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REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

1. The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean held their second meeting from 24 to 26 June 2015 in Santiago.

Attendance¹

- 2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following member countries in their capacity as Presiding Officers: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay.
- 3. Also attending were representatives of the following member countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC): Guatemala, Panama, Portugal and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).
- 4. The following United Nations agencies, funds and programmes were represented: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- 5. The following specialized agency was present: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- 6. Representatives of the following international organizations were also present: Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Andean Parliament.
- 7. Representatives of non-governmental organizations and other special guests also attended the meeting.

Chair

8. The composition of the Presiding Officers elected at the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development was as follows:

<u>Chair</u>: Uruguay

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Vice-Chairs: Argentina

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

Brazil Chile Colombia Costa Rica Cuba

Dominican Republic

Ecuador El Salvador Guyana Honduras Jamaica Mexico Peru

B. AGENDA

- 9. The Presiding Officers adopted the following agenda:
 - 1. Adoption of the agenda.
 - 2. Report by the Chair on preparations for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, 6-9 October 2015).
 - 3. Report by the secretariat on activities carried out in support of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - 4. Report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the outcomes of the global process on the post-2015 development agenda and follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) beyond 2014.
 - 5. Review of the draft operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development prepared by the ad hoc working group.
 - 6. Presentation of the proposed agenda and organization of work of the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - 7. Other matters.
 - 8. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. PROCEEDINGS

Opening session

- 10. At the opening session, statements were made by Juan José Calvo, Technical Director of the Sectoral Commission on Population of Uruguay, in his capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean; Esteban Caballero, Officer in Charge of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA-LACRO), and Antonio Prado, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
- 11. The Technical Director of the Sectoral Commission on Population of Uruguay, in his capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers, welcomed the participants and said that the session would be crucial for moving forward in the review of the operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. The Montevideo Consensus was the most significant step that the region had taken to date in population and development, and therefore work was needed to prepare documents that would facilitate its implementation, follow-up and monitoring. In that regard, the Presiding Officers wished to secure the best possible instrument to help the countries implement the Montevideo Consensus in a balanced and flexible manner.
- 12. The Officer in Charge of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNFPA praised the efforts of ECLAC and in particular those of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC. He stressed the need to constantly acclaim and strengthen the agreement reached in Montevideo in 2013, not taking it for granted but striving to uphold its validity in a complex social, demographic, political, economic and cultural context. Against that backdrop, the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development contained a powerful message in terms of the need to adopt an inclusive, rights-based approach in the region, and provided a framework for action with a mandate accepted by consensus and agreed language. He also underscored the links between the Montevideo Consensus and the post-2015 development agenda, and the advisability that other regions take into account the achievements of Latin America and the Caribbean in population and development. In that context, given that the proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals had been unable to include the full wealth of subject matter that emerged during the review of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, there were goals and lines of action that would be suitable for the regional population and development agenda.
- 13. The Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC said that the Montevideo Consensus was one of the most significant intergovernmental agreements achieved in the region in the area of population and development, with a rights-based approach adapted to reality and regional interests. It had set a benchmark for other regions and had become a key piece in the global review process of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its follow-up beyond 2014. He highlighted the Commission's work, through CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC, with the Working Group on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons of the Organization of American States (OAS), which had opened the way for the adoption of the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons. He also underscored the link between the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus and that of the sustainable development goals in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda, and indicated that the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, to be held in Mexico City in October 2015, would be the first intergovernmental meeting in the region following the adoption of the sustainable development goals.

Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

14. The Chair submitted the provisional agenda for consideration by the participants, who adopted it without amendment.

Report by the Chair on preparations for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, 6-9 October 2015) (agenda item 2)

15. The Technical Director of the Sectoral Commission on Population of Uruguay, in his capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, summarized the main activities carried out since the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference, held in Santiago in 2014, and concluded by outlining some of the Chair's priorities for the future in relation to the process of implementing and monitoring the Montevideo Consensus in the region.

Report by the secretariat on activities carried out in support of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 3)

- 16. The Chief of the Population and Development Area of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC then reported on the activities carried out by the secretariat in support of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development during the period.
- Among the activities on which the secretariat and the Chair had been working, in order to clarify certain points relating to the Montevideo Consensus that would help define an operational agenda for the region, the Chief of the Population and Development Area of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC mentioned the organization of the first meeting of the Presiding Officers, held on 12 and 13 November 2014 at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago; support for the ad hoc working group for preparation of the operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus; the preparation of an initial proposal for the operationalization of some of the priority measures set forth in the Montevideo Consensus, and its presentation at the workshop to review progress in preparation of the operational guide for implementation and follow up of the Montevideo Consensus, organized by the National Council for Population (CONAPO) of Mexico with the support of the Colégio de México, UNFPA and CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC and held in Mexico on 26 and 27 March 2015; the production of the first draft of the operational guide based on the conclusions of said workshop and the inputs received by the members of the working group, and the preparation of the second draft of the guide, presented at the second meeting of the Presiding Officers.
- 18. Lastly, he referred to the planned activities that the secretariat would carry out in support of the Presiding Officers, and which it was now beginning to address, such as the preparation of the final version of the operational guide based on the outcomes of the second meeting of the Presiding Officers, the organization of the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Mexico City, and the preparation of all relevant documentation.

Report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the outcomes of the global process on the post-2015 development agenda and follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) beyond 2014 (agenda item 4)

19. The Officer in Charge of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNFPA remarked on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) beyond 2014 and noted the region's progress in terms of poverty reduction,

economic growth and social policies. This progress had been enabled, among other factors, by the improved education levels of the working-age population and a context of greater gender parity, albeit this parity did not necessarily translate into equality between men and women in economic participation. Lastly, he spoke of the need to ensure equal opportunities for adolescents and young people in developing their capabilities.

Review of the draft operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development prepared by the ad hoc working group (agenda item 5)

- 20. There followed statements by Jorge Rodríguez Vignoli, Research Assistant; Dirk Jaspers_Faijer, Chief; and Paulo Saad, Chief of the Population and Development Area, of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC.
- 21. The Research Assistant of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC, referring to the process of preparing the operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, said that the process had commenced at the first meeting of the Presiding Officers, held in November 2014 in Santiago, and mentioned various landmarks in preparing the second draft of the operational guide, such as the creation of the ad hoc working group and the workshop to review progress in preparation of the operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus, held in Mexico in March 2015.
- 22. The Chief of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC referred to some of the decisions and criteria adopted for the preparation of the second draft of the operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and also remarked upon the content of the draft. Among the basic agreements adopted prior to beginning work on the draft guide were that the Montevideo Consensus —which represented a political consensus between the region's countries— would not be reopened, that the priority measures set forth in the Consensus would be presented in tabular format, and that within the tables, greater emphasis would be placed on possible lines of action.
- 23. The Chief of the Population and Development Area of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC referred to frameworks for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which corresponded with chapter J of the Montevideo Consensus, and were specifically dealt with under section II of the operational guide. He also highlighted the importance and the strategic nature of the issues considered, which required special treatment since they cut across all the topics developed in the main body of the guide.
- 24. He added that the measures and actions set forth in chapter J were an essential prerequisite for the appropriate and effective implementation of the Consensus, and required unequivocal support and strengthening by governments in the medium- and long-term. In that context, he set out five key themes, namely: the need for a permanent institutional structure devoted to population and development issues; the strengthening of sources of information; education and training dealing with population and development; monitoring and accountability mechanisms; and the need to secure financial resources for the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
- 25. During the discussions that followed, the representative of Mexico emphasized the need to focus on lines of action rather than on indicators, and to work on establishing a time frame for targets. The representative of Chile proposed that the concept of Latin American citizenship be discussed at the second session of the Regional Conference, to be held in Mexico. The representative of Guatemala also

said that it was important to emphasize lines of action, while the representative of Peru said that her government had prioritized work related to the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development through the creation of an interministerial group to review the operational guide, among other measures.

- 26. The representative of Argentina called attention to the importance of in-depth work on the frameworks for implementing the Montevideo Consensus. The representative of Brazil acknowledged the work done by the technical secretariat in preparing the draft operational guide, while the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela underscored the value of the operational guide as an essential methodological tool for the implementation of the Consensus.
- 27. The representative of Ecuador said that it was crucial to keep in mind the agreements on population issues that had been signed at the regional level, for example within the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).
- 28. The representative of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) proposed that the topics discussed under section II of the draft operational guide, corresponding to chapter J of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, be treated in the same way as the other chapters, with each of the priority measures operationalized in tables. This proposal was welcomed by the representatives of Costa Rica and Colombia. The proposal was subsequently revisited under agenda item 7, on "other matters", and it was ultimately decided to retain the original structure of the guide (see paragraphs 61 to 64).
- 29. The representative of Costa Rica proposed the inclusion of an initial reference to the scope of the guide, which would explain the general lines along which the document had been prepared. The proposal received support from several delegations.
- 30. Discussions then commenced on the operationalization of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. The delegations undertook to send the comments and suggestions made during the sessions in writing to the secretariat by Friday 26 June.
- 31. As regards the priority measures set forth under chapter A of the Consensus, relating to the full integration of population dynamics into sustainable development with equality and respect for human rights, the Chief of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC remarked that it was relevant that these measures follow on from section II of the operational guide, owing to their close relationship with the contents of chapter J, referring to the fundamental role of institutional frameworks for implementing the Montevideo Consensus.
- 32. In relation to chapter B of the Consensus on the rights, needs, responsibilities and requirements of boys, girls, adolescents and youth, the representative of Cuba commenced the discussion by mentioning the need for measurable and concrete indicators. The representatives of Uruguay, Mexico, Argentina and Colombia made specific observations in respect of priority measures 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 16.
- 33. The representative of Colombia also voiced concern over the relevance of the specific objectives set out in the tables, which presented a risk of reopening the discussion over the wording of the priority actions of the Consensus. That concern was endorsed by the representatives of Brazil and Chile.

- 34. In response to a question by the representative of Costa Rica on the nature of the operational guide, the Chair stated that the guide was a useful, flexible and simple instrument intended to help the countries make the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development operational. In that context, the representatives of Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador, Argentina, Peru and Chile made some methodological observations relating to the proposed indicators for the operationalization of the priority measures set out under that chapter.
- 35. A representative of civil society urged the participants not to lose sight of the needs of boys, girls, adolescents and youth, and underlined the importance of seeking indicators that could measure service quality, especially in respect of priority measure 9. Other civil society organizations made suggestions in respect of the indicators for several of the priority measures included in this chapter.
- 36. The Director of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC noted that the indicators were tentative and needed to be aligned with the sustainable development goals that would be adopted in September 2015. He suggested that this issue could be dealt with by a working group, to be formed at the second session of the Regional Conference, to be held in Mexico.
- 37. The Chair concluded the session on chapter B with a summary of the points raised during discussions and which indicated substantive agreement, namely: (i) that the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development was the guiding focus, and would not be subject to any amendment; (ii) that the operational guide could not be binding or enforceable, because neither was the Consensus; (iii) that the guide was needed to promote the implementation of the Consensus and facilitate its follow-up; (iv) that the heterogeneity of the region —including within countries— meant that there was no single path to implementation of the Montevideo Consensus, and it was therefore difficult to implement the guide in a rigid or unvarying manner; (v) that the countries were at different starting points for lines of action, targets and indicators and consequently there was an inherent complexity in all regional instruments, and (vi) that the operational guide did not preclude complementary or alternative lines of action or indicators at the national level.
- 38. During the session on chapter C of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, referring to ageing, social protection and socioeconomic challenges, comments were received from Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, Peru, Colombia, Guatemala and Costa Rica, among others, which mainly addressed the improvement of indicators and the congruence between indicators and targets. Contributions and suggestions were also made in relation to new lines of action and indicators.
- 39. An observation was made regarding the validity of the indicators that measured perception, while the relevance of including specific objectives in the operationalization of priority measures was again questioned, with the proposal that they be removed from the text. The representative of Argentina proposed that the chapter include a reference to the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons.
- 40. As regards Chapter D of the Consensus on universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, the representatives of Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Colombia and Cuba made comments and suggestions in respect of priority measures 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 44, and some of their lines of action, targets and indicators.

- 41. Representatives of civil society organizations said that the implementation and monitoring of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development could not be subsumed by globally defined indicators and goals in the framework of the sustainable development goals because the priority measures related to sexual rights, abortion and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity were part of the essence of the Consensus, and should therefore be urgently implemented and monitored. They also maintained that the Consensus was much broader than the sustainable development goals and that the operational guide should reflect this greater breadth. Nevertheless, the representatives acknowledged the need to ensure that the measures were consistent with the global framework. They also made comments on priority measures 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 44 and 46.
- 42. Lastly, the Chair outlined some of the consensuses reached during the day's sessions, notably: (i) the need for the scope of the operational guide to be clearly expressed in the background section; (ii) the tentative nature of the lines of action and indicators included in the guide; (iii) the elimination of the specific objectives, which although useful in the process of preparing the guide, no longer contributed to the end product; and (iv) the recommendation that the Regional Conference, at its second session, agree to create an ad hoc working group to devise and prepare indicators for the guide.
- 43. In the discussions on chapter E of the Consensus, on gender equality, the representatives of Peru, Argentina, Brazil and Chile made suggestions relating to certain lines of actions, targets and indicators included under priority measures 47, 48, 49, 25, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61 and 62.
- 44. The representative of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) emphasized the need to promote the implementation of representative national surveys on victimization, in order to measure the scale of the problem.
- 45. The representatives of various civil society organizations made statements relating to the targets and indicators of priority measures 47, 50, 51 and 54. They also said that the gender perspective was a central thread running through development and that gender mainstreaming needed to be maintained and strengthened in the other chapters of section III of the operational guide besides the chapter on gender equality.
- 46. In relation to the operationalization of the priority measures set forth in chapter F on international migration and protection of the human rights of all migrants, the representative of Chile requested that, in the Spanish text, the adjective "Suramericana" be used in place of "Sudamericana" when alluding to the South American Conference on Migration, since that was the name that had been agreed by the member countries of said regional consultative process. The representative also requested that all references to "migrants" in the guide be replaced by the correct term "migrant men and women". He also requested that "trafficking in migrants" be replaced by the term "illicit trafficking in migrants".
- 47. The representatives of Chile, Argentina, Colombia and Ecuador made comments on priority measures 66, 67, 69, 70, 72 and 75.
- 48. Lastly, the representative of UNFPA made a suggestion relating to priority measure 67 and the representative of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) commented on priority measures 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70.
- 49. In the session on chapter G of the Consensus regarding territorial inequality, spatial mobility and vulnerability, the representatives of Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Ecuador and Peru made comments and observations about priority measures 77, 78, 79, 80 and 82. Among other proposals, it was suggested that there was a need for more detailed indicators, disaggregated at smaller geographical scales.

- 50. The representative of Chile also stressed the importance of including the topics of vulnerability and gender in priority measure 82 in relation to natural disasters, as well as the topic of water in relation to climate change. He also suggested a more comprehensive approach to population dynamics in border areas, in the sphere of migration and mobility of indigenous peoples.
- 51. The representative of UNFPA said that it would be advantageous to bear in mind the agreements and indicators that resulted from the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held in 2016.
- 52. During the statements by civil society representatives, suggestions were made in relation to some of the lines of action, targets and indicators under priority measures 77, 78, 79 and 80, among others. The representatives highlighted the need for indicators disaggregated at smaller geographical scales.
- 53. In relation to chapter H on indigenous peoples, interculturalism and rights, the representatives of Guatemala, Peru and Ecuador made suggestions about the targets and indicators of priority measures 86, 87, 89 and 90. Specifically, they mentioned the issues of linguistic relevance; free, prior and informed consultation; indigenous women; the institutionalization of participation mechanisms; and access to intercultural health and intercultural education services, among others.
- 54. The representative of UNFPA proposed the explicit inclusion of the issue of indigenous peoples residing in cities and urban areas, while civil society representatives requested the inclusion of the issues of women's vulnerability, access to land, and discrimination and racism.
- 55. Finally, in relation to chapter I of the Consensus on Afro-descendants, rights and combating racial discrimination, the representative of Peru made suggestions relating to certain targets and indicators under priority measures 94, 95, 96 and 98.

<u>Presentation of the proposed agenda and organization of work of the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean</u> (agenda item 6)

- 56. The Chair of the Presiding Officers then made a statement to commence the discussion of agenda item 6. The representatives expressed their gratitude to the Government of Mexico for acting as host country of the next session of the Regional Conference.
- 57. Comments were made on the following topics: the manner of presentation of the operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development; the participation of civil society during the second session of the Regional Conference; the working methodology of the thematic panels of the second session, and the possibility of proposing specialists to speak as panellists at the session.
- 58. The queries were clarified by the representative of Mexico, with the assistance of the secretariat. The operational guide would be presented verbally during one of the meetings of the second session of the Regional Conference, followed by a round of questions and answers, but without entering into discussions over the content.

- 59. It was also stated that questions pertaining to civil society participation would be decided during the meeting of heads of delegation, to be held on 7 October. The methodology of the thematic panels was explained and the representatives were informed that they could submit proposals for panellists, but that their inclusion in the programme for the second session would be subject to weighted selection criteria, such as geographical representation, institutional provenance (representatives of government, academia and civil society) and gender, among others.
- 60. The countries serving as Presiding Officers agreed to prepare, with the support of the secretariat, a draft resolution to submit for consideration by the Regional Conference on Population and Development at its second session.

Other matters (agenda item 7)

- 61. Discussions took place in relation to the request by some delegations for the operationalization of chapter J of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, further to the proposal submitted by IPPF during the Wednesday session.
- 62. The Chief of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC recalled that the mandate had been to operationalize, in tabular format, the nine substantive sections of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. He mentioned the agreement reached at the workshop held in March 2015 in Mexico to devote a specific section of the guide to frameworks for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus. He also underscored that making chapter J operational in the terms proposed would mean reopening the process of review by member countries, which would require extra time and thus make it impossible —given the tight schedule— to finish the working document (the operational guide) by the time of the second session of the Regional Conference in Mexico.
- 63. The representative of Cuba expressed agreement with the proposal to keep chapter J as it had been presented in the draft operational guide, a proposal that was endorsed by the other delegations.
- 64. The Chair stated that the proposal for the operationalization of chapter J had been rejected.
- 65. Lastly, and on the basis of the observations shared during the meeting, it was agreed that the secretariat would prepare a third draft of the operational guide, to be sent to the countries participating in the meeting of 7 July for comment by 10 July, and that the secretariat would subsequently incorporate those views into the final version of the document.

Consideration and adoption of agreements (agenda item 8)

66. The text of the agreements was submitted for adoption by the governments, and was adopted by all representatives in attendance.

D. AGREEMENTS

- 67. At their second meeting, held from 24 to 26 June 2015 at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to:
 - 1. Reaffirm the validity and relevance of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean as a strategic road map for action on population and development matters in the region, in follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and the global process on the post-2015 development agenda;
 - 2. *Welcome* the activities carried out by the Presiding Officers since their first meeting and the preparations for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - 3. *Take note* of the activities carried out by the secretariat in support of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - 4. *Welcome* the report of the United Nations Population Fund on the global process on the post-2015 development agenda and follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;
 - 5. Commend the Government of Mexico for organizing the workshop to review progress in preparation of the operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, held on 26 and 27 March 2015, and recognize its input to the first draft of the guide;
 - 6. *Commend also* the ad hoc working group for preparation of the operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development on the completion of the first draft of the operational guide;
 - 7. Commend further the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre-Population Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for its role as technical secretariat in preparing the second draft entitled *Draft operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*,² and welcome the contributions of the United Nations Population Fund and the Division for Gender Affairs of the Commission to that draft;
 - 8. Request that the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre-Population Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean use the observations shared at the second meeting of the Presiding Officers as a basis for preparing a third draft of the operational guide to be sent to the countries on 7 July 2015 for comment before 10 July, and subsequently incorporate the views received into the draft;

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² LC/L.4016(MDP.2/3).

- 9. *Resolve* that this version of the operational guide shall constitute the contribution of the Presiding Officers to the Regional Conference on Population and Development, at its second session to be held from 6 to 9 October 2015 in Mexico City;
- 10. *Request* the secretariat, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, to disseminate widely the operational guide among the member countries of the Conference before the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development;
- 11. *Recommend* that the Regional Conference on Population and Development endorse, through a resolution, the operational guide as a technical tool for steering the implementation and follow-up of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, with a particular emphasis on implementing the suggested lines of action;
- 12. Recommend also that the Regional Conference on Population and Development, at its second session, encourage the countries to establish tentative deadlines for fulfilling the targets applicable to them depending on their national context;
- 13. Bear in mind that the indicators contained in the operational guide need to be revised, specified further and aligned with the indicators that emerge from the process related to the sustainable development goals and the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, and recommend that the Regional Conference, at its second session, create a working group to this end, which should take into account also the indicators for regional follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;
- 14. *Emphasize* the importance of monitoring and accountability for implementing the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and recommend that the Regional Conference, at its second session, reaffirm, through a resolution, the commitments undertaken in section J of the Consensus;
- 15. Reiterate the appeal to countries to establish or strengthen a national governmental coordinating mechanism, with the participation of civil society organizations, to facilitate the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus as part of the process of following up on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and to act as a permanent liaison with the Regional Conference, and invite each country to report on its progress in this respect at the second session of the Regional Conference;
- 16. *Thank* the Government of Mexico for presenting the draft agenda and organization of work for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- 17. Recommend that the thematic panels organized as part of the second session of the Regional Conference should refer to the links between the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus and its operational guide, the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, the sustainable development goals and other international agreements;

- 18. *Encourage* the continuation of information-sharing and communication between the presiding officers of the various subsidiary bodies of the Commission in order to achieve synergies between the different regional conferences, in particular, with the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- 19. *Urge* the countries to ensure that their official delegations to the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development are inclusive, diverse and pluralistic and include high-level representatives from ministries and national offices involved in the population and development agenda, and recommend the inclusion of representatives from relevant civil society organizations and networks;
- 20. *Thank* the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre-Population Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for its work as the technical secretariat of the second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Population Fund for its participation, collaboration and support, and welcome the involvement and contribution of representatives of civil society, international and intergovernmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions.

Annex

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