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Forty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference on Women in
Latin America and the Caribbean

Panama City, 3-4 May 2012

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. BACKGROUND

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) and, every three years, brings together Government representatives of the member countries to consider the steps taken to fulfil the international and regional agreements relating to gender equality

In consultation with the Government of Brazil, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers elected in July 2010 in Brasilia at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Presiding Officers agreed that their forty-seventh meeting would be held in Panama City on 3 and 4 May 2012.

At their forty-seventh meeting, the Presiding Officers will consider preparations being made for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. They will also examine the ECLAC approach to productive development and the information society and will take note of the queries and comments of participants.

II. ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have the following provisional agenda before them for approval with any amendments as may be necessary (LC/L.3467(MDM.47/1)):

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report on the activities carried out by the secretariat, the member countries and bodies of the United Nations system pursuant to the Brasilia Consensus.
3. Report on the region's participation in the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and in the meetings of other regional integration schemes.
4. Report on the initiatives undertaken by the host countries of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the Meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development.
5. Presentation of the proposal for updating the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.
6. Preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
7. Presentation by the secretariat of the timetable for preparation of the position paper for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

8. Presentation by ECLAC on productive development, gender equality, empowerment of women and information and communications technologies.
9. Adoption of agreements.
10. Other matters.

2. Report on the activities carried out by the secretariat, the member countries and bodies of the United Nations system with regard to the fulfilment of the Brasilia Consensus

The secretariat will report on the activities carried out between December 2011 and April 2012 in fulfilment of the Brasilia Consensus.

In particular, the activities carried out as part of the Secretary-General's campaign to eliminate all forms of violence against women will be reviewed.

The countries serving as Presiding Officers will report orally on the activities pursued at the national level in compliance with the Brasilia Consensus.

The bodies within the United Nations system will report on their activities in follow-up to the Brasilia Consensus during the same period.

Working document:

- Plan of activities of the Presiding Officers for 2011-2012 (LC/L.3476(MDM.47/3))

3. Report on the region's participation in the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and in the meetings of other regional integration schemes

The representative of Cuba will discuss the participation of the countries of the region in the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

4. Report on the initiatives undertaken by the host countries of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the Meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development

The representative of Brazil will inform the countries serving as Presiding Officers of the side-event that the Chair of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is proposing to hold within the framework of Rio+20 to increase awareness of the link between gender equity and sustainable development.

The representative of Ecuador will then report to the Presiding Officers on the preparations being made in her country for the ECLAC Ad Hoc Meeting on Population and Development.

5. Presentation of the proposal for updating the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

The new features to be incorporated into the website of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean will be reviewed.

The Presiding Officers will look at the update of indicators, which countries must complete in order to comply with the annual update timetable.

Participating countries will then have the opportunity to express their views on this agenda item.

6. Preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The representative of the Dominican Republic will report on the preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in that country from 14 to 18 October 2013.

Participating countries will then have the opportunity to express their views on this agenda item

7. Presentation by the secretariat of the timetable for preparation of the position paper for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The representative of the secretariat will present the timetable for the preparation of the position paper for the next session of the Regional Conference and will report on the progress to date. She will then present the themes to be addressed in the studies that will serve as a basis for the position paper.

The Presiding Officers will have before them the list of inputs requested, together with the timetable for delivery and the formats in which they should be presented, in order to facilitate processing and ensure, as far as possible, regional comparability.

Participating countries will then have the opportunity to express their views on this agenda item.

Working document:

- Preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. Note by the secretariat (LC/L.3424(MDM.46/4))

8. Presentation by ECLAC on productive development, gender equality, empowerment of women and information and communications technologies

A panel will hold discussions on the core issues to be addressed at the next meeting of the Regional Conference: gender equality, the empowerment of women and information and communications technologies.

Time will be allotted for comments and discussion following the panel.

9. Adoption of agreements

The member countries serving as Presiding Officers will consider and adopt the agreements of their forty-seventh meeting.

10. Other matters

Any other matters that the delegations may wish to address will be discussed under this item.