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Third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on
Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 4-6 October 2016

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

The Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean is a permanent subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). It focuses on the follow-up and review of matters relating to population and development, international migration, indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations, and ageing. The Conference meets every two years, while its Presiding Officers meet at least once between ordinary sessions.

The Presiding Officers elected at the second session of the Regional Conference, held in Mexico City from 6 to 9 October 2015, are representatives of the following countries: Mexico (Chair), Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (Vice-Chairs).

Resolution 1(II) of the second session of the Regional Conference welcomed the *Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*, as a voluntary technical tool for assisting countries in the implementation of the priority measures of the Consensus, adopted in 2013, taking into account the synergies with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with the work of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, and with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014.

Resolution 1(II) also established an open-ended ad hoc group to prepare a proposal of indicators for the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. The group was established in October 2015 and began work in January 2016 under the coordination of Mexico. This group will present a progress report at the third meeting of the Presiding Officers.

The Regional Conference called upon the secretariat to prepare a proposed format for national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which will be presented at the third meeting of the Presiding Officers. Once adopted, the format will be used as a guide for countries preparing national reports, which will be examined by the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean at its third session in 2017.

The Regional Conference also urged countries to define, in accordance with national needs, priorities and existing initiatives, the lines of action, targets and respective time frames, as well as the indicators that they will use to monitor implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, using the operational guide as a basis.

In resolution 2(II), adopted at its second session, the Regional Conference requested that ECLAC organize the fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2017, and lend technical assistance in 2016 to the countries of the region that so request to conduct their national appraisal and review of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing and the San José Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean.

1. Place and date of meeting

The third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, from 4 to 6 October 2016.

2. Objective

The objective of the meeting is to establish the format for national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and move forward in the proposal of indicators for the regional follow-up of the Consensus.

3. Organization of work

The first day will begin with the adoption of the meeting agenda. Next, the reports on the preparatory process of the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (El Salvador, 2017) will be presented. There will also be an update on the preparatory process of the fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in 2017.¹

Next, there will be a panel discussion on the contribution of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will include reports on the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and the Commission's subsidiary bodies that are closely linked to the Montevideo Consensus. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will also present its perspective.

During the afternoon session, governments will have the opportunity to report on their preparations for the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, including the progress they have made in implementing the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and in establishing or strengthening national coordination mechanisms to act as a liaison with the Regional Conference.

The second day will begin with the examination of the *Proposed format for national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*. This will be followed by the review of the *Progress report of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*.

The third day will begin with the conclusion of discussions regarding the ad hoc working group's progress report. Next, the delegations will have the opportunity to raise any other issues they deem appropriate. The meeting will conclude with the consideration and adoption of agreements.

¹ See resolution 2(II) of the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development of Latin America and the Caribbean.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Preparatory process of the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (El Salvador, 2017).
3. Contribution of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Reports by governments on national activities in preparation for the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in 2017, including progress on the establishment or strengthening of national coordinating mechanisms to act as a liaison with the Regional Conference.
5. Proposed format for the national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development that will be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2017.
6. Progress report of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which will be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2017.
7. Other matters.
8. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have the provisional agenda (LC/L.4199(MDP.3/1)) before them for consideration and adoption. Member countries may make such observations or suggest such amendments as they deem appropriate under the ECLAC rules of procedure.

2. Preparatory process of the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (El Salvador, 2017)

The Chair of the Presiding Officers will report on the preparations for the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (El Salvador, 2017).

ECLAC, in its capacity as technical secretariat of the Regional Conference, will report on the activities conducted to support the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference since their second meeting. The Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will also present its report. The secretariat will then discuss the preparations for the fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean.

3. Contribution of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

The panel on the contribution of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be moderated by the Chair and will include representatives of ECLAC and its Gender Affairs, Social Development and Statistics divisions, as well as of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). ECLAC will report on the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, while the Chiefs of the ECLAC divisions mentioned will present the perspective of the respective Regional Conferences for which ECLAC acts as technical secretariat. UNFPA will also present its own perspective on this agenda item.

4. Reports by governments on national activities in preparation for the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in 2017, including progress on the establishment or strengthening of national coordinating mechanisms to act as a liaison with the Regional Conference

Governments will have the opportunity to report on their progress in implementing the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, particularly the establishment or strengthening of national coordinating mechanisms which, along with civil society organizations, act as a liaison with the Regional Conference. They will also discuss the functioning and characteristics of these mechanisms and their main lines of action and goals (with respective time frames), as well as the indicators that will be used for national follow-up. Should they wish, governments may also share with the Presiding Officers their experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus.

5. Proposed format for the national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development that will be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2017

The secretariat will give a general presentation on the proposed format for national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which will be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2017. Next, participants will exchange views and suggestions on the proposal. The document will be available on the ECLAC website (<http://crpd.cepal.org/3m/en>).

Working document:

- Proposed format for the national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/L.4202(MDP.3/4))

6. Progress report of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which will be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2017

The Chair, as coordinator of the ad hoc working group, will give a general presentation on the progress made in the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. Next, the participants will review, discuss and exchange views on the working group's progress report, which will be available on the ECLAC website (<http://crpd.cepal.org/3m/en>). The review and discussion will focus on specific suggestions and comments that will serve as inputs in the process of preparing the final version of the proposal on indicators, which the working group will present in its final report at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in El Salvador in October 2017.

Working document:

- Progress report of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/L.4201(MDP.3/3))

7. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the delegations will examine any other matters they may wish to raise.

8. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Delegations will have before them the agreements of the third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, for consideration and adoption in accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC.