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Fifty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of
the Regional Conference on Women in Latin
America and the Caribbean

Santo Domingo, 30-31 July 2015

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

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) that brings together Government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality and promote the gender perspective in regional policies.

In consultation with the Government of the Dominican Republic, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers elected at the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santo Domingo in October 2013, the Presiding Officers agreed to hold their fifty-second meeting in Santo Domingo, from 30 to 31 July 2015.

At this meeting, the Presiding Officers will consider the activities carried to implement the Santo Domingo Consensus adopted at the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. Reports will be heard on participation by the secretariat and by national machineries for the advancement of women in meetings relevant for the Presiding Officers. In addition, the draft annotated index of the position paper for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Uruguay in 2016, will be presented.

B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have before them for their consideration and adoption the following provisional agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report by the secretariat on the activities conducted since the fifty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 17-19 November 2014).
3. Regional discussion on the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals.
4. Report on the outcomes of the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (3-6 March 2015), the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (9-20 March 2015), the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Consultation on Financing for Development (12-13 March 2015), the fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (26-28 May 2015), the second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (24-26 June 2015) and the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (13-16 July 2015).
5. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
6. Presentation of the draft annotated index of the position paper for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

7. Other matters.
 8. Adoption of agreements.
- 2. Report by the secretariat on the activities conducted since the fifty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 17-19 November 2014)**

The secretariat will report on activities conducted at the regional level since November 2014, when the Presiding Officers held their fifty-first meeting.

The secretariat will also report on mainstreaming of the gender perspective in ECLAC, the progress of projects being conducted by the Division for Gender Affairs of the Commission, and the work of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Reference document:

- Report of the fifty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3976)

3. Regional discussion on the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals

The Dominican Republic, in its capacity as Chair of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the secretariat will report on progress in the regional discussion on the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals.

The delegations of the member countries serving as Presiding Officers will then have the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

4. Report on the outcomes of the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (3-6 March 2015), the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (9-20 March 2015), the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Consultation on Financing for Development (12-13 March 2015), the fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (26-28 May 2015), the second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (24-26 June 2015) and the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (13-16 July 2015)

A summary will be given of meetings relevant to the work of the Presiding Officers, which have been organized by the United Nations and other agencies, with a view to enhancing knowledge, discussion and communication between agendas.

The representative of Mexico, in her capacity as coordinator of the Working Group on Gender Statistics of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, will report on the outcomes of the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (New York, 3-6 March 2015). The representative of Cuba will report on the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 9-20 March 2015) and the representative of Chile will refer to the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Consultation on Financing for Development (Santiago, 12-13 March 2015) and the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (13-16 July 2015).

With a view to facilitating coordination and synergies between the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC —further to agreement 2 adopted at the fifty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean¹— a representative of Ecuador, acting as Chair of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, will give a summary of the fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (Santiago, 26-28 May), and the representative of Uruguay, in her capacity as Chair of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, will report on the second meeting of the Presiding Officers of that Conference (Santiago, 24-26 June).

The floor will then be offered to representatives who wish to comment on the main challenges of these agendas as regards gender equality and public policies.

Reference documents:

- Report of the forty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2015/40)
- Report of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women
- Report of the twentieth session of Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN). Regional Consultation on Financing for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3997)
- Draft report of the fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas
- Agreements adopted at the second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development

5. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The representative of Uruguay will report on preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Uruguay in 2016.

With a view to contributing to the discussions at the thirteenth session of the Conference, the secretariat will share with the Presiding Officers an overview of the agreements on gender equality and women’s autonomy adopted by the various subsidiary bodies of ECLAC,² and of the Consensuses adopted by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean over the past 15 years.³

¹ “Ask the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to update the Presiding Officers regularly on the agenda and work of each of the Commission’s subsidiary bodies and, in consultation with the chairs of those subsidiary bodies, to consider the possibility of holding a joint meeting during the first half of 2015 between the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, with the aim of facilitating coordination and synergies between them”. See *Report of the fiftieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 19-20 May 2014)* (LC/L.3869).

² Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, Committee on South-South Cooperation and Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

³ Lima Consensus (2000), Mexico City Consensus (2004), Quito Consensus (2007), Brasilia Consensus (2010) and Santo Domingo Consensus (2013).

The floor will then be opened for remarks by the member countries on this agenda item.

6. Presentation of the draft annotated index of the position paper for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The secretariat will present a draft annotated index of the position paper for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, on the basis of the themes agreed upon at the fifty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference: gender equality, women's autonomies and development.

The countries will be asked to contribute specific studies they consider appropriate as inputs for the preparation of the position paper.

The member countries, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system will then have the opportunity to make comments and recommendations in this connection.

Working document:

- Draft annotated index of the position paper for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

7. Other matters

Under this item, delegations will consider any other issues they may wish to raise.

8. Adoption of agreements

The Presiding Officers will consider and adopt the agreements of their fifty-second meeting.