Population, Territory and Sustainable Development (LC/L.3474(CEP.2/3))
- Population, Territory and Sustainable Development. Summary (LC/L.3475(CEP.2/4))
- Reflections on the population and development agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean beyond 2014 (LC/L.3481(CEP.2/5))

Reference documents:

- Report of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (LC/G.2465(CEP.2010/6))
- Report on the activities of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) - Population Division of ECLAC for the period 2010-2012 (LC/L.3482)
- Contribuciones de la CEPAL para el seguimiento e implementación de la Declaración de Brasilia 2010-2012 (DDR/4)
- Contribuciones de la CEPAL en el campo de la migración internacional desde los derechos humanos y el desarrollo. Informe de actividades 2010-2012 (DDR/3)

- Contribuciones de la CEPAL en los temas de pueblos indígenas y poblaciones afrodescendientes 2010-2012 (DDR/2)
- El apoyo de la CEPAL a los censos de 2010 (DDR/1)
- Draft report of the Third Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean (DDR/5)

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the meeting.
3. Population, territory and sustainable development.
4. Reports on the period 2010-2012 and the outlook for 2012-2014.
5. General discussion on national experiences regarding population and development matters.
6. Panel discussions on priority activities in the framework of population, territory and sustainable development.
 - Panel 1: Population, territory and sustainable development in the Caribbean
 - Panel 2: Investing in youth: gaps in universal access to sexual and reproductive health care
 - Panel 3: Indigenous peoples, territory and sustainable development
 - Panel 4: Territory and public policies
 - Panel 5: Population and rural development
7. Report on follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo+20) and the incomplete agenda relating to Millennium Development Goal 5.
8. Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean beyond 2014.
9. Other matters.
10. Adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers

The ECLAC rules of procedure (LC/G.1403/Rev.6) provide for the election of a chair, two or more vice-chairs and a rapporteur. It is suggested that the composition of this group of presiding officers should be discussed at the meeting of heads of delegation to be held on 4 July 2012 prior to the inaugural session of the Ad Hoc Committee. The presiding officers will remain in office until their successors are elected.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the meeting

The delegations will have before them, for their consideration and approval, the provisional agenda (LC/L.3472(CEP.2/1)) prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee. Member countries may make such observations or suggest such modifications as they deem appropriate under the aforementioned rules of procedure.

3. Population, territory and sustainable development

In accordance with resolution 657(XXXIII), the secretariat is responsible for preparing the substantive documents for the meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development. In fulfilment of that mandate, the secretariat has prepared the document "Population, Territory and Sustainable Development" (LC/L.3474(CEP.2/3)).

The document examines the links between the population's location and mobility and sustainable development taking into account different working definitions of territory, with an emphasis on the particular traits of Latin America. It also identifies arguments and evidence on the advantages and areas of potential, as well as the problems, difficulties and challenges arising from the high and rising rate of urbanization in the region.

Lastly, the document draws conclusions and makes recommendations on the subject and notes that population concentration in the region should be treated not as an unavoidable problem, but as a challenge that can be confronted, at least temporarily, providing that concentration increases gradually, the economy is solid and the countries have the necessary public policy capacities with regard to technical aspects, governance and planning.

4. Reports on the period 2010-2012 and the outlook for 2012-2014

The Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will provide a general report on the implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, the execution of the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994) and the activities carried out by the Presiding Officers between May 2010 and July 2012. The Chair elected at the Third Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San José, from 8 to 11 May 2012, will report on the outcomes of that Conference.

The Chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) - Population Division of ECLAC will report on the activities carried out by the secretariat during the biennium and on the priorities which will guide the work of CELADE in the next two years.

The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Division of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will report on activities completed and planned by the Fund in the region within the framework of the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development, key measures for continued follow-up to this Programme of Action and the outlook for the 2012-2014 biennium.

5. General discussion on national experiences regarding population and development matters

Under this item Governments will have the opportunity to report on national experiences in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, particularly as regards outstanding issues towards 2014 and their views on the theme “population, territory and sustainable development” and the Cairo Programme of Action beyond 2014.

6. Panel discussions on priority activities in the framework of population, territory and sustainable development

In the framework of the population, territory and development theme, five panel discussions will be held on: (a) Population, territory and sustainable development in the Caribbean, in which, among other issues, participants will discuss gaps in reproductive health and HIV/AIDS, and territorial relocation in contexts of humanitarian emergencies; (b) Investing in youth: gaps in universal access to sexual and reproductive health care, in which, among other issues, participants will discuss territorial inequalities in access to sexual and reproductive health care and plans for the prevention of unwanted adolescent pregnancies in the region; (c) Indigenous peoples, territory and sustainable development, in which, among other issues, participants will discuss intercultural health of indigenous women and territorial rights and sustainable development; (d) Territory and public policies, in which, among other issues, participants will discuss the inclusion of population variables in local development and some national experiences in the area of planning and territory; and (e) Population and rural development, in which participants will discuss the rural dimension of territory with respect to both agricultural and non-agricultural activities.

7. Report on follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo+20) and the incomplete agenda relating to Millennium Development Goal 5

The secretariat will give a general report on the regional process in relation to follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo+20). This includes national surveys being conducted in 2012 and their regional analysis, the intergovernmental meeting to be held in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2013 to examine the outcomes of this analysis, and the presentation of these outcomes in the context of the global Cairo+20 process. There will also be a specific report on the situation in the region as regards the incomplete agenda relating to Millennium Development Goal 5.

8. Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean beyond 2014

Under this item, a high-level round table will be held with government officials of the member countries of the Commission and representatives of international agencies, who will analyse the key challenges and new actions which should be included in a regional plan to continue the Cairo Programme of Action of beyond 2014

9. Other matters

This item provides for the consideration of any other issues which delegations may wish to raise.

10. Adoption of agreements

The report on the meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will be adopted in accordance with ECLAC rules of procedure and will present considerations and recommendations which the Committee considers relevant for the follow-up and implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action and the Brasilia Declaration, as well as for guiding the work of the secretariat in relation to other priority issues in the area of population and development. These considerations and recommendations will be submitted to the Commission for endorsement at its thirty-fourth session (San Salvador, 27-31 August 2012).